

## $\beta$ -connectedness in fuzzy soft topological spaces

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### ABSTRACT.

The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concepts of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -continuous functions, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connectedness, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connectedness, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connectedness. Some interesting properties of these notions are studied. In this connection, interrelations are discussed. Examples are provided wherever necessary.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [8]. Molodstov [4] introduced the concept of soft sets. The definition of fuzzy soft sets was introduced by Roy, Biswas and Maji [3]. The notion of fuzzy soft topological space was introduced by Roy and Samanta [5]. The definition of fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set was given by Balasubramanian [1]. In this paper, the concepts of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connectedness are introduced and studied. Some interesting characterizations are discussed. In this connection, interrelations are investigated. Examples are provided wherever necessary.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this papers,  $U$  refers to an initial universe,  $E$  is the set of all parameters for  $U$  and  $I^U$  denotes the set of all fuzzy subset of  $U$  and also by " $(U, E)$ ", we mean "the universal set  $U$  and the parameter  $E$ ".

**Definition 2.1** ([3]). Let  $A \subseteq E$ . Then the mapping  $F_A : E \rightarrow I^U$  defined by  $F_A(e) = \mu_{F_A}^e$  (a fuzzy subset of  $U$ ) is called fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ , where  $\mu_{F_A}^e = \bar{0}$  if  $e \in E - A$  and  $\mu_{F_A}^e \neq \bar{0}$  if  $e \in A$ , where  $\bar{0}(x) = 0$  for each  $x \in U$ .

The set of all fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$  is denoted by  $FS(U, E)$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([5]). The fuzzy soft set  $F_\Phi \in FS(U, E)$  is called null fuzzy soft set and it is denoted by  $\tilde{\Phi}$ . Here  $F_\Phi(e) = \bar{0}$  for every  $e \in E$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([5]). Let  $F_E \in FS(U, E)$  and  $F_E(e) = \bar{1}$  for all  $e \in E$ , where  $\bar{1}(x) = 1$  for each  $x \in U$ . Then  $F_E$  is called absolute fuzzy soft set. It is denoted by  $\tilde{E}$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([5]). Let  $F_A, G_B \in FS(U, E)$ . If  $F_A(e) \subseteq G_B(e)$  for all  $e \in E$ , i.e., if  $\mu_{F_A}^e(x) \subseteq \mu_{G_B}^e(x)$  for all  $x \in U$ , then  $F_A$  is said to be fuzzy soft subset of  $G_B$ , denoted by  $F_A \subseteq G_B$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([5]). Let  $F_A, G_B \in FS(U, E)$ . Then the union of  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  is also a fuzzy soft set  $H_C$ , defined by  $H_C(e) = \mu_{H_C}^e = \mu_{F_A}^e \cup \mu_{G_B}^e$  for all  $e \in E$ , where  $C = A \cup B$ . Here we write  $H_C = F_A \tilde{\cup} G_B$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([5]). Let  $F_A, G_B \in FS(U, E)$ . Then the intersection of  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  is also a fuzzy soft set  $H_C$ , defined by  $H_C(e) = \mu_{H_C}^e = \mu_{F_A}^e \cap \mu_{G_B}^e$  for all  $e \in E$ , where  $C = A \cap B$ . Here we write  $H_C = F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([7]). Let  $F_A \in FS(U, E)$ . The complement of  $F_A$  is denoted by  $F_A^c$  and is defined by  $F_A^c : E \rightarrow I^U$  is a mapping given by  $F_A^c(e) = (F_A(e))^c$ , for every  $e \in E$ .

**Proposition 2.8** ([7]). Let  $F_A, G_B, H_C \in FS(U, E)$ . It can be verified that the following hold according to our notion of fuzzy soft sets.

- (i)  $\tilde{\Phi} \subseteq F_A \subseteq \tilde{E}$ .
- (ii)  $F_A \tilde{\cup} G_B = G_B \tilde{\cup} F_A$  and  $F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B = G_B \tilde{\cap} F_A$ .
- (iii)  $F_A \tilde{\cup} (G_B \tilde{\cap} H_C) = (F_A \tilde{\cup} G_B) \tilde{\cap} H_C$ ,  $F_A \tilde{\cap} (G_B \tilde{\cup} H_C) = (F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B) \tilde{\cup} H_C$ .
- (iv)  $F_A \tilde{\cap} (G_B \tilde{\cap} H_C) = (F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B) \tilde{\cap} (F_A \tilde{\cap} H_C)$ ,  $F_A \tilde{\cap} (G_B \tilde{\cup} H_C) = (F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B) \tilde{\cup} (F_A \tilde{\cap} H_C)$ .
- (v)  $F_A, G_B \subseteq F_A \tilde{\cup} G_B$ ,  $F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B \subseteq F_A, G_B$ .
- (vi)  $F_A \subseteq G_B \Rightarrow G_B^c \subseteq F_A^c$ .
- (vii)  $\tilde{\Phi}^c = \tilde{E}$ ,  $\tilde{E}^c = \tilde{\Phi}$ .
- (viii)  $(F_A^c)^c = F_A$ .
- (ix)  $(\cap_j (F_{A_j}^j))^c = \cup_j (F_{A_j}^j)^c$ ,  $j \in J$  be an index set.
- (x)  $(\cup_j (F_{A_j}^j))^c = \cap_j (F_{A_j}^j)^c$ ,  $j \in J$  be an index set.

**Definition 2.9** ([5]). A fuzzy soft topology  $\mathfrak{J}$  on  $(U, E)$  is a family of fuzzy soft sets over  $(U, E)$  satisfying the following properties.

- (i)  $\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E} \in \mathfrak{J}$ ,
- (ii) If  $F_A, G_B \in \mathfrak{J}$  then  $F_A \tilde{\cap} G_B \in \mathfrak{J}$ ,
- (iii) If  $F_{A_j}^j \in \mathfrak{J}$  for all  $j \in J$ , an index set, then  $\cup_{j \in J} F_{A_j}^j \in \mathfrak{J}$ .

**Definition 2.10** ([5]). If  $\mathfrak{J}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ , the triple  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be a fuzzy soft topological space. Also each member of  $\mathfrak{J}$  is called a fuzzy soft open set in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$ .

**Definition 2.11** ([5]). A fuzzy soft set  $F_A$  over  $(U, E)$  is called a fuzzy soft closed set in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  if its complement  $F_A^c$  is fuzzy soft open set in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$ .

**Definition 2.12** ([7]). Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  be a fuzzy soft topological space. Let  $F_A$  be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . The fuzzy soft closure of  $F_A$  is defined as the intersection of all fuzzy soft closed sets which contains  $F_A$  and is denoted by  $\overline{F_A}$ . We write

$$\overline{F_A} = \bigcap \{G_B : G_B \text{ is fuzzy soft closed and } F_A \subseteq G_B\}$$

It is obvious that

- (i)  $\overline{F_A}$  is fuzzy soft closed.
- (ii)  $F_A \subseteq \overline{F_A}$ .

**Definition 2.13** ([7]). Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  be a fuzzy soft topological space. Let  $F_A$  be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . The fuzzy soft interior of  $F_A$  is defined as the union of all fuzzy soft open sets contained in  $F_A$  and is denoted by  $F_A^\circ$ . We write

$$F_A^\circ = \bigcup \{G_B : G_B \text{ is fuzzy soft open and } G_B \subseteq F_A\}$$

It is obvious that

- (i)  $F_A^\circ$  is fuzzy soft open.
- (ii)  $F_A^\circ \subseteq F_A$ .
- (iii)  $F_A^\circ$  is the largest fuzzy soft open set contained in  $F_A$ .

**Proposition 2.14** ([7]). Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  be a fuzzy soft topological space. Let  $F_A, G_B$  be two fuzzy soft sets over  $(U, E)$ . Then

- (i)  $\overline{\overline{F_A}} = \overline{F_A}$ ;
- (ii)  $F_A \subseteq G_B \Rightarrow \overline{F_A} \subseteq \overline{G_B}$ ;
- (iii)  $\overline{F_A \cup G_B} = \overline{F_A} \cup \overline{G_B}$ ;
- (iv)  $\overline{F_A \cap G_B} \subseteq \overline{F_A} \cap \overline{G_B}$ ;
- (v)  $(F_A \cap G_B)^\circ = (F_A)^\circ \cap (G_B)^\circ$ ;
- (vi)  $(F_A \cup G_B)^\circ \subseteq (F_A)^\circ \cup (G_B)^\circ$ ;
- (iii)  $\overline{\overline{F_A}} = \overline{F_A}$ .

**Definition 2.15** ([2]). Let  $FS(X, E)$  and  $FS(Y, K)$  be the families of all fuzzy soft sets over  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $u : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p : E \rightarrow K$  be two functions. Then the pair  $f_{up}$  is called a fuzzy soft mapping  $X$  to  $Y$  and denoted by  $f_{up} : FS(X, E) \rightarrow FS(Y, K)$ .

- (i) Let  $f_A \in FS(X, E)$ , then the image of  $f_A$  under the fuzzy soft mapping  $f_{up}$  is the fuzzy soft set over  $Y$  defined by  $f_{up}(f_A)$ , where

$$f_{up}(f_A)(k)(y) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{x \in u^{-1}(y)} (\bigvee_{e \in p^{-1}(k) \cap A} f_A(e))(x), & \text{if } u^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0_Y, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (ii) Let  $g_B \in FS(Y, K)$ , then the preimage of  $g_B$  under the fuzzy soft mapping  $f_{up}$  is the fuzzy soft set over  $X$  defined by  $f_{up}^{-1}(g_B)$ , where

$$f_{up}^{-1}(g_B)(e)(x) = \begin{cases} g_B(p(e))(u(x)), & \text{for } p(e) \in B; \\ 0_X, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 2.16** ([2]). Let  $X$  and  $Y$  crisp sets,  $f_A, f_{A_i} \in \mathfrak{F}(X, E)$  and  $g_B, g_{B_i} \in \mathfrak{F}(Y, K)$ ,  $\forall i \in J$ , where  $J$  is an index set.

- (i) If  $f_{A_1} \subseteq f_{A_2}$ , then  $f_{up}(f_{A_1}) \subseteq f_{up}(f_{A_2})$ .
- (ii) If  $g_{B_1} \subseteq g_{B_2}$ , then  $f_{up}^{-1}(g_{B_1}) \subseteq f_{up}^{-1}(g_{B_2})$ .
- (iii)  $f_A \subseteq f_{up}^{-1}(f_{up}(f_A))$ , the equality holds if  $f_{up}$  is injective.
- (iv)  $f_{up}(f_{up}^{-1}(g_B)) \subseteq g_B$ , the equality holds if  $f_{up}$  is surjective.
- (v)  $f_{up}(\bigcup_{i \in J} f_{A_i}) = \bigcup_{i \in J} f_{up}(f_{A_i})$ .
- (vi)  $f_{up}(\bigcap_{i \in J} f_{A_i}) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in J} f_{up}(f_{A_i})$ , the equality holds if  $f_{up}$  is injective.
- (vii)  $f_{up}^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in J} g_{B_i}) = \bigcup_{i \in J} f_{up}^{-1}(g_{B_i})$ .
- (viii)  $f_{up}^{-1}(\bigcap_{i \in J} g_{B_i}) = \bigcap_{i \in J} f_{up}^{-1}(g_{B_i})$ .
- (ix)  $f_{up}^{-1}(\tilde{E}) = \tilde{E}$ ,  $f_{up}^{-1}(\tilde{\Phi}) = \tilde{\Phi}$ .
- (x)  $f_{up}(\tilde{E}) = \tilde{E}$ ,  $f_{up}$  is surjective.
- (xi)  $f_{up}(\tilde{\Phi}) = \tilde{\Phi}$ .

**Definition 2.17** ([6]). Let  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(Y, \tau_2)$  be two fuzzy soft topological spaces. A fuzzy soft mapping  $f_{up} : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$  is called fuzzy soft continuous if  $f_{up}^{-1}(g_B) \in \tau_1$ , for each  $g_B \in \tau_2$ .

**Definition 2.18** ([6]). Let  $f_A, g_B \in FS(X, E)$ .  $f_A$  is said to be fuzzy soft quasi coincident with  $g_B$ , denoted by  $f_A qg_B$ , if there exist  $e \in E$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $f_A(e)(x) + g_B(e)(x) > 1$ .

If  $f_A$  is not fuzzy soft quasi coincident with  $g_B$ , then we write  $f_A \not qg_B$ .

**Proposition 2.19** ([6]). Let  $f_A, g_B \in FS(X, E)$ . Then the followings are true.

- (i)  $f_A \subseteq g_B \Leftrightarrow f_A \not qg_B^c$ .
- (ii)  $f_A \subseteq g_B^c \Leftrightarrow f_A \not qg_B$ .
- (iii)  $f_A qg_B \Rightarrow f_A \cap g_B \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ .

### 3. FUZZY SOFT $\beta$ -OPEN SETS

In this section, the concepts of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -interiors, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closures, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -continuous functions, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -irresolute functions are introduced and some of their properties are studied.

**Notation 3.1.** Fuzzy soft interior and fuzzy soft closure denote  $\widetilde{FSint}$  and  $\widetilde{FScl}$  respectively.

**Definition 3.2.** A fuzzy soft set  $F_A$  in a fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be:

- (i) fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set if  $F_A \subseteq \widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(F_A)))$ .
- (ii) fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set if  $F_A \supseteq \widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(F_A)))$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1\} \subseteq E$ ,  $B = \{e_2, e_3\} \subseteq E$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} F_A &= \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.2), (b, 0.3)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_2) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\}, \\ G_B &= \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_2) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.3)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_3) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.3)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

be fuzzy soft sets over  $(U, E)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F_A \widetilde{\cup} G_B &= H_C, C = A \cup B = \{H(e_1) = \{(a, 0.2), (b, 0.3)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_2) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.3)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_3) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.3)\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A, G_B, H_C\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft set

$$\begin{aligned} I_E &= \{I(e_1) = \{(a, 0.8), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad I(e_2) = \{(a, 0.7), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad I(e_3) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.2)\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $I_E$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set over  $(U, E)$ , since  $I_E \widetilde{\subseteq} \widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(I_E)))$ .

**Remark 3.4.** Every fuzzy soft open (resp., closed) set is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open (resp.,  $\beta$ -closed) set.

**Proposition 3.5.** (i) Arbitrary union of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set.

(ii) Arbitrary intersection of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed sets is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\{F_{A_j} : j \in J\}$  be a collection of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets of a fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$ . Then for each  $j$ ,  $F_{A_j} \widetilde{\subseteq} \widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(F_{A_j})))$ . By definition 3.2. and Proposition 2.14.,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\cup} (F_{A_j}) &\widetilde{\subseteq} \widetilde{\cup} (\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(F_{A_j})))) \\ &\widetilde{\subseteq} (\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{\cup} \widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(F_{A_j})))) \\ &\widetilde{\subseteq} (\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{\cup} \widetilde{FScl}(F_{A_j})))) \\ &\widetilde{\subseteq} (\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{\cup} F_{A_j}))))). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\widetilde{\cup} (F_{A_j}) = \widetilde{\subseteq} (\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{\cup} F_{A_j}))))$ .

(ii) The proof is similar by (i).  $\square$

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $F_A$  be a fuzzy soft open set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the fuzzy soft  $\beta$  interior is denoted by  $\widetilde{FS\beta-int}$  and is defined by

$$\widetilde{FS\beta-int}(F_A) = \widetilde{\cup} \{G_B : G_B \text{ is a fuzzy soft } \beta\text{-open set in } (U, E) \text{ and } G_B \subseteq F_A\}.$$

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $F_A$  be a fuzzy soft closed set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the fuzzy soft  $\beta$  closure is denoted by  $\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}$  and is defined by

$$\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A) = \widetilde{\cap} \{G_B : G_B \text{ is a fuzzy soft } \beta\text{-closed set in } (U, E) \text{ and } G_B \supseteq F_A\}.$$

**Remark 3.8.** (i)  $\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-int}(\tilde{E}) = \tilde{E}$ .

(ii) If  $F_A \in FS(U, E)$ , then  $((\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A))^c)^c = \widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A)$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  be a fuzzy soft topological space and  $F_A, G_B \in FS(U, E)$ . Then

$$(i) (\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A))^c \subseteq \widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-int}(F_A^c).$$

$$(i) (\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-int}(F_A))^c \subseteq \widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A^c).$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} (i) (\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A))^c &= (\widetilde{\cap} \{G_B : G_B \text{ is fuzzy soft } \beta\text{-closed set over } (U, E) \text{ and } F_A \subseteq G_B\})^c \\ &= \widetilde{\cup} \{G_B^c : G_B \text{ is fuzzy soft } \beta\text{-closed set over } (U, E) \text{ and } F_A \subseteq G_B\} \\ &= \widetilde{\cup} \{G_B^c : G_B^c \text{ is fuzzy soft } \beta\text{-open set over } (U, E) \text{ and } F_A \supseteq G_B\} \\ &= \widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-int}(F_A^c). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The proof is similar by (i).  $\square$

**Notation 3.10.**  $(\varphi, \psi)$  denotes fuzzy soft function from  $U$  to  $U'$ .

**Definition 3.11.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  and  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  be two fuzzy soft topological spaces. A fuzzy soft function  $(\varphi, \psi) : (U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1) \rightarrow (U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is called fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -continuous if  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(G_B)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open (resp.,  $\beta$ -closed) set in  $\mathfrak{J}_1$ , for each fuzzy soft open (resp., closed) set  $G_B$  in  $\mathfrak{J}_2$ .

**Definition 3.12.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  and  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  be two fuzzy soft topological spaces. A fuzzy soft function  $(\varphi, \psi) : (U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1) \rightarrow (U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is called fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -irresolute if  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(G_B)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open (resp.,  $\beta$ -closed) set in  $\mathfrak{J}_1$ , for each fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open (resp.,  $\beta$ -closed) set  $G_B$  in  $\mathfrak{J}_2$ .

#### 4. TYPES OF FUZZY SOFT $\beta$ -CONNECTEDNESS IN FUZZY SOFT TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

In this section, the concepts of fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connectedness, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -clopen sets, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connectedness, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connectedness, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_S$  connectedness, fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_M$  connectedness are introduced and studied. Some interesting properties are discussed.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  be a fuzzy soft topological space. A fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -separation of  $\tilde{E}$  is a pair  $F_A, G_B$  of no-null fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets such that

$$\tilde{E} = F_A \widetilde{\cup} G_B \text{ and } \tilde{\Phi} = F_A \widetilde{\cap} G_B.$$

**Definition 4.2.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected if there does not exist a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -separation of  $\tilde{E}$ . Otherwise,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -disconnected.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1\} \subseteq E$ ,  $B = \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq E$ . Let  $F_A = \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\},$

$$\begin{aligned} F(e_2) &= \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}, \\ F(e_3) &= \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}, \\ G_B &= \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_2) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

be fuzzy soft sets over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A, G_B\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft set

$$\begin{aligned} I_E &= \{I(e_1) = \{(a, 0.7), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad I(e_2) = \{(a, 0.6), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad I(e_3) = \{(a, 1), (b, 1)\}\}, \\ H_B &= \{H(e_1) = \{(a, 0.6), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_2) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\}, \end{aligned}$$

$I_E$  and  $H_B$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets in  $(U, E)$ ,  $I_E \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $H_B \neq \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $I_E \tilde{\cap} H_B = H_B \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $I_E \tilde{\cup} H_B = I_E \neq \tilde{E}$ . Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq E$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} F_A &= \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.2)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_2) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft sets

$$\begin{aligned} G_E &= \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_2) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_3) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}\}, \\ H_E &= \{H(e_1) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_2) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}\}, \end{aligned}$$

$G_E$  and  $H_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets in  $(U, E)$ ,  $G_E \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $H_E \neq \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $G_E \tilde{\cap} H_E = \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $G_E \tilde{\cup} H_E = \tilde{E}$ . Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -disconnected.

**Proposition 4.5.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space if and only if there exist no non-zero fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  such that  $F_A = G_B^c$ .

*Proof. Necessity.*

Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be two fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq G_B^c$  and  $F_A = G_B^c$ . Therefore  $G_B^c$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set. Since  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $G_B \neq \tilde{E}$ . This implies that  $G_B$  is a proper fuzzy soft set which is both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$ . Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is not a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space. But this is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Thus there exist no non-zero fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  such that  $F_A = G_B^c$ .

**Sufficiency.**

Let  $F_A$  be both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  such that  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq F_A$ ,  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ . Let  $F_A^c = G_B$ . Then  $G_B$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and  $G_B^c \neq \tilde{E}$ .

This implies that  $G_B = F_A^c \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ , which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.6.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space if and only if there exist no non-zero fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  such that  $F_A = G_B^c$ ,  $G_B = (\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(F_A))^c$  and  $F_A = (\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(G_B))^c$ .

*Proof. Necessity.*

Assume that there exists fuzzy soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq G_B^c$ ,  $F_A = G_B^c$ ,  $G_B = (\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(F_A))^c$  and  $F_A = (\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(G_B))^c$ . Since  $(\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(F_A))^c$  and  $(\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(G_B))^c$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$ ,  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$ . This implies  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is not a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space, which is a contradiction. Thus there exist no non-zero fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  such that  $F_A = G_B^c$ ,  $G_B = (\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(F_A))^c$  and  $F_A = (\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(G_B))^c$ .

**Sufficiency.**

Let  $F_A$  be both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  such that  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq F_A$ ,  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ . Now by taking  $F_A^c = G_B$ , we obtain a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space.  $\square$

**Definition 4.7.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $C_5$ -disconnected if there exists fuzzy soft sets  $F_A$  over  $(U, E)$ , which is both fuzzy soft open set and fuzzy soft closed set such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ . If  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is not fuzzy soft  $C_5$ -disconnected then it is said to be fuzzy soft  $C_5$ -connected.

**Proposition 4.8.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  and  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  be two fuzzy soft topological spaces. Let  $(\varphi, \psi) : (U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1) \rightarrow (U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -continuous and surjective function. If  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space, then  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is a fuzzy soft  $C_5$ -connected space.

*Proof.* Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected space. Suppose  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is not a fuzzy soft  $C_5$ -connected space, then there exists a proper fuzzy soft set  $F_A$  which is both fuzzy soft open and fuzzy soft closed in  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$ . Since  $(\varphi, \psi)$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -continuous function,  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(F_A)$  is both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed in  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$ . But this is a contradiction to hypothesis. Hence  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is a fuzzy soft  $C_5$ -connected space.  $\square$

**Definition 4.9.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta C_5$ -disconnected if there exists fuzzy soft sets  $F_A$  over  $(U, E)$ , which is both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ . If  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is not fuzzy soft  $\beta C_5$ -disconnected then it is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta C_5$  connected.

**Definition 4.10.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -clopen set, which is both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set.

**Example 4.11.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq E$ . Let  
 $F_A = \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\},$   
 $F(e_2) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\},$   
 $F(e_3) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\}\}$



be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Clearly,  $F_A$  is both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set.

**Proposition 4.12.** Fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connectedness implies fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connectedness.

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  such that  $F_A \cup G_B = \tilde{E}$  and  $F_A \cap G_B = \tilde{\Phi}$  (fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -disconnected), then  $F_E(e) = F_A(e) \cup G_B(e)$  and  $F_\Phi(e) = F_A(e) \cap G_B(e)$ , for all  $e \in E$ . In other words,  $F_A = G_B^c$ . Hence  $F_A$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -clopen set which implies that  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  disconnected.  $\square$

**Remark 4.13.** The converse of the above Proposition need not be true as shown by the following example.

**Example 4.14.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq E$ . Let

$$F_A = \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\},$$

$$F(e_2) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\},$$

$$F(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\}$$

be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft set

$$G_E = \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.2)\},$$

$$G(e_2) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\},$$

$$G(e_3) = \{(a, 1), (b, 1)\}\}.$$

Hence  $F_A$  and  $G_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$ . Also,  $F_A \cup G_E = F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ ,  $F_A \cap G_E = G_E \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ . Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected. Since  $F_A$  is both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set over  $(U, E)$ ,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  disconnected.

**Proposition 4.15.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  and  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  be two fuzzy soft topological spaces. Let  $(\varphi, \psi) : (U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1) \rightarrow (U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  be a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -irresolute and surjective function. If  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected, then  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected.

*Proof.* Assume that  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is not fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected. Thus there exists non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  in  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  such that  $F_A \cup G_B = \tilde{E}$  and  $F_A \cap G_B = \tilde{\Phi}$ . Since  $(\varphi, \psi)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -irresolute function,  $H_C = (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(F_A)$ ,  $I_D = (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(G_B)$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$ . From  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ , we get  $H_C = (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(F_A) \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ . (If  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(F_A) = \tilde{\Phi}$ , then  $F_A = (\varphi, \psi)((\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(F_A)) =$

$(\varphi, \psi)(\tilde{\Phi}) = \tilde{\Phi}$ , which is a contradiction.) Similarly we obtain  $I_D \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} F_A \widetilde{\cup} G_B &= \tilde{E} \\ (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(F_A) \widetilde{\cup} (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(G_B) &= (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(\tilde{E}) \\ H_C \widetilde{\cup} I_D &= \tilde{E} \\ F_A \widetilde{\cap} G_B &= \tilde{\Phi} \\ (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(F_A) \widetilde{\cap} (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(G_B) &= (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(\tilde{\Phi}) \\ H_C \widetilde{\cap} I_D &= \tilde{\Phi}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $H_C \widetilde{\cup} I_D = \tilde{E}$  and  $H_C \widetilde{\cap} I_D = \tilde{\Phi}$ . Thus  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected, which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -connected.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.16.**  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connected if and only if there exists no non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A = G_B^c$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq G_B$  and  $F_A = G_B^c$ . Since  $F_A = G_B^c$ ,  $G_B^c$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and  $G_B$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set. And  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$  implies  $G_B \neq \tilde{E}$ . But this is a contradiction to the fact that  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connected.

**Conversely,**

Let  $F_A$  be both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set over  $(U, E)$  such that  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq F_A$ ,  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ . Now take  $G_B = F_A^c$ . In this case  $G_B$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$  which implies  $G_B = F_A^c \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.17.**  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connected if and only if there exists no non-empty fuzzy soft sets over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A^c = G_B$ ,  $G_B = (\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A))^c$ ,  $F_A = (\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(G_B))^c$ .

*Proof.* Assume that there exist fuzzy soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq G_B$ ,  $F_A^c = G_B$ ,  $G_B = (\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A))^c$ ,  $F_A = (\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(G_B))^c$ . Since  $(\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(F_A))^c$  and  $(\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(G_B))^c$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$ ,  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$ , which is a contradiction.

**Conversely,**

Let  $F_A$  be both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set over  $(U, E)$  such that  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq F_A$ ,  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ . Taking  $G_B = F_A^c$ , we obtain a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 4.18.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected if there exists no non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A + G_B \subsetneq \tilde{E}$ .

In otherwords, a fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected if there exists no non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A \widetilde{\cap} G_B = \tilde{E}$ .

**Proposition 4.19.**  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected if and only if there exists no non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{E} \neq G_B$  and  $F_A + G_B \supsetneq \tilde{E}$ .

*Proof. Necessity.*

Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{E} \neq G_B$  and  $F_A + G_B \not\supseteq \tilde{E}$ . If we take  $H_C = F_A^c$  and  $I_D = G_B^c$ , then  $H_C$  and  $I_D$  become fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed sets over  $(U, E)$  and  $H_C \neq \tilde{\Phi} \neq I_D$  and  $H_C + I_D \not\subseteq \tilde{E}$ . Which is a contradiction. Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected.

**Sufficiency.**

Let  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  be non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed sets over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A + G_B \not\subseteq \tilde{E}$ . If  $H_C = F_A^c$  and  $I_D = G_B^c$ , then  $H_C$  and  $I_D$  become fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$  and  $H_C \neq \tilde{E}$ ,  $\tilde{E} \neq I_D$  and  $H_C + I_D \not\supseteq \tilde{E}$ . Which is a contradiction. Thus there exists no non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A \neq \tilde{E}$ ,  $\tilde{E} \neq G_B$  and  $F_A + G_B \not\supseteq \tilde{E}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.20.** Let  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  and  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  be two fuzzy soft topological spaces. Let  $(\varphi, \psi) : (U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1) \rightarrow (U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  be a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -irresolute and surjective function. If  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected, then  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is not fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected. Then there exists non-empty fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed sets  $H_A$  and  $I_B$  in  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  such that  $H_A \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq I_B$ ,  $H_A + I_B \not\subseteq \tilde{\Phi}$ . Since  $(\varphi, \psi)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -irresolute function,  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(H_A)$ ,  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(I_B)$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed sets over  $(U, E)$  and  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(H_A) \cap (\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(I_B) = \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(\tilde{\Phi}) \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ ,  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(I_B) \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ . (If  $(\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(H_A) = \tilde{\Phi}$ , then  $(\varphi, \psi)((\varphi, \psi)^{-1}(H_A)) = H_A$  which implies  $(\varphi, \psi)(\tilde{\Phi}) = H_A$ . So  $\tilde{\Phi} = H_A$  a contradiction.) Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J}_1)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected, a contradiction to our hypothesis. Thus  $(U', E', \mathfrak{J}_2)$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected.  $\square$

**Remark 4.21.** Fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected does not imply fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -C<sub>5</sub> connected.

**Example 4.22.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\} \subseteq E$ . Let  $F_A = \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\},$   
 $F(e_2) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.3)\},$   
 $F(e_3) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\},$   
 $F(e_4) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\}$

be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft set

$G_E = \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.5)\},$   
 $G(e_2) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.5)\},$   
 $G(e_3) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\},$   
 $G(e_4) = \{(a, 1), (b, 1)\}\}.$

Hence  $F_A$  and  $G_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$ . Also,

$F_A + G_E = H_E = \{H(e_1) = \{(a, 0.7), (b, 1)\},$   
 $H(e_2) = \{(a, 0.8), (b, 0.8)\},$   
 $H(e_3) = \{(a, 1), (b, 1)\},$   
 $H(e_4) = \{(a, 1), (b, 1)\}\},$

$F_A + G_E \not\subseteq \tilde{E}$ . Hence  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected. But  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is

not fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connected, since  $F_A$  is both fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set and fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set over  $(U, E)$ .

**Remark 4.23.** Fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$  connected does not imply fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected.

**Example 4.24.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq E$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} F_A &= \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.3)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_2) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft set

$$\begin{aligned} G_E &= \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 0.7), (b, 0.8)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_2) = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_3) = \{(a, 1), (b, 1)\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $G_E$  is a fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open set over  $(U, E)$ , since  $G_E \subseteq \widetilde{FScl}(\widetilde{FSint}(\widetilde{FScl}(G_E)))$ . But  $G_E$  is not fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -closed set over  $(U, E)$ . Also,  $\tilde{\Phi} \neq G_E \neq \tilde{E}$ . Thus  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_5$ connected. But  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is not fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -strongly connected, since  $F_A$  and  $G_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A + G_E \supsetneq \tilde{E}$ .

**Note 4.25.** (i) If  $F_A \cap G_B = \tilde{\Phi}$ , then  $F_A \subseteq G_B^c$ .

(ii) If  $F_A \not\subseteq G_B^c$ , then  $F_A \cap G_B \neq \tilde{\Phi}$ .

**Definition 4.26.** If  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are non-zero fuzzy soft sets over  $(U, E)$ . Then  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  are said to be

- (i) fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -weakly separated if  $\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(F_A) \subseteq G_B^c$  and  $\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(G_B) \subseteq F_A^c$ .
- (ii) fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -q-separated if  $\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(F_A) \cap G_B = \tilde{\Phi} = F_A \cap \widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(G_B)$ .

**Definition 4.27.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_S$  disconnected if there exists fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -weakly separated non-zero fuzzy soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A \cup G_B = \tilde{E}$ .

**Example 4.28.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2\} \subseteq E$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} F_A &= \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.2)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_2) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft sets

$$\begin{aligned} G_E &= \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_2) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_3) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}\} \text{ and} \\ H_E &= \{H(e_1) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_2) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}\} \text{ over } (U, E). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $G_E$  and  $H_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$ ,  $\widetilde{FS\beta-cl}(G_E) \subseteq H_E^c$  and

$\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(H_E) \subsetneq G_E^c$ . Hence  $G_E$  and  $H_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -weakly separated and  $G_E \widetilde{\cup} H_E = \tilde{E}$ . Thus  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_S$  disconnected.

**Definition 4.29.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_M$  disconnected if there exists fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -q-separated non-zero fuzzy soft sets  $F_A$  and  $G_B$  over  $(U, E)$  such that  $F_A \widetilde{\cup} G_B = \tilde{E}$ .

**Example 4.30.** Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ ,  $A = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\} \subseteq E$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} F_A &= \{F(e_1) = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.2)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_2) = \{(a, 0.3), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_3) = \{(a, 0.1), (b, 0.5)\}, \\ &\quad F(e_4) = \{(a, 0), (b, 0)\}\} \end{aligned}$$

be a fuzzy soft set over  $(U, E)$ . Then the family  $\mathfrak{J} = \{\tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{E}, F_A\}$  is a fuzzy soft topology on  $(U, E)$ . Clearly,  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is a fuzzy soft topological space. Consider the fuzzy soft sets

$$\begin{aligned} G_E &= \{G(e_1) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_2) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_3) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad G(e_4) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}\} \text{ and} \\ H_E &= \{H(e_1) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_2) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_3) = \{(a, 0), (b, 1)\}, \\ &\quad H(e_4) = \{(a, 1), (b, 0)\}\} \text{ over } (U, E). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $G_E$  and  $H_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -open sets over  $(U, E)$ ,  $\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(G_E) \widetilde{\cap} H_E = \tilde{\Phi}$  and  $\widetilde{FS}\beta\text{-cl}(H_E) \subsetneq G_E = \tilde{\Phi}$ . Hence  $G_E$  and  $H_E$  are fuzzy soft  $\beta$ -q-separated and  $G_E \widetilde{\cup} H_E = \tilde{E}$ . Thus  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_M$  disconnected.

**Remark 4.31.** A fuzzy soft topological space  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is said to be fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_S$  connected if and only if  $(U, E, \mathfrak{J})$  is fuzzy soft  $\beta$ - $C_M$  connected.

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