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# Fuzzy generalized continuity

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ABSTRACT. In this paper some different types of fuzzy generalized closed sets are introduced and studied here. Also their mutual relationships have been established. Afterwards, some different kinds of fuzzy generalized continuous functions have been introduced and studied and made some mutual relationships among themselves. In the last section, it has been shown that under these types of fuzzy generalized continuous functions, fuzzy normality remains invariant.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [2], Balasubramanian and Sundaram have introduced fuzzy generalized closed set in 1997. Also in [8], Murugesan and Thangavelu have investigated the relationships between some types of fuzzy generalized closed sets. Afterwards, in 2014, Bhattacharyya [4] has introduced and studied some different types of fuzzy generalized closed sets and found the mutual relationships between them. In this paper another kinds of fuzzy generalized closed sets are introduced and studied. Also some different types of fuzzy generalized continuity are introduced and studied under which fuzzy normality remains invariant.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In 1965, L.A. Zadeh introduced fuzzy set [12] A which is a mapping from a nonempty set X into the closed interval I = [0, 1], i.e.,  $A \in I^X$ . The support [12] of a fuzzy set A, denoted by suppA and is defined by  $suppA = \{x \in X : A(x) \neq 0\}$ . The fuzzy set with the singleton support  $\{x\} \subseteq X$  and the value t ( $0 < t \leq 1$ ) will be denoted by  $x_t$ .  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  are the constant fuzzy sets taking values 0 and 1 respectively in X. The complement [12] of a fuzzy set A in a fuzzy topological space (fts, for short) X in the sense of Chang [6] is denoted by  $1_X \setminus A$  and is defined by  $(1_X \setminus A)(x) = 1 - A(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ . For any two fuzzy sets A, B in X,  $A \leq B$  means  $A(x) \leq B(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$  [12] while AqB means A is quasicoincident (q-coincident, for short) [10] with B, i.e., there exists  $x \in X$  such that A(x) + B(x) > 1. The negation of these two statements will be denoted by  $A \not\leq B$ and  $A \notA B$  respectively. For a fuzzy set A, clA and intA will stand for fuzzy closure [6] and fuzzy interior [6] respectively.

A fuzzy set A in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called fuzzy semiopen [1] (resp., fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open [5], fuzzy preopen [9]) if  $A \leq clintA$  (resp.,  $A \leq intclintA$ ,  $A \leq intclA$ ). The complement of these three fuzzy sets in an fts  $(X, \tau)$  are respectively called fuzzy semiclosed [1], fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed [5], fuzzy preclosed [9], i.e., a fuzzy set A in X is called fuzzy semiclosed (resp., fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed, fuzzy preclosed) if  $intclA \leq A$  (resp.,  $clintclA \leq A$ ,  $clintA \leq A$ ). For a fuzzy set A, sclA [1] (resp.,  $\alpha clA$  [5], pclA [9]) is the smallest fuzzy semiclosed (resp., fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed, fuzzy preclosed) set containing A. The collection of all fuzzy semiopen (resp., fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open) sets in X is denoted by FSO(X) (resp.,  $F\alpha O(X)$ ).

#### 3. FUZZY GENERALIZED CLOSED SETS AND FUZZY GENERALIZED CONTINUITY

In [8] the relationships between different types of fuzzy generalized closed sets are studied. In this section some different types of fuzzy generalized closed sets and fuzzy generalized continuities have been introduced and found some mutual relationships among themselves.

### **Definition 3.1.** A fuzzy set A in an fts $(X, \tau)$ is said to be fuzzy

(i) generalized closed (fg-closed, for short) [4, 2] if  $clA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and  $U \in \tau$ ,

(ii) generalized semiclosed (fgs-closed, for short) [3] if  $sclA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$ and  $U \in \tau$ ,

(iii) semi-generalized closed (fsg-closed, for short) [3] if  $sclA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and  $U \in FSO(X)$ ,

(iv) weakly closed (*fw*-closed, for short) if  $clA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and  $U \in FSO(X)$ ,

(v) weakly generalized closed (fwg-closed, for short) if  $clintA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and  $U \in \tau$ ,

(vi) generalized  $\alpha$ -closed ( $fg\alpha$ -closed, for short) [3] if  $\alpha clA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$ and  $U \in F\alpha O(X)$ ,

(vii)  $\alpha$ -generalized closed ( $f \alpha g$ -closed, for short) [3] if  $\alpha cl A \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$ and  $U \in \tau$ ,

(viii) strongly g-closed ( $fs^*g$ -closed, for short) if  $clA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and U is fg-open in X.

The complements of the above mentioned sets are called their respective open sets.

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $f: (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is called fuzzy

(i) generalized continuous (fg-continuous, for short) [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fg open in X for each  $V \in \tau_Y$ ,

(ii) strongly g-continuous ( $fs^*g$ -continuous, for short) if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_X$  for each fg-open set V in Y,

(iii) semi-generalized continuous (fsg-continuous, for short) [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fsgopen in X for each  $V \in \tau_Y$ ,

(iv) generalized semi-continuous (fgs-continuous, for short) [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fgsopen in X for each  $V \in \tau_Y$ .

**Remark 3.3.** It is clear from Definition 3.1 that every fuzzy closed set is fg-closed. But the converse need not be true as seen form the following example.

### **Example 3.4.** fg-closed $\Rightarrow$ fuzzy closed.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.55, B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.6. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Consider the fuzzy set D in  $(X, \tau)$  defined by D(a) = 0.5, D(b) = 0.8. Clearly D is not fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing D and so  $clD = 1_X \leq 1_X \Rightarrow D$  is fg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.5.** From Definition 3.1(i) and (ii), we can conclude that fg-closed set is fgs-closed, but not conversely as it seen from the following example.

### **Example 3.6.** fgs-closed $\neq fg$ -closed.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. The collection of fuzzy semicopen sets in X is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A, U\}$  where  $A \leq U \leq 1_X \setminus A$ and that of fuzzy semiclosed sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus U\}$  where  $A \leq 1_X \setminus U \leq 1_X \setminus A$ . Let B be a fuzzy set in X defined by B(a) = B(b) = 0.4. It is clear that B is not fg-closed. Indeed,  $B \leq A \in \tau$ , but  $clB = 1_X \setminus A$ . But  $B \leq A \in \tau$  and  $sclB = A \leq A \Rightarrow B$  is fgs-closed in X.

**Remark 3.7.** It is clear from Definition 3.1(ii) and (iii) that *fsg*-closed set is *fgs*-closed. But the converse need not be true as seen from the following example.

### **Example 3.8.** fgs-closed $\neq fsg$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.4. We first prove that D is fgs-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Now the collection of all fuzzy semicopen sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A, B, U\}$  where U > A so that that of fuzzy semiclosed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus B, 1_X \setminus U\}$  where  $1_X \setminus U < 1_X \setminus A$ . Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing D and so  $sclD \leq 1_X \Rightarrow D$  is fgs-closed in X. Now as D > A,  $D \in FSO(X)$  containing D, but  $sclD = 1_X \nleq D \Rightarrow D$  is not fsg-closed in X.

**Remark 3.9.** *fg*-closedness and *fsg*-closedness are independent notions follow from the next two examples.

# **Example 3.10.** fg-closed $\Rightarrow fsg$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.4. Here D is not fsg-closed as shown in Example 3.8, but D is fg-closed as shown in Example 3.4.

**Example 3.11.** fsg-closed  $\neq fg$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.6. Here B is not fg-closed. But  $B \leq A (\in FSO(X))$  and so  $sclB = A \leq A \Rightarrow B$  is fsg-closed.

**Remark 3.12.** From Definition 3.1(i) and (iv), it is clear that fw-closed set is fg-closed. But the converse need not be true as shown in the following example.

### **Example 3.13.** fg-closed $\Rightarrow fw$ -closed.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. The collection of fuzzy semiclosed sets in X is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A, U\}$  where  $A \leq U \leq 1_X \setminus A$ and that of fuzzy semiclosed sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus U\}$  where  $A \leq 1_X \setminus U \leq 1_X \setminus A$ . Consider the fuzzy set B defined by B(a) = B(b) = 0.5. Then  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B and so B is fg-closed. Now  $B \in FSO(X)$ . Therefore,  $B \leq B$  and  $clB = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not fw-closed.

**Remark 3.14.** It is clear from Definition 3.1(i) and (v) that fg-closed set is fwg-closed, but the converse may not be true as it seen from the following example.

**Example 3.15.** fwg-closed  $\neq fg$ -closed. Consider Example 3.6. Here B is not fg-closed. Now  $B \leq A \in \tau \Rightarrow clintB = cl_0 = 0_X \leq A \Rightarrow B$  is fwg-closed.

**Remark 3.16.** fg-closedness and  $fg\alpha$ -closedness are independent notions as it seen from the following examples.

### **Example 3.17.** fg-closed $\neq fg\alpha$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.4 and the fuzzy set C defined by C(a) = 0.5, C(b) = 0.7. We claim that C is fg-closed. Infact,  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing C and so  $clC = 1_X \leq 1_X \Rightarrow C$  is fg-closed. Again  $C \in F\alpha O(X)$  as  $intclintC = intclB = int1_X = 1_X > C$ . Then  $C \leq C \in F\alpha O(X)$  and  $\alpha clC = 1_X \leq C \Rightarrow C$  is not  $fg\alpha$ -closed.

#### **Example 3.18.** $fg\alpha$ -closed $\neq fg$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.4 and the fuzzy set E defined by E(a) = E(b) = 0.4. Then  $E \leq A \in \tau$ , but  $clE = 1_X \setminus B \not\leq A \Rightarrow E$  is not fg-closed. Again  $A \in F\alpha O(X)$  such that  $E \leq A, \alpha clE = E \leq A \Rightarrow E$  is  $fg\alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 3.19.** From Definition 3.1(i) and (vii), we can conclude that fg-closed  $\Rightarrow f\alpha g$ -closed, but not conversely follows from the next example.

### **Example 3.20.** $f \alpha g$ -closed $\neq fg$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.18. Here E is not fg-closed. Again  $E \leq A \in \tau$  and  $\alpha cl E = E \leq A \Rightarrow E$  is  $f \alpha g$ -closed.

**Remark 3.21.** Since fuzzy open set is fg-open,  $fs^*g$ -closed set is fg-closed, but not conversely as it seen from the following example.

#### **Example 3.22.** fg-closed $\neq fs^*g$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.6 and the fuzzy set B defined by B(a) = B(b) = 0.5. Here B is fg-closed. Indeed,  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B and so  $clB \leq 1_X \Rightarrow B$  is fg-closed. Also B is fg-open and  $B \leq B$  and  $clB = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not  $fs^*g$ -closed.

**Remark 3.23.** It is clear from Definition 3.1(vi) and (vii) that  $fg\alpha$ -closed  $\Rightarrow f\alpha g$ -closed, but not conversely as it seen from the following example.

**Example 3.24.**  $f \alpha g$ -closed  $\neq f g \alpha$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.17. Here C is not  $fg\alpha$ -closed. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing C and so C is  $f\alpha g$ -closed.

**Remark 3.25.** It is clear from Definition 3.1(v) and (viii) that  $fs^*g$ -closed  $\Rightarrow fwg$ -closed, but not conversely as it seen from the following example.

**Example 3.26.** fwg-closed  $\neq fs^*g$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.22. Here B is not  $fs^*g$ -closed. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B and so B is fwg-closed.

**Remark 3.27.** From Definition 3.1(vii) and (viii) that  $fs^*g$ -closed  $\Rightarrow f\alpha g$ -closed, but the converse need not be true as it seen from the following example.

**Example 3.28.**  $f \alpha g$ -closed  $\Rightarrow f s^* g$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.22. Here B is not  $fs^*g$ -closed. But  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B and so B is  $f\alpha g$ -closed.

**Remark 3.29.** From Definition 3.1(ii) and (viii), it is clear that  $fs^*g$ -closed set is fgs-closed, but not conversely as it seen from the following example.

**Example 3.30.** fgs-closed  $\neq fs^*g$ -closed. Consider Example 3.22. Here B is not  $fs^*g$ -closed. But  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B and so B is fgs-closed.

**Remark 3.31.** Definition 3.1 (iv) and (v) together imply that fw-closed  $\Rightarrow fwg$ -closed, but the converse may not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.32.** fwg-closed  $\neq fw$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.22. Here  $B \in FSO(X)$  so that  $B \leq B$ , but  $clB = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not fw-closed. But  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B and so B is fwg-closed.

**Remark 3.33.** Definition 3.1 (v) and (viii) together imply that  $fs^*g$ -closed  $\Rightarrow fwg$ -closed, but the converse may not be true as it seen from the following example.

**Example 3.34.** fwg-closed  $\neq fs^*g$ -closed. Consider Example 3.32. Here *B* is fwg-closed. Now *B* is fg-open in *X* so that  $B \leq B$ , but  $clB = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not  $fs^*g$ -closed.

**Remark 3.35.** It is clear from Definition 3.1(ii) that fuzzy closed set is fgs-closed, but not conversely as it seen from the following example.

**Example 3.36.** fgs-closed  $\neq$  fuzzy closed. Consider Example 3.6. Here *B* is fgs-closed. But *B* is not fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.37.**  $fg\alpha$ -closed  $\neq fs^*g$ -closed Consider Example 3.22. Here *B* is not  $fs^*g$ -closed. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open

set in X containing B and so  $\alpha clB \leq 1_X \Rightarrow B$  is  $fg\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 3.38.** fsg-closed  $\neq fs^*g$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.11. Here B is fsg-closed. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing  $1_X \setminus B$  and so  $cl(1_X \setminus B) = 1_X \leq 1_X \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus B$  is fg-closed  $\Rightarrow B$  is fg-open in X. Now  $B \leq B$ ,  $clB = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not  $fs^*g$ -closed.

**Remark 3.39.** It is clear from Definition 3.1(iii) and (iv) that fw-closed set is fsg-closed, but the converse may not be true as seen from the following example.

### **Example 3.40.** fsg-closed $\neq fw$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.6. Here  $B \leq A \in FSO(X)$  and  $scl B = A \leq A \Rightarrow B$  is fsg-closed. Now  $B \leq A \in FSO(X)$ , but  $cl B = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq A \Rightarrow B$  is not fw-closed.

**Remark 3.41.** From Definition 3.2 (iii) and (iv) that fsg-continuity  $\Rightarrow fgs$ -continuity, but the converse need not be true as seen from the following example.

### **Example 3.42.** fgs-continuity $\Rightarrow fsg$ -continuity.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}, \tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, E\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.55, B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.6 and E(a) = 0.5, E(b) = 0.2. Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X, \tau_1)$  are fts's. Consider the identity function  $i : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau_1)$ . Then  $1_X \setminus E \in \tau_1^c$  and  $i^{-1}(1_X \setminus E) = 1_X \setminus E$  where  $(1_X \setminus E)(a) = 0.5, (1_X \setminus E)(b) = 0.8$ . By Example 3.8,  $1_X \setminus E$  is fgs-closed but not fsg-closed and hence i is fgs-continuous but not fsg-continuous.

**Remark 3.43.** It is clear from Definition 3.2 and Remark 3.35 that  $fs^*g$ -continuity implies fgs-continuity and fsg-continuity, but not conversely as it seen from the next two examples.

### **Example 3.44.** fgs-continuity $\Rightarrow fs^*g$ -continuity.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}, \tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, C\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5and C(a) = C(b) = 0.6. Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X, \tau_1)$  are fts's. Consider the identity function  $i: (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau_1)$ . Now  $1_X \setminus C \in \tau_1^c$  and  $i^{-1}(1_X \setminus C) = 1_X \setminus C$  which is fgs-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  by Example 3.6. But  $1_X \setminus C \notin \tau^c$   $(1_X \setminus C \in \tau_1^c \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus C$  is fg-closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ ). Therefore i is fgs-continuous but not  $fs^*g$ -continuous.

### **Example 3.45.** fsg-continuity $\Rightarrow fs^*g$ -continuity.

Consider Example 3.44. Here also  $1_X \setminus C$  is fsg-closed and so i is fsg-continuous but not  $fs^*g$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.46.** From Definition 3.2, it is clear that  $fs^*g$ -continuity  $\Rightarrow fg$ -continuity, but the converse need not be true as it seen from the following example.

### **Example 3.47.** fg-continuity $\neq fs^*g$ -continuity.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}, \tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, B\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5, B(a) = B(b) = 0.4. Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X, \tau_1)$  are fts's. Consider the identity function  $i : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau_1)$ . Now  $1_X \setminus B \in \tau_1^c, i^{-1}(1_X \setminus B) = 1_X \setminus B$ . Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing  $1_X \setminus B$  and so  $1_X \setminus B$  is fg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and so i is fg-continuous.

Again we know that every fuzzy closed set is fg-closed,  $1_X \setminus B$  is fg-closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ , but  $1_X \setminus B \notin \tau^c$  and so i is not  $fs^*g$ -continuous.

### 4. $fg^*s$ -closed sets in a fuzzy topological space

In this section we first introduce a new type of fuzzy generalized closed set and then find mutual relationship of this newly defined set with the sets defined in Section 3.

**Definition 4.1.** A fuzzy set A in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called fuzzy  $g^*s$ -closed ( $fg^*s$ -closed, for short) if  $sclA \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and U is fgs-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of an  $fg^*s$ -closed set is called  $fg^*s$ -open.

**Theorem 4.2.** Every fuzzy closed set in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in \tau^c$  and U be an fgs-open set in X such that  $A \leq U$ . Then  $sclA \leq clA = A \leq U \Rightarrow A$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

#### **Example 4.3.** $fg^*s$ -closed $\Rightarrow$ fuzzy closed.

Consider Example 3.4. Here the collection of fuzzy semiopen sets in X is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A, B, U\}$ where U > A and that of fuzzy semiclosed sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus B, 1_X \setminus U\}$ where  $1_X \setminus U < 1_X \setminus A$ . Here  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing  $D \Rightarrow sclD = 1_X \Rightarrow D$  is fgs-closed in  $(X, \tau) \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus D$  is fgs-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Again,  $1_X \setminus D$  is fgs-open in X containing  $1_X \setminus D \Rightarrow scl(1_X \setminus D) = 1_X \setminus D \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus D$ is  $fg^*s$ -closed, but  $1_X \setminus D \notin \tau^c \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus D$  is not fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Union of two  $fg^*s$ -closed sets is  $fg^*s$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let *A* and *B* be two  $fg^*s$ -closed sets in a fts  $(X, \tau)$ . Let *U* be an fgs-open set in *X* such that  $A \bigvee B \leq U$ . Then  $A \leq U$  and  $B \leq U$ . By hypothesis,  $sclA \leq U$ ,  $sclB \leq U$ . Now  $scl(A \lor B) = sclA \lor sclB \leq U$  (Clearly,  $sclA \lor sclB \leq scl(A \lor B)$ ). To prove the converse, let  $x_\alpha \in scl(A \lor B)$ . Then for any fuzzy semiopen set *U* in *X* with  $x_\alpha qU$ ,  $Uq(A \lor B)$ . Then there exists  $y \in X$  such that  $U(y) + (A \lor B)(y) > 1 \Rightarrow U(y) + max\{A(y), B(y)\} > 1 \Rightarrow U(y) + A(y) > 1$  or  $U(y) + B(y) > 1 \Rightarrow UqA$  or  $UqB \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in sclA$  or  $x_\alpha \in sclB \Rightarrow x_\alpha \in sclA \lor sclB$ . Hence the proof. □

**Theorem 4.5.** Every  $fg^*s$ -closed set in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  is fgs-closed.

*Proof.* Let A be  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. Let  $U \in \tau$  be such that  $A \leq U$ . Since every fuzzy open set is fgs-open (by Remark 3.35), by assumption,  $sclA \leq U$ . Hence A is fgs-closed.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

#### **Example 4.6.** fgs-closed $\neq fg^*s$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.6. Here *B* is fgs-closed in *X*. Again  $(1_X \setminus B)(a) = 1 - B(a) = 1 - B(b) = (1_X \setminus B)(b) = 0.6$ . And so  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in *X* containing  $1_X \setminus B \Rightarrow scl(1_X \setminus B) \le 1_X \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus B$  is also fgs-closed in  $X \Rightarrow B$  is fgs-open in *X*. Now  $B \le B$  where *B* is fgs-open in  $X \Rightarrow sclB = A \le B \Rightarrow B$  is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in *X*.

**Remark 4.7.** It is clear from Definition 3.1 that A is fuzzy semiclosed  $\Rightarrow A$  is fgs-closed and so  $A \in FSO(X) \Rightarrow A$  is fgs-open in X.

**Theorem 4.8.** Every  $fg^*s$ -closed set in a fts X is fsg-closed in X.

*Proof.* Let A be  $fg^*s$ -closed set in X. Let  $U \in FSO(X)$  and  $A \leq U$ . By Remark 4.7, U is fgs-open in X. By assumption,  $sclA \leq U \Rightarrow A$  is fsg-closed in X.  $\Box$ 

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

### **Example 4.9.** fsg-closed $\Rightarrow fg^*s$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.6. Here  $B \leq A$  and  $A \in FSO(X)$  and so  $scl B = A \leq A \Rightarrow A$  is fsg-closed, but not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

**Remark 4.10.**  $fg^*s$ -closedness is independent of the following classes of fuzzy closedness, viz., fg-closedness, fw-closedness,  $fg\alpha$ -closedness,  $f\alpha g$ -closedness, fuzzy preclosedness.

**Example 4.11.** fuzzy preclosed  $\Rightarrow fg^*s$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.6. Here  $clintB = cl_X = 0_X \le B \Rightarrow B$  is fuzzy preclosed, but B is not  $fg^*s$ -closed as shown in Example 4.6.

**Example 4.12.**  $fg^*s$ -closed  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy preclosed.

Consider Example 3.22. Here *B* is not fuzzy preclosed. Indeed,  $clintB = clA = 1_X \setminus A \leq B$ . Now we show that *B* is  $fg^*s$ -closed. Here  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in *X* containing *B* and so  $clB \leq 1_X \Rightarrow B$  is fg-closed in  $X \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus B$  is fg-open in *X*. But  $1_X \setminus B = B$ . Now  $B \leq 1_X \setminus B(=B)$  where  $1_X \setminus B$  is fg-open in  $X \Rightarrow sclB = B \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in *X*.

**Example 4.13.**  $fg^*s$ -closed  $\neq fw$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.12. Now  $B \in FSO(X)$ ,  $B \leq B$ , but  $clB = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not fw-closed, though B is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

### **Example 4.14.** fw-closed $\neq fg^*s$ -closed.

Consider Example 3.6 and the fuzzy set B defined by B(a) = B(b) = 0.6. Then  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy semiopen set in X containing B and so  $clB \leq 1_X \Rightarrow B$  is fw-closed in X. Again from Example 4.6, it is clear that B is fgs-open. So  $B \leq B$ , but  $sclB = 1_X \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

### **Example 4.15.** fg-closed $\Rightarrow fg^*s$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.3 and consider the fuzzy set C defined by C(a) = 0.5, C(b) = 0.7. We claim that C is fg-closed. Infact,  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing C and so  $clC \leq 1_X \Rightarrow C$  is fg-closed. Again, C is fgs-open in X. Indeed,  $1_X \setminus C \leq B \Rightarrow scl(1_X \setminus C) = 1_X \setminus C \leq B \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus C$  is fgs-closed in  $X \Rightarrow C$  is fgs-open in X. Now  $C \leq C$  and  $sclC = 1_X \nleq C \Rightarrow C$  is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

### **Example 4.16.** $fg^*s$ -closed $\neq fg$ -closed.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5, B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.6. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an fts. Then the collection of fuzzy semiopen sets in X is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A, B, U\}$  where U > A and that of fuzzy semiclosed sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus B, 1_X \setminus U\}$  where  $1_X \setminus U < 1_X \setminus A$ . Consider the fuzzy set E defined by E(a) = E(b) = 0.5. We claim that E is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. Let F be a fuzzy set defined by F(a) > 0.5, F(b) = 0.5. We first show that  $1_X \setminus F$  is fgs-closed in X. Now  $1_X \setminus F < B \in \tau$  and  $scl(1_X \setminus F) = 1_X \setminus F < B \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus F$  is fgs-closed in X. Now B is a fuzzy open set in X containing E, but  $clE = 1_X \setminus A \not\leq B \Rightarrow E$  is not fg-closed in X.

# **Example 4.17.** $fg^*s$ -closed $\Rightarrow fg\alpha$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.16. Here E is  $fg^*s$ -closed. We claim that E is not  $fg\alpha$ -closed

in X. Now  $E < B \in F \alpha O(X)$ , but  $\alpha c l E = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow E$  is not  $f g \alpha$ -closed in X.

**Example 4.18.**  $fg\alpha$ -closed  $\Rightarrow fg^*s$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.14. Here B is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B and so  $\alpha clB = 1_X \leq 1_X \Rightarrow B$  is  $fg\alpha$ -closed in X.

**Example 4.19.**  $f \alpha g$ -closed  $\neq f g^* s$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.15. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing C and so  $\alpha clC \leq 1_X \Rightarrow C$  is  $f \alpha g$ -closed in X though C is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

**Example 4.20.**  $fg^*s$ -closed  $\Rightarrow f\alpha g$ -closed. Consider Example 4.16. Here E is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. Now  $E < B \in \tau$ ,  $\alpha clE = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow E$  is not  $f\alpha g$ -closed in X.

**Example 4.21.**  $fg^*s$ -closed  $\neq fs^*g$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.12. Here B is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. Now B is fg-open in X and so  $B \leq B$ , but  $clB = 1_X \setminus A \leq B \Rightarrow B$  is not  $fs^*g$ -closed in X.

**Example 4.22.**  $fs^*g$ -closed  $\neq fg^*s$ -closed.

Consider Example 4.14. Here B is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. Now  $B \leq 1_X$  where  $1_X$  is the only fg-open set in X. Now  $clB \leq 1_X \Rightarrow B$  is  $fs^*g$ -closed in X.

5.  $fg^*s$ -continuous function in a fuzzy topological space

In this section a new type of fuzzy generalized continuity has been introduced and studied and found mutual relationships of this newly defined function with other fuzzy generalized functions defined in Section 3.

**Definition 5.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is called  $fg^*s$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X whenever  $V \in \tau_Y^c$ .

**Definition 5.2** ([6]). A function  $f: (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is called fuzzy continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_X^c$  for all  $V \in \tau_Y^c$ .

**Theorem 5.3.** If  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is fuzzy continuous, then it is  $fg^*s$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \tau_Y^c$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_X^c$ . By Theorem 4.2,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X and hence the proof.

The converse of the above theorem is not necessarily true, as seen from the following example.

**Example 5.4.**  $fg^*s$ -continuity  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy continuity.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau_X = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$ , where  $A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.55, B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.6, Y = \{c, d\}, \tau_Y = \{0_Y, 1_Y, C\}$ , where C(c) = 0.8, C(d) = 0.5. Then  $(X, \tau_X)$  and  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  are fts's. Let us consider the fuzzy function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  defined by f(a) = d, f(b) = c. We claim that f is  $fg^*s$ -continuous, but not fuzzy continuous. Consider the fuzzy set D in X defined by D(a) = 0.5, D(b) = 0.8. Now  $1_Y \setminus C \in \tau_Y^c$ .  $[f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus C)](a) = (1_Y \setminus C)f(a) = (1_Y \setminus C)(d) = 1 - C(d) = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5, [f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus C)](b) = (1_Y \setminus C)f(b) = (1_Y \setminus C)(c) = 1 - C(c) = 1 - 0.8 = 0.2$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus C) = 1_X \setminus D$  which is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X (as shown in Example 4.3), but not fuzzy closed in X.

**Theorem 5.5.** If a function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is  $fg^*s$ -continuous, then it is fgs-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \tau_Y^c$ . As f is  $fg^*s$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. By Theorem 4.5,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fgs-closed in X and hence by Definition 3.2(iv), f is fgs-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem may not be true, in general, as shown in the following example.

### **Example 5.6.** fgs-continuity $\Rightarrow fg^*s$ -continuity.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, Y = \{c, d\}, \tau_X = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}, \tau_Y = \{0_Y, 1_Y, C\}$  where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5, C(c) = C(d) = 0.6. Then  $(X, \tau_X)$  and  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  are fts's. Consider the function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  defined by f(a) = c, f(b) = d. Let *B* be a fuzzy set in *X* defined by B(a) = B(b) = 0.4. Now  $1_Y \setminus C \in \tau_Y^c$ .  $[f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus C)](a) = (1_Y \setminus C)f(a) = (1_Y \setminus C)(c) = 1 - C(c) = 1 - 0.6 = 0.4 = B(a), [f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus C)](b) = (1_Y \setminus C)f(b) = (1_Y \setminus C)(d) = 1 - C(d) = 1 - 0.6 = 0.4 = B(b)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus C) = B$  which is fgs-closed in *X*, but not  $fg^*s$ -closed in *X* as shown in Example 4.6.

**Remark 5.7.** It is clear from Definition 5.1 that  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is  $fg^*s$ continuous iff  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $fg^*s$ -open in X for every  $V \in \tau_Y$ . Also composition of two  $fg^*s$ -continuous functions may not be so as  $fg^*s$ -closed set need not be fuzzy closed as seen from Example 4.3. Also inverse image of an  $fg^*s$ -closed set under  $fg^*s$ -continuous function need not be  $fg^*s$ -closed follows from Example 5.8.

**Example 5.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau_X = \{0_X, 1_X, C\}$  where C(a) = 0.8, C(b) = 0.5. Then  $(X, \tau_X)$  is a fts. Let us consider the function  $f: (X, \tau_X) \to (X, \tau_X)$  defined by f(a) = b, f(b) = a. Now  $1_X \setminus C$  being fuzzy closed is  $fg^*s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_X)$ . Now  $[f^{-1}(1_X \setminus C)](a) = (1_X \setminus C)f(a) = (1_X \setminus C)(b) = 1 - C(b) = 0.5, [f^{-1}(1_X \setminus C)](b) = (1_X \setminus C)f(b) = (1_X \setminus C)(a) = 1 - C(a) = 0.2$ . Let D be a fuzzy set in X defined by D(a) = 0.5, D(b) = 0.2. Then  $f^{-1}(1_X \setminus C) = D$ . We claim that D is not  $fg^*s$ -closed. We first show that D is fgs-open in X, i.e.,  $1_X \setminus D$  is fgs-closed in X. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing  $1_X \setminus D$  and so  $scl(1_X \setminus D) \leq 1_X \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus D$  is fgs-closed and so D is fgs-open set in X. Again,  $D \leq D$ , but  $sclD = 1_X \not\leq D \Rightarrow D$  is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

To achieve the desire result that the composition of two  $fg^*s$ -continuous functions is  $fg^*s$ -continuous, we need to define some sort of space.

#### **Definition 5.9.** A fts $(X, \tau)$ is called

- (i)  $fT_{q^*s}$ -space if every  $fg^*s$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (ii)  $fT_b$ -space [3] if every fgs-closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (iii)  $fT_{sq}$ -space if every fsg-closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (iv)  $fT_g$ -space if every fg-closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 5.10.** Let  $(X, \tau_X)$ ,  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  and  $(Z, \tau_Z)$  be fts's where  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  be an  $fT_{g^*s}$ -space. Let  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  and  $g : (Y, \tau_Y) \to (Z, \tau_Z)$  be  $fg^*s$ -continuous functions. Then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Z, \tau_Z)$  is  $fg^*s$ -continuous.

Proof. Let  $V \in \tau_Z^c$ . As g is  $fg^*s$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in Y. As Y is  $fT_{g^*s}$ -space,  $g^{-1}(V) \in \tau_Y^c$ . Again f is  $fg^*s$ -continuous, so  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. As a result,  $g \circ f$  is  $fg^*s$ -continuous.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 5.11.** According to Definition 5.9(iv), in a  $fT_g$ -space, fg-closed set is  $fg^*s$ -closed.

**Theorem 5.12.** If a function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is  $fg^*s$ -continuous, then it is fsg-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \tau_Y^c$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. By Theorem 4.8,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fsg-closed in X and hence the result.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true, as seen from the following example.

**Example 5.13.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}, \tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, C\}$ , where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5, C(a) = C(b) = 0.6. Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X, \tau_1)$  are a fts's. Consider the identity function  $i : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau_1)$ . Let B be a fuzzy set in X defined by B(a) = B(b) = 0.4. Then  $B = 1_X \setminus C \in \tau_1^c$ . Thus  $i^{-1}(B) = B$  is fsg-closed, but not  $fg^*s$ -closed (as shown in Example 4.9).

**Remark 5.14.** fg-continuity and  $fg^*s$ -continuity are independent notions as follow from the next two examples.

**Example 5.15.** fg-continuity  $\neq fg^*s$ -continuity.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}, \tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, B\}$ , where A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.5, B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.4. The collection of fuzzy semiopen sets in X is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A, U\}$  where  $A \leq U \leq 1_X \setminus A$  and that of fuzzy semiclosed sets is  $\{0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A, 1_X \setminus U\}$  where  $A \leq 1_X \setminus U \leq 1_X \setminus A$ . Consider the identity function  $i : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau_1)$ .

Let D be a fuzzy set in X defined by D(a) = 0.5, D(b) = 0.6. Then  $D = 1_X \setminus B \in \tau_1^c$ . We claim that D is fg-closed but not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X. Now  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing D and so D is fg-closed. Now D is fgs-open in X also. Indeed,  $(1_X \setminus D)(a) = 0.5$ ,  $(1_X \setminus D)(b) = 0.4$  and  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing  $1_X \setminus D$  and so  $scl(1_X \setminus D) \leq 1_X \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus D$  is fgs-closed in X and so D is fgs-open in X and so D is fgs-open in X. Again  $D \leq D$  and  $scl D = 1_X \nleq D \Rightarrow D$  is not  $fg^*s$ -closed in X.

#### **Example 5.16.** $fg^*s$ -continuity $\Rightarrow fg$ -continuity.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where  $A(a) = 0.5, A(b) = 0.4, \tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, B\}$ where B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.6. Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X, \tau_1)$  are fts's. Consider the identity function  $i : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau_1)$ . Now  $1_X \setminus B \in \tau_1^c$ .  $i^{-1}(1_X \setminus B) = 1_X \setminus B \leq A \in$  $\tau$ , but  $cl(1_X \setminus B) = 1_X \setminus A \leq A \Rightarrow i$  is not fg-continuous. Now clearly B is fgs-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  (as  $1_X$  is the only fuzzy open set in X containing B) and so  $1_X \setminus B$  is fgsopen in  $(X, \tau)$ . Now  $1_X \setminus B \leq 1_X \setminus B$  and so  $scl(1_X \setminus B) = 1_X \setminus B \leq 1_X \setminus B \Rightarrow 1_X \setminus B$ is  $fg^*s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 5.17.** It is clear from Definition 3.2(iv) and Definition 5.1 that  $fs^*g$ -continuous function is  $fg^*s$ -continuous. But the converse may not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 5.18.**  $fg^*s$ -continuity  $\Rightarrow fs^*g$ -continuity.

Consider Example 5.16. Here  $1_X \setminus B$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  where  $1_X \setminus B \in \tau_1^c$ which shows that *i* is  $fg^*s$ -continuous. But  $1_X \setminus B \notin \tau^c$  whereas  $1_X \setminus B$  is fg-closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ . Indeed,  $1_X \setminus B \in \tau_1$  and  $cl(1_X \setminus B) = 1_X \setminus B \leq B$  and so *i* is not  $fs^*g$ -continuous.

6.  $fg^*s$ -closed and  $fg^*s$ -open functions : Some applications

In this section we have introduced and studied  $fg^*s$ -closed and  $fg^*s$ -open functions and found mutual relations with fuzzy closed [11] and fuzzy open [11] functions. Also it has been shown that fuzzy normal space remains invariant under different types of fuzzy generalized continuity defined in Section 3.

**Definition 6.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is called  $fg^*s$ -closed (resp.,  $fg^*s$ -open) function if for each fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) set U in X, f(U) is  $fg^*s$ -closed (resp.,  $fg^*s$ -open) in Y.

**Definition 6.2** ([11]). A function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is called fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) function if  $f(U) \in \tau_Y^c$  (resp.,  $f(U) \in \tau_Y$ ) for every  $U \in \tau_X^c$  (resp.,  $U \in \tau_X$ ).

**Theorem 6.3.** If  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) function, then it is  $fg^*s$ -closed (resp.,  $fg^*s$ -open) function.

*Proof.* It follows from the fact that every fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) set is  $fg^*s$ -closed (resp.,  $fg^*s$ -open) set.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true, in general, as seen from the following example.

**Example 6.4.**  $fg^*s$ -closed ( $fg^*s$ -open) function  $\neq$  fuzzy closed (resp., fuzzy open) function.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, C\}, \tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\}$  where C(a) = 0.5, C(b) = 0.8, A(a) = 0.4, A(b) = 0.55, B(a) = 0.5, B(b) = 0.6. Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(X, \tau_1)$  are fts's. Consider the identity function  $i : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau_1)$ . Here  $1_X \setminus C \in \tau^c$ . Now  $i(1_X \setminus C) = 1_X \setminus C$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$  as seen in Example 5.4, but  $1_X \setminus C \notin \tau_1^c \Rightarrow i$  is not fuzzy closed function though it is  $fg^*s$ -closed function.

Similarly  $C \in \tau$  and i(C) = C is  $fg^*s$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1)$  as  $1_X \setminus C$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$  and so i is  $fg^*s$ -open function. But  $i(C) = C \notin \tau_1$  and so i is not fuzzy open function.

**Theorem 6.5.** A bijective function  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed iff for each fuzzy set S in Y and for each  $U \in \tau_X$  such that  $f^{-1}(S) \leq U$ , then there is an  $fg^*s$ -open set V in Y such that  $S \leq V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \leq U$ .

Proof. Let S be a fuzzy set in Y and  $U \in \tau_X$  be such that  $f^{-1}(S) \leq U$ . Then  $1_X \setminus f^{-1}(S) \geq 1_X \setminus U \in \tau_X^c$ . As f is  $fg^*s$ -closed function,  $f(1_X \setminus U)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed set in Y. Now  $f(1_X \setminus U) \leq f(1_X \setminus f^{-1}(S)) = 1_Y \setminus ff^{-1}(S) = 1_Y \setminus S$  (as f is bijective)  $\Rightarrow S \leq 1_Y \setminus f(1_X \setminus U)$  which is  $fg^*s$ -open in Y. Let  $V = 1_Y \setminus f(1_X \setminus U)$ . Now  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus f(1_X \setminus U)) = 1_X \setminus f^{-1}(f(1_X \setminus U)) = U$  (as f is bijective). 656 Conversely, let  $F \in \tau_X^c$ . Then f(F) is a fuzzy set in Y. Let  $S = 1_Y \setminus f(F)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(S) = f^{-1}(1_Y \setminus f(F)) = 1_X \setminus f^{-1}f(F) = 1_X \setminus F$  (as f is bijective)  $\in \tau_X$ . By hypothesis, there is an  $fg^*s$ -open set V in Y such that  $S \leq V$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \leq 1_X \setminus F$ . Since  $1_Y \setminus f(F) \leq V$ ,

$$1_Y \setminus V \le f(F)$$

Since  $F \leq 1_X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  and f is bijective,

(6.1)

(6.2)  $f(F) \le f(1_X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) = 1_Y \setminus ff^{-1}(V) = 1_Y \setminus V.$ 

Combining (6.1) ad (6.2), we get  $f(F) = 1_Y \setminus V$  which is  $fg^*s$ -closed in  $Y \Rightarrow f$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed function.

**Theorem 6.6.** If  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  is fuzzy closed function and  $g : (Y, \tau_Y) \to (Z, \tau_Z)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed function, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Z, \tau_Z)$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed function.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \tau_X^c$ . As f is fuzzy closed function,  $f(V) \in \tau_Y^c$ . Again, g being  $fg^*s$ -closed function, g(f(V)) is  $fg^*s$ -closed set in Z. Consequently,  $g \circ f$  is  $fg^*s$ -closed function.

**Definition 6.7** ([7]). An fts  $(X, \tau)$  is called fuzzy normal space if for any two fuzzy closed sets A, B in X with  $A \not A B$ , there exist two fuzzy open sets U, V in X such that  $A \leq U, B \leq V$  and  $U \not A V$ .

**Theorem 6.8.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  be a bijective,  $fg^*s$ -continuous, fuzzy open function. If X is fuzzy normal and  $fT_{g^*s}$ -space, then Y is fuzzy normal.

Proof. Let A, B be two fuzzy closed sets in Y with  $A \not AB$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A), f^{-1}(B)$ are  $fg^*s$ -closed in X as f is  $fg^*s$ -continuous function. As X is  $fT_{g^*s}$ -space,  $f^{-1}(A), f^{-1}(B) \in \tau_X^c$ . Now we claim that  $f^{-1}(A) \not Af^{-1}(B)$ . Indeed,  $f^{-1}(A)qf^{-1}(B) \Rightarrow$ there is  $x \in X$  such that  $[f^{-1}(A)](x) + [f^{-1}(B)](x) > 1 \Rightarrow A(f(x)) + B(f(x)) > 1 \Rightarrow AqB$ , a contradiction. as  $f(x) \in Y$ . As X is fuzzy normal, there are  $U, V \in \tau_X$ such that  $f^{-1}(A) \leq U, f^{-1}(B) \leq V$  and  $U \not AV$ . As f is bijective,  $A = ff^{-1}(A) \leq f(U), B = ff^{-1}(B) \leq f(V)$ . Since f is fuzzy open function,  $f(U), f(V) \in \tau_Y$ . We claim that  $f(U) \not Af(V)$ . If, f(U)qf(V) then there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $[f(U)](y) + [f(V)](y) > 1 \Rightarrow U(f^{-1}(y)) + V(f^{-1}(y) > 1$  as f is bijective. Let  $z = f^{-1}(y)$ . Then U(z) + V(z) > 1 where  $z \in X \Rightarrow UqV$ , a contradiction. Hence  $f(U) \not Af(V) \Rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy normal space.  $\Box$ 

Now we can state the following four theorems the proofs of which are followed from Theorem 6.8 as follows.

**Theorem 6.9.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  be a bijective, fgs-continuous, fuzzy open function. If X is fuzzy normal and  $fT_b$ -space, then Y is fuzzy normal.

**Theorem 6.10.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  be a bijective, fsg-continuous, fuzzy open function. If X is fuzzy normal and  $fT_{sg}$ -space, then Y is fuzzy normal.

**Theorem 6.11.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  be a bijective, fg-continuous, fuzzy open function. If X is fuzzy normal and  $fT_q$ -space, Then Y is fuzzy normal.

**Theorem 6.12.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$  be a bijective,  $fs^*g$ -continuous, fuzzy open function. If X is fuzzy normal space, then Y is fuzzy normal space.

*Proof.* Let A, B be two fuzzy closed sets in Y with  $A \not A B$ . A and B are fg-closed in Y. As f is  $fs^*g$ -continuous function,  $f^{-1}(A), f^{-1}(B) \in \tau_X^c$ . The rest follows from Theorem 6.8.

According to referee's comment we now site examples of Definition 5.9.

### Example 6.13. $fT_q$ -space.

Let  $X = \{a\}, \tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where  $A(a) \ge 0.7$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a fts. We claim that fg-closed sets are  $0_X, 1_X, 1_X \setminus A$  only. Let us take a fuzzy set U defined by U(a) > 0.3. Then  $U \le A \in \tau$ . But  $clU = 1_X \le A \Rightarrow U$  is not fg-closed in X.

#### Example 6.14. $fT_b$ -space.

Consider Example 6.13. Here the collection of fuzzy semiopen sets in X is  $\{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  only and so the collection of fuzzy semiclosed sets is the collection of fuzzy closed sets in X and so  $(X, \tau)$  is  $fT_b$ -space.

### Example 6.15. $fT_{q^*s}$ -space.

Consider Example 6.14. Here fuzzy semiclosed sets are fuzzy closed sets only and so fgs-closed and fg-closed sets are same. Then fgs-open set is fg-open and hence fuzzy open (shown in Example 6.13) set in X. Therefore, every  $fg^*s$ -closed set in X is fg-closed and hence fuzzy closed in X (shown in Example 6.13). Consequently,  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $fT_{q^*s}$ -space.

### Example 6.16. $fT_{sq}$ -space.

Consider Example 6.14. Since here fuzzy semiopen (resp., fuzzy semiclosed) set is fuzzy open (resp., fuzzy closed), every fsg-closed set is fg-closed and hence fuzzy closed (shown in Example 6.13) in X. Consequently,  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $fT_{sg}$ -space.

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