

## On fuzzy supra-preopen sets

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we define the fuzzy closure\* and fuzzy interior \* operators. Then, we extend the notion of pre\*open (supra preopen) (pre\*closed (supra-preclosed)) sets to fuzzy topological spaces and study some notion based on this new concept. In the light of this concept, we also define fuzzy supra-precontinuous and fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) mappings. The relationships between these new concepts and others types are investigated. Counter-examples are given to show that the inverse of these relations are not true in general. In addition, some of special results and properties, which belong to fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set, fuzzy supra-precontinuous and fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) mappings are studied and discussed. The notion of fuzzy supra-preconnected are introduced.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Dealing with the uncertainties in our real life phenomena has been a critical matter in recent years. Classical set theory was not suitable in such cases. Since 1965, Zadeh [9] has introduced a more suitable set theory providing the concept "fuzzy set". A large community of Mathematicians has put their relentless efforts to the investigation of various concepts of general topology in fuzzy setting likely, [1], [2], [8] and [4].

In 2012, Selvi and Dharani, [7] introduced the concept of pre\*open (supra-preopen) sets in general topology. In this paper, we extend the notions of supra-preopen sets and closure\* and interior \* operators to fuzzy topology space and study some notions

based on these new concepts. We further study the relations between fuzzy supra-preopen sets and other kinds of fuzzy open sets. We also introduce the concepts of fuzzy supra-precontinuous, fuzzy supra-preopen and fuzzy supra-preclosed mapping and discuss their relations with other weaker forms of fuzzy continuous mappings. The concept of fuzzy supra-preconnected are introduced and some of interesting results about these new concepts are investigated.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper by  $(X, \tau)$  or simply by  $X$  we mean a fuzzy topological space (*fts*, shorty) and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  means a mapping  $f$  from a fuzzy topological space  $X$  to a fuzzy topological space  $Y$ . If  $u$  is a fuzzy set and  $p$  is a fuzzy singleton in  $X$  then  $N(p)$ ,  $\text{Int } u$ ,  $\text{cl } u$  and  $u^c$  denote respectively, the neighborhood system of  $p$ , the interior of  $u$ , the closure of  $u$  and complement of  $u$ .

Now we recall some of the basic definitions and results in fuzzy topology.

**Definition 2.1** ([3]). A fuzzy singleton  $p$  in  $X$  is a fuzzy set defined by:

$p(x) = t$ , for  $x = x_0$  and  $p(x) = 0$  otherwise, where  $0 < t \leq 1$ . The point  $p$  is said to have supported  $x_0$  and value  $t$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A fuzzy set  $u$  in a *fts*  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open [2] (resp. Fuzzy preopen [8], Fuzzy semi open [1] set, if  $u \leq \text{Int cl Int } u$  (resp.  $u \leq \text{Int cl } u$ ,  $u \leq \text{cl Int } u$ ).

The family of all fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open (resp. fuzzy preopen, fuzzy semi open) sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $F\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $FPO(X)$ ,  $FSO(X)$ ).

**Definition 2.3.** A fuzzy set  $\mu$  in a *fts*  $X$  is said to be:

- (i) Fuzzy infra-semiopen [5], if  $\eta \leq \mu \leq \text{Cl}^*(\eta)$  where  $\eta$  is fuzzy open or equivalently  $\mu \leq \text{cl}^*(\text{Int}(\mu))$ .
- (ii) Fuzzy infra-semiclosed [5], if  $\text{Int}^*(\eta) \leq \mu \leq \eta$  where  $\eta$  is fuzzy closed or equivalently  $\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(\mu)) \leq \mu$ .
- (iii) Fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -closed [6], if  $\text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(\mu))) \leq \mu$  and fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -open if  $\mu \leq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(\mu)))$ .

The family of all fuzzy infra-semiopen, fuzzy infra-semiclosed, fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -open and fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -closed sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $\text{IFSO}(X)$ ,  $\text{IFSC}(X)$ ,  $\text{IF}\alpha O(X)$  and  $\text{IF}\alpha C(X)$ , respectively.

**Definition 2.4.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be:

- (i) Fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous [2], if  $f^{-1}(v)$  is fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  for each fuzzy open set  $v$  in  $Y$ .
- (ii) Fuzzy semi continuous [1], if  $f^{-1}(v)$  is fuzzy semi open set in  $X$  for each fuzzy open set  $v$  in  $Y$ .
- (iii) Fuzzy precontinuous [2], if  $f^{-1}(v)$  is fuzzy preopen set in  $X$  for each fuzzy open set  $v$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be:

- (i) Fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -continuous [6], if  $f^{-1}(v)$  is fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -open (infra- $\alpha$ -closed) set in  $X$  for each fuzzy open (closed) set  $v$  in  $Y$ .
- (ii) Fuzzy infra-semicontinuous [5], if  $f^{-1}(v)$  is fuzzy infra-semiopen (infra-semiclosed) set in  $X$  for each fuzzy open (closed) set  $v$  in  $Y$ .

### 3. FUZZY SUPRA-PREOPEN SET

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\lambda$  any fuzzy set. Then,

- (i)  $Cl^*\lambda = \bigwedge\{\mu : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a fuzzy generalized closed set of } X\}$  is called the fuzzy closure\*.
- (ii)  $Int^*\lambda = \bigvee\{\mu : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a fuzzy generalized open set of } X\}$  is called fuzzy the interior\*.

Since every fuzzy closed set is fuzzy generalized closed and fuzzy generalized open set is fuzzy open set, we have the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\lambda$  any fuzzy set. Then,

- (1)  $\lambda \leq Cl^*\lambda \leq Cl\lambda$ .
- (2)  $Int\lambda \leq Int^*\lambda \leq \lambda$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v_4$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(a) &= 0.6, & v_1(b) &= 0.4, & v_2(a) &= 0.3, & v_2(b) &= 0.5, \\ v_3(a) &= 0.3, & v_3(b) &= 0.4, & v_4(a) &= 0.6, & v_4(b) &= 0.5. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tau = \{0_x, v_1, v_2, v_1 \vee v_2, v_1 \wedge v_2, 1_x\}$ . Clearly  $\tau$  is a fuzzy topology on  $X$ . Easy computation,

$$Int^*(v_4^c) = \bigvee \left( \begin{array}{c} 0.3 \leq x < 4 \\ 0.5 \end{array} \right) \text{ but } Int(v_4^c) = v_2, \text{ then } Int(v_4^c) \leq Int^*(v_4^c) \leq v_4^c$$

and

$$Cl^*(v_2) = \bigwedge \left( \begin{array}{c} 0.3 < x \leq 4 \\ 0.5 \end{array} \right) \text{ but } Cl(v_2) = v_4^c, \text{ then } v_2 \leq Cl^*(v_2) \leq Cl(v_2).$$

**Definition 3.4.** A fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of fuzzy space  $X$  is called fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set if  $\lambda \leq Int^* Cl\lambda$  ( $Cl^* Int\lambda \leq \lambda$ ). The class of all fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) sets in  $X$  will as denoted be  $SFPO(X)$  ( $SFPC(X)$ ).

**Theorem 3.5.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda \in SFPO(X)$  if and only if there exists a fuzzy generalized open set  $\mu$  such that  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Cl^*\lambda$ .

*Proof.* **Necessity:** If  $\lambda \in SFPO(X)$ , then  $\lambda \leq Int^* Cl\lambda$ . Put  $\mu = Int^* Cl\lambda$ . Then  $\mu$  is fuzzy generalized open set and  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Cl^*\lambda$ .

**Sufficiency:** Let  $\mu$  be fuzzy generalized open set such that  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Cl^*\lambda$ . Then  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Cl\lambda$  and  $Int^*\mu = \mu$ . Thus  $\lambda \leq Int^* Cl\lambda$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** For any fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy space  $X$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\lambda \in SFPC(X)$ .
- (2)  $Cl^* Int\lambda \leq \lambda$ .
- (3) There exists a fuzzy generalized closed set  $\mu$  such that  $Int^*\lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\lambda \in SFPC(X)$ , then  $\lambda^c \in SFPO(X)$  such that  $\lambda^c \leq Int^* Cl\lambda^c$ . Then,  $(\lambda^c)^c \leq (Int^* Cl\lambda^c)^c$ . Thus,  $Cl^* Int\lambda \leq \lambda$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose  $Cl^* Int\lambda \leq \lambda$  and let  $\mu = Cl^* Int\lambda$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy generalized closed set and  $Int^*\lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy generalized closed set such that  $Int^*\lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda$ . Then  $\lambda^c \leq \mu^c \leq Cl^*\lambda^c$ . Thus  $\lambda^c$  is fuzzy supra preopen set. So  $\lambda$  is fuzzy supra-preclosed set.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** For any fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of a fuzzy space  $X$ , the following statements are hold:

- (1) If  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Cl^*\lambda$  and  $\mu \in SFPO(X)$  if and only if  $\lambda \in SFPO(X)$ .
- (2) If  $Int^*\lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda$  and  $\mu \in SFPC(X)$  if and only if  $\lambda \in SFPC(X)$ .

*Proof.* (1) **Necessity:** If  $\mu$  is fuzzy supra-preopen set, then  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Cl^*\lambda$ . Thus  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Int^*Cl\mu \leq Int^*Cl\lambda$ . So  $\lambda \in SFPO(X)$ .

**Sufficiency:** Let  $\lambda \in SFPO(X)$  and  $\lambda \leq Int^*Cl\lambda$ . Put  $\mu = Int^*Cl\lambda$ . Then  $\mu$  is a fuzzy generalized open set. Thus,  $\mu$  is fuzzy supra-preopen set such that  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq Cl^*\lambda$ .

- (2) Easy to prove by using the same technique of proof (1).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** (1) The arbitrary union of fuzzy supra-preopen set is a fuzzy supra-preopen set. (2) The arbitrary intersection of fuzzy supra-preclosed set is a fuzzy supra-preclosed set.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\{\lambda_\alpha\}$  be family of fuzzy supra-preopen set. Then, for each  $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda_\alpha \leq Int^*Cl\lambda_\alpha$  and  $\forall \lambda_\alpha \leq \vee(Int^*Cl\lambda_\alpha) \leq Int^*Cl(\vee \lambda_\alpha)$ . Thus  $\vee \lambda_\alpha$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen set.

- (2) Obvious.  $\square$

**Remark 3.9.** The intersection (union) of fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) sets need not be fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set. These are illustrated by the following example:

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v_4$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(a) = 0.6, \quad v_1(b) = 0.4, \quad v_2(a) = 0.4, \quad v_2(b) = 0.3, \\ v_3(a) = 0.7, \quad v_3(b) = 0.6, \quad v_4(a) = 0.4, \quad v_4(b) = 0.8. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tau = \{0_x, v_1, v_2, 1_x\}$ . Clearly  $\tau$  is a fuzzy topology on  $X$ .

- $v_3$  and  $v_4$  are fuzzy supra-preopen sets. But  $(v_3 \wedge v_4)$  is not a fuzzy supra-preopen set.
- $v_3^c$  and  $v_4^c$  are fuzzy supra-preclosed sets. But  $(v_2^c \vee v_3^c)$  is not a fuzzy supra-preclosed set.

**Definition 3.11.** Let  $\lambda$  any fuzzy set, then

- (i)  $SpCl \lambda = \wedge \{\mu : \mu \geq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a fuzzy supra-preclosed set of } X\}$  is called fuzzy supra-preclosure.
- (ii)  $SpInt \lambda = \vee \{\mu : \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is a fuzzy supra-preopen set of } X\}$  is called fuzzy supra-preInterior.

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set of a fts  $X$ . Then, the following properties are true:

- (1)  $(SpInt\lambda)^c = IpCl\lambda$ .
- (2)  $(SpCl\lambda)^c = SpInt\lambda$ .
- (3)  $SpInt\lambda \leq \lambda \wedge Int^*Cl\lambda$ .
- (4)  $SpCl\lambda \geq \lambda \vee Cl^*Int\lambda$ .

*Proof.* We will prove only (1) and (4).

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad (SpInt\lambda)^c &= (\vee \{v : v \leq \lambda, v \text{ is a fuzzy supra-preopen set of } X\})^c \\ &= \wedge \{v^c : v^c \geq \lambda, v^c \text{ is a fuzzy supra-preclosed set of } X\} \\ &= SpCl\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

(4) Since  $\lambda \leq SpCl\lambda$  and  $SpCl\lambda$  is a fuzzy supra-preclosed set,  $Cl^*Int(SpCl\lambda) \leq SpCl\lambda$ . Thus,  $SpCl\lambda \geq \lambda \vee Cl^*Int\lambda$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.13.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be the fuzzy sets in fts  $X$  and  $\lambda \leq \mu$ . Then, the following statements hold:

- (1)  $SpInt(\lambda)$  is the largest fuzzy supra-preopen set contained in  $\lambda$ .
- (2)  $SpInt\lambda \leq \lambda$ .
- (3)  $SpInt\lambda \leq SpInt\mu$ .
- (4)  $SpInt(SpInt\lambda) = SpInt\lambda$ .
- (5)  $\lambda \in FP^*0(X) \Leftrightarrow SpInt\lambda = \lambda$ .

**Proposition 3.14.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be the fuzzy sets in fts  $X$  and  $\lambda \leq \mu$ . Then, the following statements hold:

- (1)  $SpCl(\lambda)$  is the smallest fuzzy supra-preclosed set containing  $\lambda$ .
- (2)  $\lambda \leq SpCl(\lambda)$ .
- (3)  $SpCl\lambda \leq SpCl\mu$ .
- (4)  $SpCl(SpCl\lambda) = SpCl\lambda$ .
- (5)  $\lambda \in SFPC(X) \Leftrightarrow SpCl\lambda = \lambda$ .

Using Proposition 3.13 and 3.14, we can easily prove the next Theorem.

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be the fuzzy sets in fts  $X$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (1)  $SpInt\lambda \vee SpInt\mu \leq SpInt(\lambda \vee \mu)$ .
- (2)  $SpInt\lambda \wedge SpInt\mu \geq SpInt(\lambda \wedge \mu)$ .
- (3)  $SpCl\lambda \vee SpCl\mu \leq SpCl(\lambda \vee \mu)$ .
- (4)  $SpCl\lambda \wedge SpCl\mu \geq SpCl(\lambda \wedge \mu)$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set of a fts  $X$ . Then,

$$Int^*\lambda \leq SpInt\lambda \leq \lambda \leq SpCl\lambda \leq Cl^*\lambda.$$

*Proof.* We know that  $Int^*\lambda \leq \lambda$ . This implies that  $SpInt(Int^*\lambda) \leq SpInt\lambda$ . Then,

$$(3.1) \quad SpInt(Int^*\lambda) = Int^*\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad Int^*\lambda \leq SpInt\lambda.$$

Also, we know that  $\lambda \leq Cl^*\lambda$ . This implies that  $SpCl\lambda \leq SpCl(Cl^*\lambda)$ . Then,

$$(3.2) \quad SpCl(Cl^*\lambda) = Cl^*\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad SpCl\lambda \leq Cl^*\lambda.$$

From 3.1 and 3.2, we obtain

$$Int^*\lambda \leq SpInt\lambda \leq \lambda \leq SpCl\lambda \leq Cl^*\lambda.$$

$\square$

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set of a fts  $X$ . Then, the following statements hold:

- (1) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy preopen (preclosed) set, then  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set.
- (2) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -open (supra- $\alpha$ -closed) set, then  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set.
- (3) If  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -open (supra- $\alpha$ -closed) set, then  $\lambda$  is a fuzzy infra-semiopen (supra-semiclosed) set.

*Proof.* It is clear from Definitions 2.2, 2.3, 3.4 and basic relations.  $\square$

The following "Implication Figure 1" illustrates the relation of different classes of fuzzy open sets.

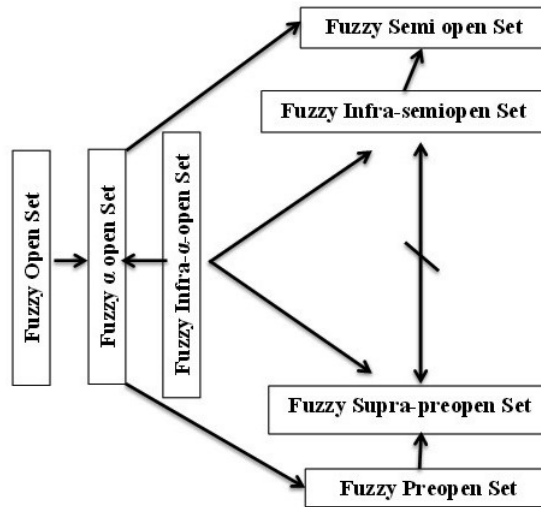


FIGURE 1.

**Remark 3.18.** The converse of these relations need not be true, in general as shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.19.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(a) &= 0.3, & v_1(b) &= 0.4, \\ v_2(a) &= 0.3, & v_2(b) &= 0.5. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tau = \{0_x, v_1, 1_x\}$ . Clearly  $\tau$  is a fuzzy topological space on  $X$ . By easy computation, we can see  $v_2$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen set which is neither a fuzzy preopen set nor a fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -open set.

**Example 3.20.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(a) &= 0.3, & v_1(b) &= 0.5, \\ v_2(a) &= 0.6, & v_2(b) &= 0.7, \\ v_3(a) &= 0.7, & v_3(b) &= 0.5. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tau = \{0_x, v_1, 1_x\}$ . Clearly  $\tau$  is a fuzzy topological space on  $X$ . By easy computation, we can see  $v_2$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen set which is neither a fuzzy infra-semiopen set nor a fuzzy open set.

#### 4. FUZZY SUPRA PRECONTINUOUS MAPPING

**Definition 4.1.** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be:

- (i) Fuzzy supra-precontinuous if  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set in  $X$  for each fuzzy open (closed) set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$ .
- (ii) Fuzzy supra-preirresolute if  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set in  $X$  for each fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) set  $\lambda$  in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** For a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy supra-precontinuous.
- (2) For every fuzzy singleton  $p$  in  $X$  and every fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(p) \leq \mu$ , there exists a fuzzy supra preopen set  $\lambda$  in  $X$  such that  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $\lambda \leq f^{-1}(\mu)$ .
- (3) For every fuzzy singleton  $p$  in  $X$  and every fuzzy open set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(p) \leq \mu$ , there exists a fuzzy supra-preopen set  $\lambda$  in  $X$  such that  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ .
- (4) The inverse image of each fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  is fuzzy supra-preclosed.
- (5)  $Cl^*Int(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq (f^{-1}(Cl\mu))$  for each  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .
- (6)  $f(ClInt^*(\lambda)) \leq Cl f(\lambda)$  for each  $\lambda$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let fuzzy singleton  $p$  be in  $X$  and every open set  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(p) \subseteq \mu$ , there exists a fuzzy open set  $m$  be in  $Y$  such that  $f(p) \leq m \leq \mu$ . Since  $f$  is supra-precontinuous,  $\lambda = f^{-1}(m)$  is fuzzy supra-preopen. Then we have

$$p \leq f^{-1}(f(p)) \leq f^{-1}(m) \leq f^{-1}(\mu)$$

or

$$p \leq \lambda = f^{-1}(m) \leq f^{-1}(\mu).$$

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let fuzzy singleton  $p$  be in  $X$  and every fuzzy open set  $\mu$  be in  $Y$  such that  $f(p) \subseteq \mu$ , there exists a fuzzy supra-preopen  $\lambda$  such that  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $\lambda \leq f^{-1}(\mu)$ . Then, we have  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq f^{-1}(f(\mu)) \leq \mu$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy open set in  $Y$  and let us take  $p \leq f^{-1}(\mu)$ . This shows that  $f(p) \leq f(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq \mu$ . Since  $\mu$  is a fuzzy open set, there exists a fuzzy supra-preopen set  $\lambda$  such that  $p \leq \lambda$  and  $f(\lambda) \leq \mu$ . Thus  $p \leq \lambda \leq f^{-1}(f(\lambda)) \leq f^{-1}(\mu)$ . So  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is fuzzy supra-precontinuous.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (4): Let  $\mu$  be fuzzy closed in  $Y$ . This implies that  $I_Y - \mu$  is a fuzzy open set. Thus  $f^{-1}(I_Y - \mu)$  is fuzzy supra-preopen set in  $X$ , i.e.,  $(I_X - f^{-1}(\mu))$  is fuzzy supra-preopen set in  $X$ . So  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy supra-preclosed set in  $X$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5): Let  $\mu$  in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(Cl \mu)$  is fuzzy supra-preclosed in  $X$ , i.e.,

$$Cl^*Int(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(Cl \mu).$$

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (6): Let  $\lambda$  in  $X$  and let  $\mu = f(\lambda)$  in  $Y$ . Then  $Cl^*Int(f^{-1}(f(\lambda))) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(f(\lambda)))$ . Thus  $Cl^*Int(\lambda) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(f(\lambda)))$ . So  $f(Cl^*Int(\lambda)) \leq Cl f(\lambda)$ .

(6) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy open set in  $Y$  and let  $\lambda = f^{-1}(\mu^c)$  in (6). Then

$$f(Cl^*Int(f^{-1}(\mu^c))) \leq Cl f(f^{-1}(\mu^c)) \leq Cl(\mu^c) = \mu^c.$$

That is  $f^{-1}(\mu^c)$  is a fuzzy supra-preclosed set in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is a supra-precontinuous mapping.  $\square$

Using the same arguments as Theorem 4.2 and Propositions 3.13 and 3.14, one can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** For a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy supra-precontinuous.
- (2) The inverse image of each fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  is fuzzy supra-preclosed.
- (3)  $f(SpCl(\lambda)) \leq Cl(f(\lambda))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $X$ .
- (4)  $SpCl(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(\mu))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .
- (5)  $f^{-1}(Int(\mu)) \leq SpCl(f^{-1}(\mu))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .

**Remark 4.4.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping, then  $gof : X \rightarrow Z$  may not be a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping, this can be shown by the following example.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  and  $v_5$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(a) &= 0.8, & v_1(b) &= 0.7, & v_1(c) &= 0.8, \\ v_2(a) &= 0.7, & v_2(b) &= 0.7, & v_2(c) &= 0.7, \\ v_3(a) &= 0.8, & v_3(b) &= 0.3, & v_3(c) &= 0.2, \\ v_4(a) &= 0.2, & v_4(b) &= 0.7, & v_4(c) &= 0.3, \\ v_5(a) &= 0.2, & v_5(b) &= 0.3, & v_5(c) &= 0.3. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $f$ ts  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  and  $\tau_3$  where  $\tau_1 = \{0_x, v_1, v_2, 1_x\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{0_x, v_3, 1_x\}$  and  $\tau_3 = \{0_x, v_4, 1_x\}$  and the mapping  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  and  $g : (X, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \tau_3)$  defined as :  $f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = a$  and  $g(a) = c, g(b) = b, g(c) = a$ . It is clear that  $f$  and  $g$  are fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping. But  $gof : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_3)$  is not a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping. This is because  $(gof)^{-1}(v_3) = v_5$  and  $v_5$  is not a fuzzy supra-preopen set and hence  $gof$  is not a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping.

**Theorem 4.6.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is a fuzzy continuous mapping, then  $gof : X \rightarrow Z$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy open set of  $Z$ . Then  $(gof)^{-1}(\mu) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\mu))$ . Since  $g$  is fuzzy continuous,  $g^{-1}(\mu)$  is a fuzzy open set of  $Y$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\mu))$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen set in  $X$ . So,  $gof$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping.  $\square$

The following "Implication Figure 2" illustrates the relation of different classes of fuzzy continuous mappings.



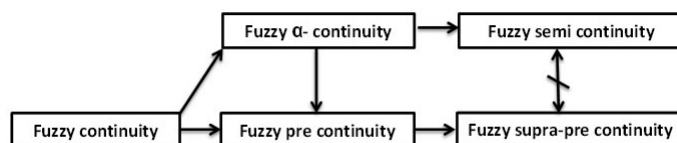


FIGURE 2.

**Remark 4.7.** We can see the converse of these relations need not be true in general as shown by the following example:

**Example 4.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  be fuzzy sets of  $X$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(a) &= 0.3, & v_1(b) &= 0.4, \\ v_2(a) &= 0.3, & v_2(b) &= 0.5, \\ v_3(a) &= 0.3, & v_3(b) &= 0.3. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $f$  and  $g$  where  $\tau_1 = \{0_x, v_1, 1_x\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{0_x, v_2, 1_x\}$  and  $\tau_3 = \{0_x, v_3, 1_x\}$  and the mapping  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  and  $g : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_3)$  defined as :  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $g(a) = a, g(b) = b$ . It is clear that :

- (1)  $f$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping which is neither a fuzzy infra- $\alpha$ -continuous (fuzzy infra-semicontinuous) mapping nor a fuzzy precontinuous mapping.
- (2)  $g$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping which is not a fuzzy semicontinuous mapping.
- (3)  $f$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous mapping which is neither a fuzzy  $\alpha$  continuous mapping nor a fuzzy continuous mapping.

**Definition 4.9.** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be fuzzy supra-preopen (Fuzzy supra-preclosed) if  $f(\lambda)$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen (fuzzy supra-preclosed) set in  $Y$  for each fuzzy open (fuzzy closed) set  $\lambda$  in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.10.** For a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen.
- (2)  $f(Int\lambda) \leq SpInt(f(\lambda))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $X$ .
- (3)  $Int(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(SpInt(\mu))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(SpCl(\mu)) \leq Cl(f^{-1}(\mu))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .
- (5)  $f(Int\lambda) \leq Int^*Cl(f(\lambda))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $f$  be a fuzzy supra-preopen mapping and  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ ,  $f(Int\lambda) \leq f(\lambda)$ . Then  $SpInt(f(Int\lambda)) \leq SpInt f(\lambda)$ . Thus,  $f(Int\lambda) \leq SpInt f(\lambda)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . We put  $f^{-1}(\mu) = \lambda$  in (2). Then we get

$$f(Int(f^{-1}(\mu))) \leq SpInt(f(f^{-1}(\mu))) \leq SpInt(\mu).$$

Thus,  $Int(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(SpInt(\mu))$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). Let  $\mu$  be a fuzzy set in  $Y$ . Then  $\mu^c$  is a fuzzy set in  $Y$ . In (3), we put  $\mu^c = \mu$ . Then we get  $\text{Int}(f^{-1}(\mu^c)) \leq f^{-1}(\text{SpInt}(\mu^c))$ . Thus,  $(\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mu)))^c \leq (f^{-1}(\text{SpCl}(\mu)))^c$ . So,  $f^{-1}(\text{SpCl}(\mu)) \leq \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mu))$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5). Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then  $(f(\lambda))^c$  is a fuzzy set in  $Y$ . Using (4), we get  $f^{-1}(\text{SpCl}((f(\lambda))^c)) \leq \text{Cl}(f^{-1}((f(\lambda))^c))$ . Thus  $(f^{-1}(\text{SpInt}(f(\lambda))))^c \leq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(f(\lambda)))^c$ . So

$$\text{Int}(\lambda) \leq f^{-1}(\text{SpInt}(f(\lambda)))$$

and

$$f(\text{Int}(\lambda)) \leq \text{SpInt}(f(\lambda)) \leq \text{Int}^* \text{Cl}(\text{SpInt}(f(\lambda))).$$

Hence,  $f(\text{Int}(\lambda)) \leq \text{Int}^* \text{Cl}(f(\lambda))$ .

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $\lambda$  be a fuzzy open set in  $X$ . By using (5), we have  $f(\lambda) \leq \text{Int}^* \text{Cl}(f(\lambda))$ . Then  $f$  is a fuzzy supra-preopen mapping.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.11.** For a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy supra-preclosed.
- (2)  $f(\text{SpCl}\mu) \leq \text{Cl}(f(\mu))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $\text{Int}(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(\text{SpInt}(\mu))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .
- (4)  $\text{Int}(f^{-1}(\mu)) \leq f^{-1}(\text{Int}^* \text{Cl}(\mu))$ , for each fuzzy set  $\mu$  in  $Y$ .

Now, we can generalize the definition of fuzzy connected in order to define fuzzy supra-preconnected as follows:

**Definition 4.12.** A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a  $fts (X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy supra-preconnected if and only if  $\lambda$  cannot be expressed as the union of two fuzzy supra-preseparated sets.

**Theorem 4.13.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy supra-precontinuous surjective mapping. If  $\eta$  is a fuzzy supra-preconnected subset in  $X$ , then  $f(\eta)$  is fuzzy connected in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* suppose that  $f(\eta)$  is not supra-preconnected in  $Y$ . Then there, exists fuzzy supra-preseparated subsets  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(\eta) = \lambda \cup \mu$ .

Since  $f$  is a fuzzy supra-precontinuous surjective mapping,  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  and  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  are fuzzy supra-preopen sets in  $X$  and  $\eta = f^{-1}(f(\eta)) = f^{-1}(\lambda \cup \mu) = f^{-1}(\lambda) \cup f^{-1}(\mu)$ . It is clear that  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  and  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  are fuzzy supra pre separated in  $X$ . Therefore,  $\eta$  is not fuzzy supra-preconnected in  $X$ , which is a contradiction!!

Hence  $f(\eta)$  is fuzzy supra-preconnected.  $\square$

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this work, we have presented some applications in fuzzy topological space. New class of operators and sets called fuzzy closure\*, fuzzy interior\* and fuzzy supra-preopen set (supra-preclosed) were introduced and its properties are studied. As an application of these new concepts, we introduced fuzzy supra precontinuous and fuzzy supra-preopen (supra-preclosed) mappings, their basic properties and their relationship with other types of them were investigated. We also defined Fuzzy supra-preconnected.

The notions of the sets and mappings in fuzzy topology were highly developed extensively in many practical engineering problems, computational fuzzy topology for fuzzy geometric design, computer-aided geometric design and mathematics science. Moreover, This study can be useful and open new windows in the study of supra preopen sets, supra-precontinuities, supra-preseparation axioms and supra-precompactness in fuzzy topological spaces.

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