

# On $\alpha$ -continuous Intuitionistic Fuzzy Multifunctions

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## ABSTRACT

In 1999, Ozbakir and Coker [23] introduced the concept intuitionistic fuzzy multifunctions and studied their lower and upper intuitionistic fuzzy semi continuity from a topological space to an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space. The present paper introduces the concept of  $\alpha$ -continuous intuitionistic fuzzy multifunctions. An Intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F$  from a topological spaces  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  to an intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces  $(Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for any  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in \text{IFO}(Y)$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap \tilde{G}_2$  there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(u) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(u) \cap \tilde{G}_2, \forall u \in U$ .  $F$  is called Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous if it has this property at each point of  $X$ . Several properties and characterizations of Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

After the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [29] in 1965 and fuzzy topology by Chang [6] in 1967, several researches were conducted on the generalizations of the notions of fuzzy sets and fuzzy topology. The concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets was introduced by Atanassov [2,3,4] as a generalization of fuzzy sets. In the last 27 years various concepts of fuzzy mathematics have been extended for intuitionistic fuzzy sets. In 1997 Coker [7] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces as a generalization of fuzzy topological spaces. In 1999, Ozbakir and Coker [23] introduced the concept intuitionistic fuzzy multifunctions and studied their lower and upper intuitionistic fuzzy semi continuity from a topological space to an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space. In the present paper we introduce the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions and obtain some of their characterizations and properties.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $(Y, \Gamma)$  represents a topological space and an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space respectively. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called Semi open [11] (resp.  $\alpha$ -open[19]) if  $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$  (resp.  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)))$ ). The complement of a semi open (resp.  $\alpha$ -open) set is called semi closed

(resp.  $\alpha$ -closed). Every open (resp. closed) set is  $\alpha$ -open (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed) and every  $\alpha$ -open (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed) set is semi open ( resp. semi closed) ,but the converses may not be true..The family of all  $\alpha$ -open (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed) subsets of topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is denoted by  $\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $\alpha C(X)$ ). The intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi closed) sets of  $X$  containing a set  $A$  of  $X$  is called the  $\alpha$ -closure [14 ] (resp. semi closure ) of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\alpha \text{Cl}(A)$  ( resp.  $s\text{Cl}(A)$ ). The union of all  $\alpha$ -open (resp. semi open) sub sets of  $A$  of  $X$  is called the  $\alpha$ -interior [14] (resp. semi interior) of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\alpha \text{Int}(A)$  ( resp.  $s\text{Int}(A)$ ) . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi closed) if and only if  $A \supset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$  (resp.  $A \supset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$ ). A subset  $N$  of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called a  $\alpha$ -neighborhood [14] of a point  $x$  of  $X$  if there exists a  $\alpha$ -open set  $O$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in O \subset N$ .  $A$  is a  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$  if and only if it is a  $\alpha$ -neighborhood of each of its points. A subset  $V$  of  $X$  is called a  $\alpha$ -neighborhood of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  if there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $A \subset U \subset V$ . A mapping  $f$  from a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  to another topological space  $(X^*, \mathcal{T}^*)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -continuous [15, 16] if the inverse image of every open set of  $X^*$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Every continuous mapping is  $\alpha$ -continuous but the converse may not be true [15]. A multifunction  $F$  from a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  to another topological space  $(X^*, \mathcal{T}^*)$  is said to be lower  $\alpha$ -continuous [18] (resp. upper  $\alpha$ -continuous[18]) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for every  $\alpha$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  and for any open set  $W$  of  $X^*$  such that  $F(x_0) \cap W \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $F(x_0) \subset W$ ) there is a  $\alpha$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $F(x) \cap W \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $F(x) \subset W$ ) for every  $x \in U$ .

**Lemma 2.1[25]:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . Then:

- (a)  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $X \Leftrightarrow s\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) \subset A$ ;
- (b)  $s\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) = \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$ ;
- (c)  $\alpha \text{Cl}(A) = A \cup \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$ .

**Lemma 2.2[25]:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent :

- (a)  $A \in \alpha O(X)$
- (a)  $U \subset A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U))$  for some open set  $U$ .
- (b)  $U \subset A \subset s\text{Cl}(U)$  for some open set  $U$ .
- (c)  $A \subset s\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ .

**Definition 2.1 [2, 3, 4]:** Let  $Y$  be a nonempty fixed set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  in  $Y$  is an object having the form

$$\tilde{A} = \{ \langle x, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle \mid y \in Y \}$$

where the functions  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}:Y \rightarrow I$  and  $\nu_{\tilde{A}}:Y \rightarrow I$  denotes the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(y)$ ) and the degree of non membership (namely  $\nu_{\tilde{A}}(y)$ ) of each element  $y \in Y$  to the set  $\tilde{A}$  respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) + \nu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \leq 1$  for each  $y \in Y$ .

**Definition 2.2 [2, 3, 4]:** Let  $Y$  be a nonempty set and the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be in the form

- $\tilde{A} = \{ \langle y, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ ,  
 $\tilde{B} = \{ \langle y, \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y), \nu_{\tilde{B}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$  and let  $\{ \tilde{A}_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda \}$  be an arbitrary family of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $Y$ . Then:
- (a)  $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$  if  $\forall y \in Y [ \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \leq \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y) \text{ and } \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \geq \nu_{\tilde{B}}(y) ]$ ;
  - (b)  $\tilde{A} = \tilde{B}$  if  $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$  and  $\tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{A}$  ;
  - (c)  $\tilde{A}^c = \{ \langle y, \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ ;
  - (d)  $\tilde{0} = \{ \langle y, 0, 1 \rangle : y \in Y \}$  and  $\tilde{1} = \{ \langle y, 1, 0 \rangle : y \in Y \}$ ;
  - (e)  $\cap \tilde{A}_\alpha = \{ \langle y, \wedge \mu_{\tilde{A}_\alpha}(y), \vee \nu_{\tilde{A}_\alpha}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ ;
  - (f)  $\cup \tilde{A}_\alpha = \{ \langle y, \vee \mu_{\tilde{A}_\alpha}(y), \wedge \nu_{\tilde{A}_\alpha}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ ;

**Definition 2.3 [8] :**Two Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  are said to be quasi coincident ( $\tilde{A} q \tilde{B}$  for short) if  $\exists y \in Y$  such that  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) > \nu_{\tilde{B}}(y)$  or  $\nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) < \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)$ .

**Lemma 2.3[8]:** For any two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ,  $(\tilde{A} q \tilde{B}) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}^c$ .

**Definition 2.4 [7]:** An intuitionistic fuzzy topology on a non empty set  $Y$  is a family  $\Gamma$  of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $Y$  which satisfy the following axioms:

- (O<sub>1</sub>).  $\tilde{0}, \tilde{1} \in \Gamma$ ,
- (O<sub>2</sub>).  $\tilde{A}_1 \cap \tilde{A}_2 \in \Gamma$ , for any  $\tilde{A}_1, \tilde{A}_2 \in \Gamma$ ,
- (O<sub>3</sub>).  $\cup \tilde{A}_\alpha$  for any family  $\{ \tilde{A}_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda \} \in \Gamma$ .

In this case the pair  $(Y, \Gamma)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space and each intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $\Gamma$ , is known as an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in  $Y$ . The complement  $\tilde{A}^c$  of an intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{A}$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.5 [7]:** Let  $(Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space and  $\tilde{A}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $Y$ . Then the interior and closure of  $\tilde{A}$  are defined by:

$$\text{cl}(\tilde{A}) = \cap \{ \tilde{K} : \tilde{K} \text{ is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in } Y \text{ and } \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{K} \},$$

$$\text{int}(\tilde{A}) = \cup \{ \tilde{G} : \tilde{G} \text{ is an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in } Y \text{ and } \tilde{G} \subseteq \tilde{A} \}.$$

**Definition 2.6 [23]:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two non empty sets. A function  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction if  $F(x)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $Y$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.7 [27]:** Let  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $F(A) = \cup_{x \in A} F(x)$ .

**Definition 2.8 [23]:** Let  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction. Then the upper inverse  $F^+(\tilde{A})$  and lower inverse  $F^-(\tilde{A})$  of an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  in  $Y$  are defined as follows:

$$F^+(\tilde{A}) = \{ x \in X : F(x) \subseteq \tilde{A} \}$$

$$F^-(\tilde{A}) = \{ x \in X : F(x) q \tilde{A} \}.$$

**Definition 2.9 [23]:** An Intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be:

- (a) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous [28] (Intuitionistic fuzzy upper semi continuous[23]) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for any intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset \tilde{W}$  there exists an  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  (resp. open set  $U \subset X$ ) containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(U) \subset \tilde{W}$ .
- (b) Intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous ( resp. Intuitionistic fuzzy lower semi continuous) at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for any intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) q \tilde{W}$  there exists an  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  (resp. open set  $U \subset X$ ) containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(x) q \tilde{W}, \forall x \in \tilde{W}$ .
- (c) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous Intuitionistic fuzzy upper semi-continuous, intuitionistic fuzzy lower semi-continuous) if it is intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous intuitionistic fuzzy upper semi-continuous, intuitionistic fuzzy lower semi-continuous) at each point of  $X$ .

### 3. $\alpha$ -COCONTINUOUS INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY MULTIFUNCTIONS

**Definition 3.1:** An Intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be:

- (a) Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for any  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x_0) \cap \tilde{G}_2$  there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(U) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(U) \cap \tilde{G}_2, \forall u \in U$ .
- (b) Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous if it has this property at each point of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.1:** If  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous then  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous and intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous .

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction, Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$ ;
- (b) for any  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x) q \tilde{G}_2$ , there result the relation  $x \in sCl( \text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)))$ .
- (c) for every  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x) q \tilde{G}_2$ , and for any semi-open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $G_U \subset U$ , such that  $F(G_U) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(u) q \tilde{G}_2, \forall u \in G_U$ .

**Proof. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):** Let  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  with  $F(x) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x) q \tilde{G}_2, \exists U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(u) q \tilde{G}_2, \forall u \in U$ . Thus,  $x \in U \subset F^+(\tilde{G}_1)$  and  $x \in U \subset F^-(\tilde{G}_2)$ . Therefore  $x \in U \subset F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)$ .

Since  $U \in \alpha O(X)$ . By Lemma 2.2 we have

$$x \in U \subset sCl(\text{Int}U) \subset sCl(\text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2))).$$

**(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c):** Let  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  with  $F(x) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x) q \tilde{G}_2$ . Then  $x \in sCl(\text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)))$ . Let  $U$  be any semi-

open subset of  $X$  containing  $x$ . Then  $U \cap \text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)) \neq \emptyset$ . Put  $G_U = \text{Int}(\text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)) \cap U)$ , then  $G_U \neq \emptyset$ ,  $G_U \subset U$ ,  $G_U \subset \text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1)) \subset F^+(\tilde{G}_1)$  and  $G_U \subset \text{Int}(F^-(\tilde{G}_2)) \subset F^-(\tilde{G}_2)$ . And thus  $F(G_U) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(u)q\tilde{G}_2, \forall u \in G_U$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Let  $\{U_x\}$  be the family of semi-open sets of  $X$  containing  $x$ . For any semi-open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and for every  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  with  $F(x) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x)q\tilde{G}_2$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $G_U \subset U$  such that  $F(G_U) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(u)q\tilde{G}_2, \forall u \in G_U$ . Let  $W = \cup \{G_U : U \in U_x\}$ . Then  $W$  is open in  $X$ ,  $x \in sCl(W)$ ,  $F(w) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(w)q\tilde{G}_2$ , for every  $w \in W$ . Put  $S = W \cup \{x\}$ , then  $W \subset S \subset sCl(W)$  thus  $W \in \alpha O(X)$ ,  $x \in S$ ,  $F(S) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(t)q\tilde{G}_2, \forall t \in S$ . Hence  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .

**Definition 3.2:** Let  $\tilde{A}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \Gamma)$ . Then  $\tilde{V}$  is said to be a neighbourhood of  $\tilde{A}$  in  $Y$  if there exists an intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $U$  of  $Y$  such that  $\tilde{A} \subset \tilde{U} \subset \tilde{V}$ .

**Definition 3.3:** Let  $(Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space, an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{V}$  is called a semi  $q$ -neighbourhood of an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  of  $Y$  if  $\exists \tilde{a} \tilde{U} \in IFSO(Y)$  such that  $\tilde{A}q\tilde{U} \subset \tilde{V}$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Let  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction, Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous.
- (b)  $F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2) \in \alpha O(X)$ , for every  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$
- (c)  $F^+(\tilde{V}_2) \cup F^-(\tilde{V}_1) \in \alpha C(X)$ , For any  $\tilde{V}_1, \tilde{V}_2 \in IFC(Y)$ .
- (d)  $sInt(Cl(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(\tilde{B}_2))) \subset F^-(Cl\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(Cl\tilde{B}_2)$ , for any pair of intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $\tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2$  of  $Y$ .
- (e)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(\tilde{B}_2)) \subset F^-(Cl\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(Cl\tilde{B}_2)$ , for any pair of intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $\tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2$  of  $Y$ .
- (f)  $\alpha Int(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cap F^+(\tilde{B}_2)) \supset F^-(Int\tilde{B}_1) \cap F^+(Int\tilde{B}_2)$ , for any pair of intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $\tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2$  of  $Y$ .
- (g) For each point  $x$  of  $X$  for each neighbourhood  $\tilde{V}_1$  of  $F(x)$  and for each  $q$ -neighbourhood  $\tilde{V}_2$  of  $F(x)$ ,  $F^+(\tilde{V}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{V}_2)$  is a  $\alpha$ -neighbourhood of  $x$ .

**Proof:** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let any  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  and  $x \in F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)$ , thus  $F(x) \subset \tilde{G}_1$  and  $F(x)q\tilde{G}_2$ . Since  $F$  being intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous according to the theorem 3.2 (b). There follows that  $x \in sCl(\text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)))$ . And as  $x$  is chosen arbitrarily in  $F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)$ , we have  $F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2) \subset sCl(\text{Int}(F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2)))$  and thus  $F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2) \in \alpha O(X)$  by Lemma 2.2.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). It follows from Theorem 3.2 [27] (c) and (d).

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d). Suppose that (c) holds and let  $\tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2$  be two intuitionistic fuzzy sets of  $Y$ . Then  $Cl(\tilde{B}_1) \in IFC(Y)$ ,  $Cl(\tilde{B}_2) \in IFC(Y)$  and thus by (c)  $F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}_1)) \cup F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}_2)) \in \alpha C(X)$ . Hence by Lemma 2.1(a),  $sInt[Cl(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}_1)) \cup F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}_2)))] \subset$

$F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}_1)) \cup F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}_2))$ . Now  $\tilde{B}_1 \subset Cl(\tilde{B}_1)$  and  $\tilde{B}_2 \subset Cl(\tilde{B}_2)$  By Theorem 3.2 [27] (e) and (f)  $F^+(\tilde{B}_2) \subset F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}_2))$  and  $F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}_1))$ . Consequently,  $sInt(Cl(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(\tilde{B}_2))) \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}_1)) \cup F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}_2))$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e). Suppose (d) hold. Since  $\alpha Cl(A) = A \cup sInt(Cl(A))$  for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ , it follows that,  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(\tilde{B}_2)) = (F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(\tilde{B}_2)) \cup sInt(Cl(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(\tilde{B}_2))) \subset (F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(\tilde{B}_2)) \cup (F^-(Cl\tilde{B}_1) \cup F^+(Cl\tilde{B}_2)) \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}_1)) \cup F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}_2))$ .

(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (f).  $\alpha Int(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cap F^+(\tilde{B}_2))^c = \alpha Cl((F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cap F^+(\tilde{B}_2))^c) = \alpha Cl((F^-(\tilde{B}_1))^c \cup (F^+(\tilde{B}_2))^c) = \alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{B}_1)^c \cup F^-(\tilde{B}_2)^c) \subset F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}_1)^c) \cup F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}_2)^c) = F^+(Int\tilde{B}_1)^c \cup F^-(Int\tilde{B}_2)^c = (F^-(Int\tilde{B}_1) \cap F^+(Int\tilde{B}_2))^c$ . And thus  $\alpha Int(F^-(\tilde{B}_1) \cap F^+(\tilde{B}_2)) \supset F^-(Int\tilde{B}_1) \cap F^+(Int\tilde{B}_2)$ .

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (g). Let  $x \in X$ ,  $\tilde{V}_1$  is a neighbourhood of  $F(x)$  and  $\tilde{V}_2$  is a  $q$ -neighbourhood of  $F(x)$ . Then  $\exists \tilde{U}_1, \tilde{U}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{U}_1 \subset \tilde{V}_1$  and  $F(x)q\tilde{U}_2 \subset \tilde{V}_2$ . Therefore,  $x \in F^+(\tilde{U}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{U}_2)$ . Therefore, by hypothesis  $x \in F^+(\tilde{U}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{U}_2) = F^+(Int\tilde{U}_1) \cap F^-(Int\tilde{U}_2) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(\tilde{U}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{U}_2)) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(\tilde{V}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{V}_2)) \subset (F^+(\tilde{V}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{V}_2))$ .

It follows that  $F^+(\tilde{V}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{V}_2)$  is  $\alpha$ -neighbourhood of  $x$ .

(g)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Obvious.

**Definition 3.4:** An intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is called :

- (a) intuitionistic fuzzy strongly lower semi-continuous  $F^-(\tilde{B})$  is a open set in  $X$  if for each intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ .
- (b) intuitionistic fuzzy strongly upper semi-continuous if  $F^+(\tilde{B})$  is a open set in  $X$  if for each intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** Let  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous and intuitionistic fuzzy strongly lower semi-continuous intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction then  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2 \in IFO(Y)$  Now  $F$  being intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous, and  $\tilde{G}_1 \in IFO(Y)$ ,  $F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \in \alpha O(X)$  by theorem 4.1[28]. Again  $F$  being intuitionistic fuzzy strongly lower semi-continuous,  $F^-(\tilde{G}_2)$  is an open set in  $X$ . Hence  $F^+(\tilde{G}_1) \cap F^-(\tilde{G}_2) \in \alpha O(X)$  and by Theorem 3.3,  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $F: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous and intuitionistic fuzzy strongly upper semi-continuous intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction then  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Obvious.

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