

AN INTRODUCTION TO INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES
IN SOSTAK'S SENSE

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Abstract: In this paper we introduce intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces in Sostak's sense and define the fuzzy compactness spectrum by means of right fuzzy inclusion.

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1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh [15], and later Chang [4] defined fuzzy topological spaces. These spaces and its generalizations are later studied by several authors, one of which, developed by Sostak [13,14], used the idea of degree of openness. This type of generalization of a fts was later rephrased by Chattopadhyay, Hazra and Samanta in 1992 [5], and by Ramadan in 1992 [12] (cf. [10] also) (He generalized the same idea under the name of "smooth topological space" using lattices in the following manner: Let L and L' be two lattices which will be copies of $[0,1]$ and $[0,1]$, respectively. Then, a smooth topological space is a pair (X, τ) , where X is a nonempty set and $\tau : L \rightarrow L'$ is a mapping satisfying (T1), (T2) and (T3).)

In 1983, Atanassov introduced the concept of "intuitionistic fuzzy set" [1,2,3]. Using this type of generalized fuzzy set, Çoker [6,7] defined "intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces".

2. Preliminaries

For the sake of completeness, first we give the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy set defined by Atanassov:

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Definition 2.1. [1,2,3] Let X be a nonempty fixed set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS for short) A is an object having the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$$

where the functions $\mu_A : X \rightarrow I$ and $\gamma : X \rightarrow I$ denote the degree of membership (namely $\mu_A(x)$) and the degree of nonmembership (namely $\gamma_A(x)$) of each element $x \in X$ to the set A , respectively, and $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1$ for each $x \in X$.

Definition 2.2. [3,6,7] Let X be a nonempty set, and the IFS's A and B in X be in the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}, B = \{ \langle x, \mu_B(x), \gamma_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}.$$

Furthermore, let $\{A_i : i \in J\}$ be an arbitrary family of IFS's in X . Then

- (a) $A \subseteq B$ iff $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$ and $\gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x)$ for all $x \in X$;
- (b) $A = B$ iff $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$;
- (c) $\bar{A} = \{ \langle x, \gamma_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$;
- (d) $\bigcap A_i = \{ \langle x, \bigwedge \mu_{A_i}(x), \bigvee \gamma_{A_i}(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$;
- (e) $\bigcup A_i = \{ \langle x, \bigvee \mu_{A_i}(x), \bigwedge \gamma_{A_i}(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$;
- (f) $[A] = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), 1 - \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$;
- (g) $\langle A \rangle = \{ \langle x, 1 - \gamma_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$;
- (h) $\underline{0} = \{ \langle x, 0, 1 \rangle : x \in X \}$ and $\underline{1} = \{ \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle : x \in X \}$.

Here are the basic properties of inclusion and complementation:

Corollary 2.3. [6,7] Let A, B, C be IFS's in X . Then

- (a) $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C \implies A \subseteq C$
- (b) $A \subseteq B$ and $C \subseteq D \implies A \cup C \subseteq B \cup D$ and $A \cap C \subseteq B \cap D$
- (c) $A_i \subseteq B$ for each $i \in J \iff \bigcup A_i \subseteq B$
- (d) $B \subseteq A_i$ for each $i \in J \iff B \subseteq \bigcap A_i$
- (e) $\overline{\bigcup A_i} = \bigcap \bar{A}_i$
- (f) $\overline{\bigcap A_i} = \bigcup \bar{A}_i$
- (g) $A \subseteq B \iff \bar{B} \subseteq \bar{A}$
- (h) $(\bar{A})^- = A$
- (i) $\bar{\underline{1}} = \underline{0}$
- (j) $\overline{\underline{0}} = \underline{1}$

Here we define the preimages and images of IFS's under the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$:

Definition 2.4. [6,7]

(a) If $B = \{ \langle y, \mu_B(y), \gamma_B(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ is an IFS in Y , then the preimage of B under f , denoted by $f^{-1}(B)$, is the IFS in X defined by

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{ \langle x, f^{-1}(\mu_B)(x), f^{-1}(\gamma_B)(x) \rangle : x \in X \}.$$

(b) If $A = \{ \langle x, \lambda_A(x), \vartheta_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ is an IFS in X , then the image of A under f , denoted by $f(A)$, is the IFS in Y defined by

$$f(A) = \{ \langle y, f(\lambda_A)(y), f_{-}(\vartheta_A)(y) \rangle : y \in Y \},$$

where $f_{-}(\vartheta_A) = 1 - f(1 - \vartheta_A)$.

Corollary 2.5. [6,7] Let A, A_i ($i \in J$) be IFS's in X , B, B_j ($j \in K$) IFS's in Y and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a function. Then

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| (a) $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \implies f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$ | (b) $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \implies f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$ |
| (c) $f^{-1}(UB_j) = Uf^{-1}(B_j)$ | (d) $f^{-1}(\cap B_j) = \cap f^{-1}(B_j)$ |
| (e) $f^{-1}(\overline{B}) = \overline{f^{-1}(B)}$ | |

3. Fuzzy inclusion in the intuitionistic sense

Given the nonempty set X , we shall denote the family of all IFS's in X by the symbol \mathcal{F}^X . Now we shall present a supplementary tool, called "intuitionistic fuzzy pair" which is first introduced in [8]:

Definition 3.1. [8] Let a and b be two real numbers in $[0,1]$ satisfying the inequality $a+b \leq 1$. Then the pair $\langle a, b \rangle$ is called an intuitionistic fuzzy pair.

Let $\langle a_1, b_1 \rangle, \langle a_2, b_2 \rangle$ be two intuitionistic fuzzy pairs. Then we define

- (a) $\langle a_1, b_1 \rangle \leq \langle a_2, b_2 \rangle \iff a_1 \leq a_2$ and $b_1 \geq b_2$.
- (b) $\langle a_1, b_1 \rangle = \langle a_2, b_2 \rangle \iff \langle a_1, b_1 \rangle \leq \langle a_2, b_2 \rangle$ and $\langle a_1, b_1 \rangle \geq \langle a_2, b_2 \rangle$.
- (c) If $\{ \langle a_i, b_i \rangle : i \in J \}$ is a family of intuitionistic fuzzy pairs, then

$$\vee \langle a_i, b_i \rangle = \langle \vee a_i, \wedge b_i \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \wedge \langle a_i, b_i \rangle = \langle \wedge a_i, \vee b_i \rangle.$$

Definition 3.2. [8] The complement of an intuitionistic fuzzy pair $\langle a, b \rangle$ is the intuitionistic fuzzy pair defined by $\overline{\langle a, b \rangle} = \langle b, a \rangle$.

Definition 3.3. [8] $1^{\sim} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ and $0^{\sim} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$.

Here comes a corollary stating the relations between intuitionistic fuzzy pairs:

Corollary 3.4. [8]

- (1) $\langle a, b \rangle \leq \langle c, d \rangle$ and $\langle c, d \rangle \leq \langle e, f \rangle \implies \langle a, b \rangle \leq \langle e, f \rangle$;
- (2) $\langle a, b \rangle \leq \langle c_i, d_i \rangle$ for each $i \in J \implies \langle a, b \rangle \leq \bigwedge \langle c_i, d_i \rangle$;
- (3) $\langle c_i, d_i \rangle \leq \langle a, b \rangle$ for each $i \in J \implies \bigvee \langle c_i, d_i \rangle \leq \langle a, b \rangle$;
- (4) $\overline{\langle a, b \rangle} \leq \overline{\langle c, d \rangle} \iff \langle a, b \rangle \geq \langle c, d \rangle$;
- (5) $\overline{\bigvee \langle c_i, d_i \rangle} = \bigwedge \overline{\langle c_i, d_i \rangle}$; (6) $\overline{\bigwedge \langle c_i, d_i \rangle} = \bigvee \overline{\langle c_i, d_i \rangle}$.

Definition 3.5. [8] Let X be a nonempty set. Then the right fuzzy inclusion, denoted by \preceq , is the IFS on $\mathcal{F}^X \times \mathcal{F}^X$ defined by

$$\mu_{\preceq}(A, B) = \inf\{(\gamma_A \vee \mu_B)(x) : x \in X\} \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma_{\preceq}(A, B) = \sup\{(\mu_A \wedge \gamma_B)(x) : x \in X\},$$

for each $A, B \in \mathcal{F}^X$. Here $\mu_{\preceq}(A, B)$ denotes the degree of inclusion of A in B , while $\gamma_{\preceq}(A, B)$ denotes the degree of noninclusion of A in B .

It is easy to show that the pair $\langle \mu_{\preceq}(A, B), \gamma_{\preceq}(A, B) \rangle$ is indeed an intuitionistic fuzzy pair:

Definition 3.6. [8] For any two IFS's $A, B \in \mathcal{F}^X$, the intuitionistic fuzzy pair $\langle \mu_{\preceq}(A, B), \gamma_{\preceq}(A, B) \rangle$ will be denoted by $[A \preceq B]$, i.e.

$$[A \preceq B] = \langle \mu_{\preceq}(A, B), \gamma_{\preceq}(A, B) \rangle .$$

Here we list some of the basic properties of right fuzzy inclusion:

Proposition 3.7. [8] Assume that A, B, C, D are IFS's in X . Then the following properties hold:

- (1) If $A \leq B$ and $C \geq D$, then $[A \preceq C] \geq [B \preceq D]$.
- (2) $[\bar{A} \preceq \bar{B}] = [B \preceq A]$ (3) $[A \cup B \preceq C \cap D] \leq [A \preceq C] \wedge [B \preceq D]$
- (4) $[A \preceq C] \vee [B \preceq D] \leq [A \cap B \preceq C \cup D]$ (5) $[A \cap \bar{B} \preceq Q] = [A \preceq B] = [1 \preceq \bar{A} \cup B]$
- (6) If $\{B_i : i \in J\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}^X$, then

$$\bigwedge [A \subseteq B_i] = [A \subseteq \bigcap B_i] \quad \text{and} \quad \bigwedge [B_i \subseteq A] = [\bigcup B_i \subseteq A].$$

Now we present the properties of fuzzy inclusion related to images and preimages:

Proposition 3.8. [8] Assume that A, B are IFS's in X and C, D are IFS's in Y . If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function, then the following properties hold:

- (1) $[A \subseteq B] \leq [f(A) \subseteq f(B)]$. If, furthermore, f is injective, then $[A \subseteq B] = [f(A) \subseteq f(B)]$.
- (2) $[C \subseteq D] \leq [f^{-1}(C) \subseteq f^{-1}(D)]$. If, furthermore, f is surjective, then $[C \subseteq D] = [f^{-1}(C) \subseteq f^{-1}(D)]$.
- (3) $[A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))] \leq [f(A) \subseteq f(A)]$, $[f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq A] \leq [A \subseteq A]$,
 $[f(f^{-1}(C)) \subseteq C] \leq [f^{-1}(C) \subseteq f^{-1}(C)]$, $[C \subseteq f(f^{-1}(C))] \leq [C \subseteq C]$.
- (4) $[f(A) \subseteq C] = [A \subseteq f^{-1}(C)]$.
- (5) If $\{C_i : i \in J\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}^Y$, then
 $[f(A) \subseteq \bigcup C_i] = [A \subseteq \bigcup f^{-1}(C_i)]$.
- (6) If $\{A_i : i \in J\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}^X$, then
 $[f(\bigcap A_i) \subseteq C] = [\bigcap A_i \subseteq f^{-1}(C)]$.

In order to obtain intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces we need to define the concept "intuitionistic fuzzy family":

Definition 3.9. [8] An IFS \mathcal{F} on the set \mathcal{P}^X is called an intuitionistic fuzzy family (IFF for short) on X . In symbols, we shall denote such an IFF in the form $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mu_{\mathcal{F}}, \gamma_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle$.

Definition 3.10. [8] Let \mathcal{F} be an IFF on X . Then the IFF of complemented IFS's on X is defined by $\mathcal{F}^* = \langle \mu_{\mathcal{F}^*}, \gamma_{\mathcal{F}^*} \rangle$, where

$$\mu_{\mathcal{F}^*}(A) = \mu_{\mathcal{F}}(\bar{A}) \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_{\mathcal{F}^*}(A) = \gamma_{\mathcal{F}}(\bar{A})$$

for each $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$.

4. Intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces in Sostak's sense

Now we give the basic definitions and properties of intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces in Sostak's sense, which is a generalized form of "fuzzy topological spaces" developed by Sostak [13,14]. For the sake of brevity, we shall use the following notation: If τ is an IFF on X , then, for any $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$, we can construct

the intuitionistic fuzzy pair $\langle \mu_\tau(A), \gamma_\tau(A) \rangle$, and use the symbol

$$\tau(A) = \langle \mu_\tau(A), \gamma_\tau(A) \rangle.$$

Definition 4.1. An intuitionistic fuzzy topology in Sostak's sense (So-IFT for short) on a nonempty set X is an IFF τ on X satisfying the following axioms:

$$(T1) \quad \tau(\underline{0}) = 1^\sim \quad \text{and} \quad \tau(\underline{1}) = 1^\sim;$$

$$(T2) \quad \tau(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq \tau(A_1) \wedge \tau(A_2) \quad \text{for any } A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{P}^X;$$

$$(T3) \quad \tau(\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i) \geq \bigwedge \tau(A_i) \quad \text{for any } \{A_i : i \in J\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^X.$$

In this case the pair (X, τ) is called an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space in Sostak's sense (So-IFTS for short). For any $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$, the number $\mu_\tau(A)$ is called the openness degree of A , while $\gamma_\tau(A)$ is called the nonopenness degree of A .

Definition 4.2. Let $(X, \tau_1), (X, \tau_2)$ be two So-IFTS's on X . Then τ_1 is said to be contained in τ_2 (in symbols, $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$) if $\tau_1(A) \leq \tau_2(A)$ for each $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$. In this case, we also say that τ_1 is coarser than τ_2 , or τ_2 is finer than τ_1 .

Proposition 4.3. Let $\{\tau_i : i \in J\}$ be a family of So-IFT's on X . Then the IFS $\bigwedge \tau_i$ on \mathcal{P}^X defined by

$$(\bigwedge \tau_i)(A) = \bigwedge \{\tau_i(A) : i \in J\},$$

where $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$, is a So-IFT on X . Furthermore, $\bigwedge \tau_i$ is the coarsest So-IFT on X containing all τ_i 's.

Definition 4.4. Let (X, τ) be a So-IFTS on X . Then the IFF's

$$(a) \quad [\]\tau,$$

$$(b) \quad \langle \rangle\tau$$

defined on X by

$$([\]\tau)(A) = \langle \mu_\tau(A), 1 - \mu_\tau(A) \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad (\langle \rangle\tau)(A) = \langle 1 - \gamma_\tau(A), \gamma_\tau(A) \rangle$$

are also So-IFT's on X .

Proposition 4.5. If (X, τ) is a So-IFTS on X , then we have

$$[\]\tau \leq \tau \leq \langle \rangle\tau.$$

A So-IFTS (X, τ) is, of course, in the sense of Chang. Now we can obtain the definition of a So-IFTS in the sense of Lowen [11], too:

Definition 4.6. A So-IFTS in the sense of Lowen is a pair (X, τ) where (X, τ) is a So-IFTS and for each IFS in the form

$$c_{\alpha, \beta} = \{ \langle x, \alpha, \beta \rangle : x \in X \},$$

where $\alpha, \beta \in I$ are arbitrary ($\alpha + \beta \leq 1$), we have $\tau(c_{\alpha, \beta}) = 1^{\sim}$.

Definition 4.7. Let (X, τ) be a So-IFTS on X . Then the IFF τ^* of complemented IFS's on X is defined by $\tau^*(A) = \tau(\bar{A})$. The number $\mu_{\tau^*}(A) = \mu_{\tau}(\bar{A})$ is called the closedness degree of A , while $\gamma_{\tau^*}(A) = \gamma_{\tau}(\bar{A})$ is called the nonclosedness degree of A .

Proposition 4.8. The IFF τ^* on X satisfies the following properties:

- (C1) $\tau^*(\emptyset) = 1^{\sim}$ and $\tau^*(\underline{1}) = 1^{\sim}$;
 (C2) $\tau^*(A_1 \cup A_2) \geq \tau^*(A_1) \wedge \tau^*(A_2)$ for any $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{P}^X$;
 (C3) $\tau^*(\bigcap A_i) \geq \bigwedge \tau^*(A_i)$ for any $\{A_i : i \in J\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^X$.

If (X, τ) is a So-IFTS, then for each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ and $\beta \in [0, 1)$ with $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$, the family $\tau_{\alpha, \beta}$ defined by

$$\tau_{\alpha, \beta} = \{A \in \mathcal{P}^X : \tau(A) \geq c_{\alpha, \beta}\}$$

is an IFTS [6]. $\tau_{\alpha, \beta}$ is called the (α, β) -level IFTS on X , and in this case the family of all intuitionistic fuzzy closed sets in this IFTS can be written as

$$\tau_{\alpha, \beta}^* = \{A \in \mathcal{P}^X : \tau^*(A) \geq c_{\alpha, \beta}\}.$$

Now one can obtain the closure and interior operators in the IFTS $(X, \tau_{\alpha, \beta})$ for each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, $\beta \in [0, 1)$ with $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ as in [6]:

$$\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A) = \bigcap \{K \in \mathcal{P}^X : A \subseteq K, K \in \tau_{\alpha, \beta}^*\} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A) = \bigcup \{G \in \mathcal{P}^X : G \subseteq A, G \in \tau_{\alpha, \beta}\}$$

for each $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$. Notice that we have $\tau_{\alpha, \beta}^*(\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)) \geq c_{\alpha, \beta}$ and $\tau_{\alpha, \beta}(\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)) \geq c_{\alpha, \beta}$.

Proposition 4.9. The closure and interior operators satisfy the following properties:

- (1) $\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A) \supseteq A$ (1') $\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A) \subseteq A$

- (2) $A \subseteq B$ and $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \leq \langle \gamma, \delta \rangle \implies \text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A) \subseteq \text{cl}_{\gamma, \delta}(B)$
 (2') $A \subseteq B$ and $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \leq \langle \gamma, \delta \rangle \implies \text{int}_{\gamma, \delta}(A) \subseteq \text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(B)$
 (3) $\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)) = \text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)$
 (3') $\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)) = \text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)$
 (4) $\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A \cup B) = \text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A) \cup \text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(B)$
 (4') $\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A \cap B) = \text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A) \cap \text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(B)$
 (5) $\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$ (5') $\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(\underline{1}) = \underline{1}$

Proposition 4.10. For each $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$ and for each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, $\beta \in [0, 1)$ with $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$, we have

$$(1) \overline{\text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)} = \text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(\bar{A}) \quad (2) \overline{\text{int}_{\alpha, \beta}(A)} = \text{cl}_{\alpha, \beta}(\bar{A})$$

Fuzzy Continuity

Definition 4.11. Let (X, τ) and (Y, Φ) be two So-IFTS's and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Then f is said to be fuzzy continuous iff

$$\tau(f^{-1}(B)) \geq \Phi(B)$$

for each $B \in \mathcal{P}^Y$ (cf. [13,14])

Proposition 4.12. The following properties are equivalent:

- (a) $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Phi)$ is fuzzy continuous.
 (b) $\tau^*(f^{-1}(B)) \geq \Phi^*(B)$ for each $B \in \mathcal{P}^Y$.

Definition 4.13. Let (X, τ) and (Y, Φ) be two So-IFTS's and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Then f is said to be fuzzy open iff

$$\Phi(f(A)) \geq \tau(A)$$

for each $A \in \mathcal{P}^X$. (cf. [13,14])

Fuzzy Compactness Spectrum

If \mathcal{U} is a subfamily of \mathcal{P}^X , then we define the following intuitionistic fuzzy pairs:

$$\tau(\mathcal{U}) = \bigwedge \{ \tau(A) : A \in \mathcal{U} \} \text{ and similarly } \tau^*(\mathcal{U}) = \bigwedge \{ \tau^*(A) : A \in \mathcal{U} \}.$$

Right fuzzy inclusion plays an important role in developing the fuzzy compactness spectrum in So-IFTS's using a construction similar to [13,14,9]:

Definition 4.14. Let (X, τ) be a So-IFTS on X , $A \in \mathcal{F}^X$ and $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$ an intuitionistic fuzzy pair such that $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, $\beta \in [0, 1)$. The fuzzy compactness spectrum of A at a level $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$ is defined by

$$C_{\alpha, \beta}(A) = \{ \langle \eta, \delta \rangle : \forall \mathcal{U} (\tau(\mathcal{U}) \geq \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle) [A \not\subseteq \bigvee \mathcal{U}] \geq \langle \eta, \delta \rangle \implies \sup\{ [A \not\subseteq \bigvee \mathcal{U}_0] : \mathcal{U}_0 \subseteq' \mathcal{U} \} \geq \langle \eta, \delta \rangle \} .$$

[Here the expression " $\mathcal{U}_0 \subseteq' \mathcal{U}$ " means that \mathcal{U}_0 is a finite subcollection of \mathcal{U} .]

Remark 4.15. Notice that we always have $0^\sim \in C_{\alpha, \beta}(A)$.

Proposition 4.16. (cf. [9]) Let $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{F}^X$. Then

$$C_{\alpha, \beta}(A_1 \cup A_2) \supseteq C_{\alpha, \beta}(A_1) \cap C_{\alpha, \beta}(A_2) .$$

Proposition 4.17. (cf. [9]) Let (X, τ) , (Y, Φ) be So-IFTS's and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a fuzzy continuous function. Then, for any $A \in \mathcal{F}^X$, we have

$$C_{\alpha, \beta}(f(A)) \supseteq C_{\alpha, \beta}(A) .$$

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