

# Fuzzy S\* Strong Semicontinuity\*

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**Abstract:** *The aim of this paper is to introduce a new class of function, called fuzzy S\* strongly semicontinuous function. Its properties, its relationship with other functions, examples, and preservations of some fuzzy spaces under this function are studied.*

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The theory of fuzzy continuity for fuzzy topological spaces was introduced by Chang [5]. The concept of fuzzy continuity plays an important role in fuzzy topological spaces. Along this line many weaker forms of fuzzy continuity were introduced [1,2,4,6,7]. In [2], we introduced and studied the concepts of fuzzy strongly semicontinuous function. In this paper, we introduce a new class of function, called fuzzy S\* strongly semicontinuous function. It is a weaker form of fuzzy continuity, but it is a stronger form of fuzzy strongly semicontinuity.

Throughout the paper by  $(X, \delta)$  or simply by  $X$  we mean fuzzy topological space (in the Chang's [5] sense), briefly fts.  $A^\circ$ ,  $A^-$  and  $A'$  will denote the interior, closure and complement of fuzzy set  $A$ , respectively. A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be (1) fuzzy strongly semiopen if there is a fuzzy open set  $B$  such that  $B \leq A \leq B^\circ$ , that is,  $A \leq A^{\circ\circ}$ ; (2) fuzzy strongly semiclosed if there is a fuzzy closed set  $B$  such that  $B^{\circ\circ} \leq A \leq B$ , that is,  $A \leq A^{-}$  [2]. The family of fuzzy strongly semiopen (resp. strongly semiclosed) sets of a fts  $X$  will be denoted by  $SSO(X)$  (resp.  $SSC(X)$ ). Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then  $A^\Delta = \cup\{B: B \leq A, B \in SSO(X)\}$  and  $A^\sim = \cap\{B: A \leq B,$

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$B \in SSC(X)$  are called the fuzzy strong semiinterior and fuzzy strong semiclosure of  $A$  [2], respectively. Since the union (intersection) of any two fuzzy strongly semiclosed (semiopen) sets need not be a strongly semiclosed (semiopen) set [2],  $A \in SSC(X)$  and  $B \in SSC(X)$  do not necessarily lead to  $A \cup B \in SSC(X)$ . Let

$$USSC(X) = \{A \in SSC(X) : \text{for each } B \in SSC(X), A \cup B \in SSC(X)\},$$

$$ISSO(X) = \{A \in SSO(X) : \text{for each } B \in SSO(X), A \cap B \in SSO(X)\}.$$

Clearly,  $\delta \subset ISSO(X) \subset SSO(X)$ .

## 2. Fuzzy S\* Strongly Semicontinuous Functions

**Definition 2.1.** A function  $f: (X, \delta) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  from an fts  $(X, \delta)$  to another fts  $(Y, \tau)$  is called fuzzy S\* strongly semicontinuous if  $f^{-1}(B) \in USSC(X)$  for each  $B \in \tau$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** A function  $f: (X, \delta) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  is fuzzy S\* strongly semicontinuous iff  $f^{-1}(B) \in ISSO(X)$  for each  $B \in \tau$ .

**Proof.** This is immediate from Definition 2.1.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $f: (X, \delta) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a fuzzy S\* strongly semicontinuous function. Then:

- (1)  $f(A^-) \leq (f(A))^-$  for each fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ .
- (2)  $f^{-1}(B)^- \leq f^{-1}(B^-)$  for each fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $f^{-1}(B^o) \leq f^{-1}(B)^{\Delta}$  for each fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ .
- (4) There is a base  $\beta$  for  $\tau$  such that  $f^{-1}(B) \in ISSO(X)$  for each  $B \in \beta$ .
- (5) For each fuzzy point  $x_a$  in  $X$  and each  $B \in \tau$  with  $f(x_a) \in B$ , there exists an  $A \in ISSO(X)$  such that  $x_a \in A$  and  $f(A) \leq B$ .

**Proof.** (1): Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then  $(f(A))^-$  is a fuzzy closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is fuzzy S\* strongly semicontinuous,  $f^{-1}((f(A))^-) \in USSC(X)$ , and

$$A^- \leq (f^{-1}f(A))^- \leq (f^{-1}((f(A))^-))^- = f^{-1}((f(A))^-).$$

Thus,  $f(A^-) \leq f^{-1}((f(A))^-) \leq (f(A))^-$ .

(2): Let  $B$  be a fuzzy set in  $Y$ . By (1),  $f(f^{-1}(B)^-) \leq (ff^{-1}(B))^- \leq B^-$ . Thus,

$$(f^{-1}(B))^- \leq f^{-1}f(f^{-1}(B)^-) \leq f^{-1}(B^-).$$

(3): Let  $B$  be a fuzzy set in  $Y$ . By (2),  $f^{-1}(B'^-) \geq (f^{-1}(B'))^- = ((f^{-1}(B))')^-$ . From Lemma 1.3 and Theorem 3.3 in [2], we have

$$f^{-1}(B^o) = f^{-1}(B'^-)' = (f^{-1}(B'^-))' \leq (f^{-1}(B))' \sim' = (f^{-1}(B))^{\Delta}.$$

(4): Obvious.

(5): Let  $f$  be fuzzy S\* strongly semicontinuous,  $x_a$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$  and  $B \in \tau$  such that  $f(x_a) \in B$ . Then  $x_a \in f^{-1}(B)$ . Let  $A = f^{-1}(B)$ , then  $A \in ISSO(X)$ . We

have  $f(A) = f f^{-1}(B) \leq B$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $f: (X, \delta) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous function, and one-to-one and onto. Then  $(f(A))^o \leq f(A^\Delta)$  for each fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous and  $A$  be any fuzzy set in  $X$ . Then  $f^{-1}((f(A))^o) \in USSO(X)$ . By Theorem 2.3 and the fact that  $f$  is one-to-one, we have  $f^{-1}((f(A))^o) \leq (f^{-1}f(A))^\Delta = A^\Delta$ . Again, since  $f$  is onto, we have  $(f(A))^o = f f^{-1}((f(A))^o) \leq f(A^\Delta)$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** *If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous function and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is a fuzzy continuous function, then  $gf$  is fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous.*

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $f: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  and  $g: X_3 \rightarrow X_4$  be fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous. Then the product  $f \times g: X_1 \times X_3 \rightarrow X_2 \times X_4$  is fuzzy strongly semicontinuous.*

**Proof.** Let  $B = \cup(A_i \times B_j)$ , where the  $A_i$ 's and  $B_j$ 's are open sets of  $X_2$  and  $X_4$ , respectively.  $B$  is a open set of  $X_2 \times X_4$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (f \times g)^{-1}(B) &= (f \times g)^{-1}(\cup(A_i \times B_j)) \\ &= \cup(f \times g)^{-1}(A_i \times B_j) \\ &= \cup(f^{-1}(A_i) \times g^{-1}(B_j)). \end{aligned}$$

That  $(f \times g)^{-1}(B)$  is a strongly semiopen set follows from Theorem 2.8 and 2.5(1) in [2]. Thus,  $f \times g$  is fuzzy strongly semicontinuous.

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $p_i: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) be the projection of  $X_1 \times X_2$  on  $X_i$ . If  $f: X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  is fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous, then  $p_i f$  is also fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous.*

**Proof.** This follows directly from Proposition 2.5.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $f: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  be a function. If the graph  $g: X_1 \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  of  $f$  is fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous, then  $f$  is also fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semi-continuous.*

**Proof.** This follows directly from Theorem 2.7.

### 3. Examples

Clearly, the following statements are valid:

fuzzy continuity  $\Rightarrow S^*$  strong semicontinuity  $\Rightarrow$  strong semicontinuity

None of the converses need to be true. We give the following examples.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X=[0,1]$  and  $A,B,C$  be fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined as follows:

$$A(x)=0.2, \quad x \in [0,1];$$

$$B(x)=0.5, \quad x \in [0,1];$$

$$C(x)=0.3, \quad x \in [0,1].$$

Then  $\delta=\{0,A,B,1\}$  and  $\tau=\{0,C,1\}$  are fuzzy topologies on  $X$ . Let  $f: (X, \delta) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be an identity mapping. Simple computations give  $f^{-1}(C)=C \in \text{ISSO}(X, \delta)$ ,  $f^{-1}(0) \in \text{ISSO}(X, \delta)$ , and  $f^{-1}(1) \in \text{ISSO}(X, \delta)$ . Thus,  $f$  is fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous. Clearly,  $f$  is not fuzzy continuous.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X=\{x,y,z\}$ , and  $A,B,C$  be fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined as follows:

$$A(x)=0.3, \quad A(y)=0.2, \quad A(z)=0.7;$$

$$B(x)=0.8, \quad B(y)=0.9, \quad B(z)=0.4;$$

$$C(x)=0.8, \quad C(y)=0.9, \quad C(z)=0.5.$$

Then  $\delta=\{0,A,B,A \cap B,A \cup B,1\}$  and  $\tau=\{0,C,1\}$  are fuzzy topologies on  $X$ . Let  $f: (X, \delta) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be an identity mapping. We can easily get that  $f^{-1}(C)=C$  is a fuzzy strongly semiopen set in  $(X, \delta)$ . Thus,  $f$  is fuzzy strongly semicontinuous. Clearly,  $A$  and  $C$  are fuzzy strongly semiopen sets in  $(X, \delta)$ . Since

$$A \cap C \not\subseteq (A \cap C)^{o-o} = (A \cap B)^{o-o} = (A \cap B)^{o} = A \cap B,$$

$A \cap C$  is not a fuzzy strongly semiopen set in  $(X, \delta)$ , i.e.  $C \notin \text{ISSO}(X, \delta)$ . Thus,  $f$  is not fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous.

#### 4. Preservation of some topological structures

**Definition 4.1** [3,8]. A fuzzy set  $A$  is called a connected (strongly connected) set if  $A$  cannot be represented as a union of two separated (weakly separated) non-null sets.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Every fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous image of a fuzzy strongly connected set is fuzzy connected.*

**Proof.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous function and  $A$  a fuzzy strongly connected set in  $X$ . If possible, let  $f(A)$  be not fuzzy connected in  $Y$ . Then there exist two separated non-null sets  $B$  and  $C$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(A)=B \cup C$ . Put  $E=A \cap f^{-1}(B)$  and  $F=A \cap f^{-1}(C)$ . Then

$$E \cup F = A \cap (f^{-1}(B) \cup f^{-1}(C)) = A \cap (f^{-1}(f(A))) = A,$$

and

$$E \cap F = (A \cap f^{-1}(B)) \cap (A \cap f^{-1}(C))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq A \cap (f^{-1}(B)) \cap A \cap f^{-1}(C) \\
&\leq A \cap f^{-1}(B) \cap f^{-1}(C) \\
&= A \cap f^{-1}(B \cap C) \\
&= A \cap f^{-1}(0_Y) = 0_X.
\end{aligned}$$

Analogously,  $E \cap F = 0_X$ . Again  $E \neq 0_X$ , in fact, if  $E = 0_X$ , then  $A = F = A \cap f^{-1}(C)$ . And so  $A \leq f^{-1}(C)$ , and  $f(A) \leq F$ . Hence,  $B \leq C$ , This is a contradiction. Analogously,  $F \neq 0_X$ . Thus,  $A$  is not a fuzzy strongly connected set in  $X$ .

**Definition 4.3.** A fuzzy topological space  $(X, \delta)$  is called fuzzy compact (fuzzy  $I$ -compact) if for every cover  $\{V_\alpha: V_\alpha \in \delta\}$  ( $\{V_\alpha: V_\alpha \in ISSO(X)\}$ ) of  $X$ , there exists a finite subcover of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Every surjection fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous image of a fuzzy  $I$ -compact space is fuzzy compact.

**Proof.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjection fuzzy  $S^*$  strongly semicontinuous function of a fuzzy  $I$ -compact space  $X$  to a fuzzy topological space  $Y$ . Let  $\{V_\alpha: \alpha \in J\}$  be a fuzzy open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V_\alpha) \in ISSO(X)$  for each  $\alpha \in J$ , and  $\phi = \{f^{-1}(V_\alpha): \alpha \in J\}$  is a cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is fuzzy  $I$ -compact, there exists a finite subset  $J_0$  of  $J$  such that  $\cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha): \alpha \in J_0\} = I_X$ . Now

$$I_Y = f(I_X) = f(\cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha): \alpha \in J_0\}) = \cup\{ff^{-1}(V_\alpha): \alpha \in J_0\} \leq \cup\{V_\alpha: \alpha \in J_0\}.$$

Therefore,  $Y$  is fuzzy compact.

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