

ζ – CONNECTEDNESS IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT

The focus of this paper is to explore the concepts of different connectedness in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Also we obtain their characterization and analyse their inter- relations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of an intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS), which is a generalization of the concept of a fuzzy set (FS), has been introduced by K. Atanassov [1]. Using the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets, Coker [2] introduced intuitionistic fuzzy topological space. Connectedness in intuitionistic fuzzy special topological spaces was introduced by Osgar and Coker [9]. Many researchers have extended their notions to study various forms of connectedness Sharmila.S and I.Arockiarani [6] discussed intuitionistic fuzzy ζ – open sets and intuitionistic fuzzy ζ – continuity.

In this paper we have introduced intuitionistic fuzzy ζ – connected space and various forms of connectedness. Several properties concerning connectedness in these spaces are also explored.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1: [1] An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS, in short) A in X is an object having the form $A = \{x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) / x \in X\}$ where the functions $\mu_A : X \rightarrow I$ and $\nu_A : X \rightarrow I$ denote the degree of membership (namely $\mu_A(x)$) and the degree of non-membership (namely $\nu_A(x)$) of each element $x \in X$ to the set A on a nonempty set X and $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$ for each $x \in X$. Obviously every fuzzy set A on a nonempty set X is an IFS's A and B be in the form $A = \{x, \mu_A(x), 1 - \mu_A(x) / x \in X\}$

Definition 2.2: [1] Let X be a nonempty set and the IFS's A and B be in the form $A = \{x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) / x \in X\}$, $B = \{x, \mu_B(x), \nu_B(x) / x \in X\}$ and let $A = \{A_j : j \in J\}$ be an arbitrary family of IFS's in X. Then we define

- (i) $A \subseteq B$ if and only if $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$ and $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_B(x)$ for all $x \in X$.
- (ii) $A=B$ if and only if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.
- (iii) $\bar{A} = \{x, \nu_A(x), \mu_A(x) / x \in X\}$.
- (iv) $A \cap B = \{x, \mu_A(x) \cap \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \cup \nu_B(x) / x \in X\}$.
- (v) $A \cup B = \{x, \mu_A(x) \cup \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \cap \nu_B(x) / x \in X\}$
- (vi) $1_- = \{\langle x, 1, 0 \rangle x \in X\}$ and $0_- = \{\langle x, 0, 1 \rangle x \in X\}$.

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Definition 2.3: [2] An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT, in short) on a nonempty set X is a family τ of an intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS, in short) in X satisfying the following axioms:

- (i) $0_-, 1_- \in \tau$.
- (ii) $A_1 \cap A_2 \in \tau$ for any $A_1, A_2 \in \tau$.
- (iii) $\bigcup A_j \in \tau$ for any $A_j : j \in J \subseteq \tau$.

In this paper we denote intuitionistic fuzzy topological space (IFTS, in short) by $(X, \tau), (Y, \kappa)$ or X, Y . Each IFS which belongs to τ is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy open set* (IFOS, in short) in X . The complement \bar{A} of an IFOS A in X is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy closed set* (IFCS, in short). An IFS X is called *intuitionistic fuzzy clopen* (IF clopen) if and only if it is both intuitionistic fuzzy open and intuitionistic fuzzy closed.

Definition 2.4: [2] Let (X, τ) be an IFTS and $A = \{x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x)\}$ be an IFS in X . Then the fuzzy interior and closure of A are denoted by

- (i) $cl(A) = \bigcap \{K : K \text{ is an IFCS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}$.
- (ii) $\text{int}(A) = \bigcup \{G : G \text{ is an IFOS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}$.

Note that, for any IFS A in (X, τ) , we have $cl(\bar{A}) = \overline{\text{int}(A)}$ and $\text{int}(\bar{A}) = \overline{cl(A)}$.

Definition 2.5: [5] Let X and Y be two non-empty sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function.

If $B = \{ \langle y, \mu_B(y), \nu_B(y) \rangle / y \in Y \}$ is an IFS in Y , then the pre-image of B under f is denoted and defined by $f^{-1}(B) = \{ \langle x, f^{-1}(\mu_B(x)), f^{-1}(\nu_B(x)) \rangle / x \in X \}$. Since $\mu_B(x), \nu_B(x)$ are fuzzy sets, we explain that $f^{-1}(\mu_B(x)) = \mu_B(x)(f(x)), f^{-1}(\nu_B(x)) = \nu_B(x)(f(x))$.

Definition 2.6[5]: An IFS $p(\alpha, \beta) = \langle x, C_\alpha, C_{1-\beta} \rangle$ where $\alpha \in (0, 1], \beta \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy point* (IFP) in X .

Note that an IFP $p(\alpha, \beta)$ is said to belong to an IFS $A = \langle X, \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle$ of X denoted by $p(\alpha, \beta) \in A$ if $\alpha \leq \mu_A$ and $\beta \geq \nu_A$.

Definition 2.7[5]: Let $p(\alpha, \beta)$ be an IFP of an IFTS (X, τ) . An IFS A of X is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy neighbourhood* (IFN) of $p(\alpha, \beta)$ if there exists an IFOS B in X such that $p(\alpha, \beta) \in B \subseteq A$.

Definition 2.8: [3] Two intuitionistic fuzzy sets A and B are said to be q -coincident (AqB) if and only if there exists an element $x \in X$ such that $\mu_A(x) \supset \nu_B(x)$ or $\nu_A(x) \subset \mu_B(x)$.

Definition 2.9: [3] Two intuitionistic fuzzy sets A and B are said to be not q -coincident \bar{AqB} if and only if $A \subseteq \bar{B}$.

Definition 2.10: [8] An IFTS (X, τ) is called intuitionistic fuzzy C_5 connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets A and B if there is no IFOS E in (X, τ) such that $A \subseteq E$ and $\bar{E}qB$.

Definition 2.11: [6] Let A be an IFTS (X, τ) . Then A is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy ζ open set* ($IF\zeta OS$, in short) in X if $A \subseteq bcl(\text{int}(A))$.

Definition 2.12: [6] Let A be an IFTS (X, τ) . Then A is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy ζ closed set* ($IF\zeta CS$, in short) in X if $b\text{int}(cl(A)) \subseteq A$.

Definition 2.13:[6] Let (X, τ) be an IFTS and $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle / x \in X \}$ be an IFS in X . Then the intuitionistic fuzzy ζ -closure and ζ -interior of A are defined by

- (i) $\zeta cl(A) = \bigcap \{U : U \text{ is an } IF\zeta CS \text{ in } X \text{ and } U \supseteq A\}$;
- (ii) $\zeta \text{int}(A) = \bigcup \{V : V \text{ is an } IF\zeta OS \text{ in } X \text{ and } V \subseteq A\}$;

Definition 2.14: Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ from an IFTS X into an IFTS Y . Then f is said to be an

- (i) *Intuitionistic fuzzy ζ -continuous* ($IF\zeta$ – cont, in short) [6] if $f^{-1}(B) \in IF\zeta OS(X)$ for every $B \in \kappa$.
- (ii) *Intuitionistic fuzzy continuous* [4] if $f^{-1}(B) \in IFO(X)$ for every $B \in \kappa$.

Definition 2.15: [7] Let f be a mapping from IFTS (X, τ) into an IFTS (Y, κ) . Then f is said to be *intuitionistic fuzzy ζ -irresolute* ($IF\zeta$ – irresolute, in short) if $f^{-1}(B) \in IF\zeta O(X)$ for every $IF\zeta OS$ B in Y .

3. INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY ζ – CONNECTED SPACES

Definition 3.1: An IFTS (X, τ) is *IF ζ – disconnected* if there exists $IF\zeta OS$ U, V in X , $U \neq 0_{\sim}, V \neq 0_{\sim}$ such that $U \cup V = 1_{\sim}$ and $U \cap V = 0_{\sim}$. If X is not *IF ζ – disconnected* then it is said to be *IF ζ – connected*.

Example 3.2: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$ where

$$G_1 = \{ \langle x, (0.2, 0.1), (0.7, 0.5) \rangle, x \in X \}, G_2 = \{ \langle x, (0.3, 0.2), (0.6, 0.4) \rangle, x \in X \}$$

G_1 and G_2 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X , $G_1 \neq 0_{\sim}, G_2 \neq 0_{\sim}$ and $G_1 \cup G_2 = G_2 \neq 1_{\sim}$, $G_1 \cap G_2 = G_1 \neq 0_{\sim}$. Hence X is *IF ζ – connected*.

Example 3.3: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$ where

$$G_1 = \{ \langle x, (0.2, 0.1), (0.7, 0.5) \rangle, x \in X \},$$

$$G_2 = \{ \langle x, (1, 0), (0, 1) \rangle, x \in X \},$$

$$G_3 = \{ \langle x, (0, 1), (1, 0) \rangle, x \in X \}.$$

G_2 and G_3 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X , $G_2 \neq 0_{\sim}, G_3 \neq 0_{\sim}$ and $G_2 \cup G_3 = 1_{\sim}$, $G_1 \cap G_2 = 0_{\sim}$.

Hence X is *IF ζ – disconnected*.

Definition 3.4: Let N be an IFS in IFTS (X, τ)

- (a) If there exists $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in X satisfying the following properties, then N is called *IF ζ_i – disconnected* ($i=1,2,3,4$):

$$C_1: N \subseteq U \cup V, U \cap V \subseteq \overline{N}, N \cap U \neq 0_{\sim}, N \cap V \neq 0_{\sim}.$$

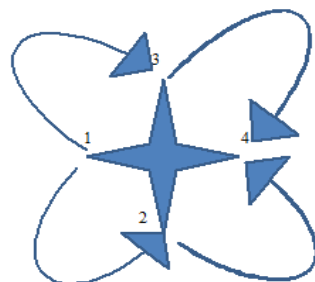
$$C_2: N \subseteq U \cup V, N \cap U \cap V = 0_{\sim}, N \cap U \neq 0_{\sim}, N \cap V \neq 0_{\sim}.$$

$$C_3: N \subseteq U \cup V, U \cap V \subseteq \overline{N}, U \not\subseteq \overline{N}, V \not\subseteq \overline{N}.$$

$$C_4: N \subseteq U \cup V, N \cap U \cap V = 0_{\sim}, U \not\subseteq \overline{N}, V \not\subseteq \overline{N}.$$

- (b) N is said to be *IF ζ_i – connected* ($i=1,2,3,4$) if N is not *IF ζ_i – disconnected* ($i=1,2,3,4$).

Obviously, we can obtain the following implications between several types of *IF ζ_i – connected* ($i=1,2,3,4..$).



1. $IF\zeta_1$ – connectedness
2. $IF\zeta_2$ – connectedness
3. $IF\zeta_3$ – connectedness
4. $IF\zeta_4$ – connectedness\

Example 3.5: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1, G_2\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle x, (0.4, 0.1), (0.6, 0.9) \rangle, x \in X \}$, $G_2 = \{ \langle x, (0.5, 0.3), (0.5, 0.7) \rangle, x \in X \}$. Consider the IFS $G_3 = \{ \langle x, (0.3, 0.1), (0.7, 0.9) \rangle, x \in X \}$; G_3 is $IF\zeta_2$ – connected, $IF\zeta_3$ – connected, $IF\zeta_4$ – connected, but $IF\zeta_1$ – disconnected.

Example 3.6: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1, G_2, G_1 \cup G_2, G_1 \cap G_2\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle x, (0.2, 0.8), (0.6, 0.2) \rangle, x \in X \}$, $G_2 = \{ \langle x, (0.8, 0.6), (0.2, 0.2) \rangle, x \in X \}$. Consider the IFS $G_3 = \{ \langle x, (0.1, 0.1), (0.7, 0.7) \rangle, x \in X \}$; G_3 is $IF\zeta_4$ – connected, but $IF\zeta_3$ – disconnected.

Example 3.7: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1, G_2, G_1 \cup G_2\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle x, (0, 0.2), (1, 0.8) \rangle, x \in X \}$, $G_2 = \{ \langle x, (0.2, 0), (0.8, 1) \rangle, x \in X \}$. Consider the IFS $G_3 = \{ \langle x, (0.1, 0.1), (0.9, 0.9) \rangle, x \in X \}$; G_1 and G_2 are $IF\zeta OS$. G_3 is $IF\zeta_4$ – connected, but $IF\zeta_2$ – disconnected.

Definition 3.8: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta C_5$ – disconnected, if there exists IFS U and V in X , which is both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ $U \neq 0_-, U \neq 1_-$. If X is not $IF\zeta C_5$ – disconnected, then it is said to be $IF\zeta C_5$ – connected.

Example 3.9: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle (x, 0.2, 0.1), (0.7, 0.5) \rangle; x \in X \}$ G_1 is an $IF\zeta OS$ in X , but not an $IF\zeta CS$ and $G_1 \neq 0_-, G_1 \neq 1_-$. Thus X is $IF\zeta C_5$ – connected.

Example 3.10: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle (x, 0.2, 0.1), (0.7, 0.5) \rangle; x \in X \}$ $G_2 = \{ \langle (x, 1, 0), (0, 1) \rangle; x \in X \}$. G_2 is an $IF\zeta OS$ in X . Also G_2 is an $IF\zeta CS$ since $b \text{int}(cl(G_2)) \subseteq G_2$. Hence there exists an IFS G_2 in X such that $G_2 \neq 0_-, G_2 \neq 1_-$ which is both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ in X . Thus X is $IF\zeta C_5$ – disconnected.

Theorem 3.11: $IF\zeta C_5$ – disconnectedness implies $IF\zeta$ – connectedness.

Proof: Suppose that there exists nonempty $IF\zeta OS$ s U and V such that $U \cup V = 1_-$ and $U \cap V = 0_-$ ($IF\zeta$ – disconnected) then $\mu_A \cup \mu_B = 1, \nu_A \cap \nu_B = 0$, and $\mu_A \cup \mu_B = 0, \nu_A \cap \nu_B = 1$. In other words $\overline{V} = U$. Hence U is $IF\zeta$ – clopen which implies X is $IF\zeta C_5$ – disconnected. But the converse may not be true as shown by the following example.

Example 3.12: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle (x, 0.6, 0.6), (0.6, 0.6) \rangle; x \in X \}$ $G_2 = \{ \langle (x, 0.3, 0.1), (0.2, 0.6) \rangle; x \in X \}$. Then G_1 and G_2 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X . $G_1 \cup G_2 = \{ \langle x, (0.6, 0.6), (0.2, 0.6) \rangle; x \in X \} \neq 1_-$. $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{ \langle x, (0.2, 0.6), (0.6, 0.6) \rangle; x \in X \} \neq 0_-$. Hence X is $IF\zeta$ – connected. Since IFS G_1 is both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ in X , X is $IF\zeta C_5$ – disconnected.

Theorem 3.13: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$ be an $IF\zeta$ – irresolute surjection, (X, τ) is an $IF\zeta$ – connected, then (Y, κ) is $IF\zeta$ – connected.

Proof: Assume that (Y, κ) is not $IF\zeta$ – connected, then there exists nonempty $IF\zeta OS$ s U and V in (Y, κ) such that $U \cup V = 1_-$ and $U \cap V = 0_-$. Since f is $IF\zeta$ – irresolute mapping, $A = f^{-1}(U) \neq 0_-$, $B = f^{-1}(V) \neq 0_-$, which are $IF\zeta OS$ in X and $f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(1) = 1_-$, which implies $A \cup B = 1_-$. $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(0) = 0_-$, which implies $A \cap B = 0_-$. Thus X is $IF\zeta$ – disconnected, which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence Y is $IF\zeta$ – connected.

Theorem 3.14: (X, τ) is $IF\zeta C_5$ -connected if and only if there exists no nonempty $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in X such that $U = \overline{V}$.

Proof: Suppose that U and V are $IF\zeta OS$ s in X such that $U \neq 0_\sim, V \neq 0_\sim$ and $U = \overline{V}$. Since $U = \overline{V}$, \overline{V} is an $IF\zeta OS$ and V is $IF\zeta CS$ and $U \neq 0_\sim$ implies $V \neq 1_\sim$. But this is a contradiction to the fact that X is $IF\zeta C_5$ -connected.

Conversely, let U be both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ in X such that $U \neq 0_\sim, U \neq 1_\sim$. Now take $\overline{U} = V$. V is an $IF\zeta OS$ and $U \neq 1_\sim$ which implies $\overline{U} = V \neq 0_\sim$ which is a contradiction.

Theorem 3.15: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -connected space if and only if there exists no non-zero $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in (X, τ) , such that $U = \overline{V}$.

Proof: Necessity: Let U and V be two $IF\zeta OS$ in (X, τ) such that $U \neq 0_\sim, V \neq 0_\sim$ and $U = \overline{V}$. Therefore \overline{V} is an $IF\zeta CS$. Since $U \neq 0_\sim, V \neq 1_\sim$. This implies V is a proper IFS which is both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ in (X, τ) . Hence (X, τ) is not an $IF\zeta$ -connected space. But this is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Thus there exist no non-zero $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in (X, τ) , such that $U = \overline{V}$.

Sufficiency: Let U be both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ in (X, τ) such that $U \neq 0_\sim, U \neq 1_\sim$. Now let $V = \overline{U}$. Then V is an $IF\zeta OS$ and $V \neq 1_\sim$. This implies $V = \overline{U} \neq 0_\sim$, which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore is an (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -connected space.

Theorem 3.16: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -connected space if and only if there exists no non-zero $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in (X, τ) , such that $U = \overline{V}$, $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$ and $U = \overline{\zeta cl(V)}$.

Proof: Necessity : Assume that there exists IFSs U and V such that $U \neq 0_\sim, V \neq 0_\sim$, $V = \overline{U}$, $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$ and $U = \overline{\zeta cl(V)}$. Since $\overline{\zeta cl(U)}$ and $\overline{\zeta cl(V)}$ are $IF\zeta OS$ in (X, τ) , U and V are $IF\zeta OS$ in (X, τ) . This implies (X, τ) is not an $IF\zeta$ -connected space, which is a contradiction. Therefore there exists no non-zero $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in (X, τ) , such that $U = \overline{V}$, $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$ and $U = \overline{\zeta cl(V)}$.

Sufficiency: Let U be both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ in (X, τ) such that $U \neq 0_\sim, U \neq 1_\sim$. Now by taking $V = \overline{U}$ we obtain a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -connected space.

Definition 3.17: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected, if there exists no nonempty $IF\zeta CS$ U and V in X such that $\mu_A + \mu_B \supseteq 1, \nu_A + \nu_B \subseteq 1$.

In other words, an IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected, if there exists no nonempty $IF\zeta CS$ U and V in X such that $U \cap V = 0_\sim$.

Theorem 3.18: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected, if there exists no nonempty $IF\zeta CS$ U and V in X , $\overline{U} = V \neq 1$ such that $\mu_A + \mu_B \supseteq 1, \nu_A + \nu_B \subseteq 1$.

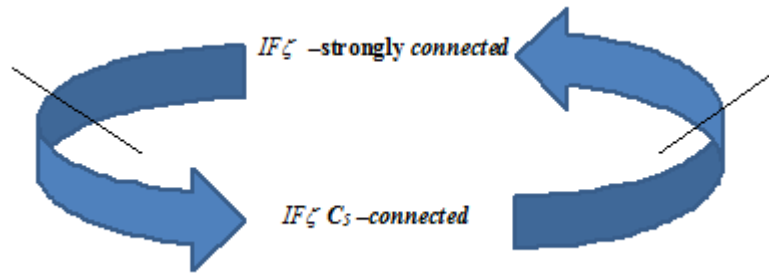
Example 3.19: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_\sim, 1_\sim, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{<(x, 0.6, 0.6), (0.6, 0.6)>; x \in X\}$
 $G_2 = \{<(x, 0.3, 0.1), (0.2, 0.6)>; x \in X\}$

.Then G_1 and G_2 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X , also $\mu_A + \mu_B \supseteq 1, \nu_A + \nu_B \subseteq 1$. Hence X is $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected.

Theorem 3.20: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$ be an $IF\zeta$ -irresolute surjection. If X is an $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected, then so is Y .

Proof: Suppose that Y is not $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected, then there exists $IF\zeta CS$ U and V in Y such that $U \neq 0_{\sim}, V \neq 0_{\sim}, U \cap V = 0_{\sim}$. Since f is $IF\zeta$ -irresolute, $f^1(U), f^1(V)$ are $IF\zeta CS$ in X and $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = 0_{\sim}, f^{-1}(U) \neq 0_{\sim}, f^{-1}(V) \neq 0_{\sim}$. [If $f^{-1}(U) = 0_{\sim}$ then $f(f^{-1}(U)) = U$ which implies $f(0_{\sim}) = U$. So $U = 0_{\sim}$ a contradiction]. Hence X is $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected, a contradiction. Thus (Y, κ) is $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected.

Remark 3.21: $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected and $IF\zeta C_5$ -connected are independent.



Example 3.22: Let $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{<(x, 0.6, 0.6), (0.6, 0.6)>; x \in X\}$
 $G_2 = \{<(x, 0.3, 0.1), (0.2, 0.6)>; x \in X\}$.

Then G_1 and G_2 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X . Also $\mu_A + \mu_B \supseteq 1, \nu_A + \nu_B \subseteq 1$. Hence X is $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected. But X is not $IF\zeta C_5$ -connected, since G_1 is both $IF\zeta OS$ and $IF\zeta CS$ in X .

Example 3.23: Let $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1, G_2, G_1 \cup G_2, G_1 \cap G_2\}$ where

$G_1 = \{<(x, 0.6, 0.5), (0.3, 0.4)>; x \in X\}$

$G_2 = \{<(x, 0.5, 0.4), (0.2, 0.4)>; x \in X\}$.

X is $IF\zeta C_5$ -connected, but X is not $IF\zeta$ -strongly connected since G_1 and G_2 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X such that $\mu_A + \mu_B \supseteq 1, \nu_A + \nu_B \subseteq 1$.

Lemma 3.24: [8] (i) $A \cap B = 0_{\sim} \Rightarrow A \subseteq \overline{B}$. (ii) $A \not\subseteq \overline{B} \Rightarrow A \cap B \neq 0_{\sim}$

Definition 3.25: A and B are non-zero intuitionistic fuzzy sets in (X, τ) . Then A and B are said to be

- (i) $IF\zeta$ -weakly separated if $\zeta cl(A) \subseteq \overline{B}$ and $\zeta cl(B) \subseteq \overline{A}$.
- (ii) $IF\zeta$ - q -separated if $\zeta cl(A) \cap B = 0_{\sim}, A \cap (\zeta cl(B)) = 0_{\sim}$.

Definition 3.26: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta C_S$ -disconnected if there exists $IF\zeta$ -weakly separated non-zero intuitionistic sets U and V in (X, τ) such that $U \cup V = 1_{\sim}$.

Example 3.27: Let $X = \{a, b\}, \tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{<(x, 0.2, 0.1), (0.7, 0.5)>; x \in X\}$
 $G_2 = \{<(x, 1, 0), (0, 1)>; x \in X\}, G_3 = \{<(x, 0, 1), (1, 0)>; x \in X\}$

G_2 and G_3 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X . Hence G_2 and G_3 are $IF\zeta$ -weakly separated and $G_2 \cup G_3 = 1_{\sim}$. Hence X is $IF\zeta C_S$ -disconnected.

Definition 3.28: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta C_M$ -disconnected if there exists $IF\zeta$ - q -separated non-zero IFS's U and V in (X, τ) such that $U \cup V = 1_{\sim}$.

Example 3.29: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{<(x, 0.2, 0.1), (0.7, 0.5)>; x \in X\}$
 $G_2 = \{<(x, 1, 0), (0, 1)>; x \in X\}$, $G_3 = \{<(x, 0, 1), (1, 0)>; x \in X\}$
 G_2 and G_3 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X . $\zeta cl(G_2) \cap G_3 = 0_-$, $G_2 \cap (\zeta cl(G_3)) = 0_-$ which implies G_2 and G_3 are $IF\zeta$ - q -separated and $G_2 \cup G_3 = 1_-$. Hence X is $IF\zeta$ C_M -disconnected.

Remark 3.30: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ C_S -disconnected if and only if (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ C_M -connected.

Definition 3.31: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -regular open set if $\zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(A)) = A$ and $IF\zeta$ -regular closed if $\zeta cl(\zeta \text{int}(A)) = A$.

Definition 3.32: An IFTS (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -super disconnected if there exists an $IF\zeta$ -regular open set A in X such that $A \neq 0_-$, $A \neq 1_-$. X is called $IF\zeta$ -super connected if X is not $IF\zeta$ -super disconnected.

Example 3.33: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_-, 1_-, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{<(x, 0.2, 0.1), (0.7, 0.5)>; x \in X\}$
 $G_2 = \{<(x, 1, 0), (0, 1)>; x \in X\}$, $G_3 = \{<(x, 0, 1), (1, 0)>; x \in X\}$
 G_2 and G_3 are $IF\zeta OS$ in X and $\zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(G_2)) = G_2$. This implies G_2 is an $IF\zeta$ -regular open in X . Hence X is an $IF\zeta$ -super disconnected.

Theorem 3.34: Let (X, τ) be an IFTS. Then the following are equivalent:

- X is $IF\zeta$ -super connected.
- For each $IF\zeta OS$ $U \neq 0_-$ in X , we have $\zeta cl(U) = 1_-$.
- For each $IF\zeta CS$ $U \neq 1_-$ in X , we have $\zeta \text{int}(U) = 0_-$.
- There exists no $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in X such that $U \neq 0_-$, $V \neq 0_-$ and $U \subseteq \overline{V}$.
- There exists no $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in X such that $U \neq 0_-$, $V \neq 0_-$, $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$ and $U = \overline{\zeta cl(V)}$.
- There exists no $IF\zeta CS$ U and V in X such that $U \neq 1_-$, $V \neq 1_-$, $V = \overline{\zeta \text{int}(U)}$ and $U = \overline{\zeta \text{int}(V)}$.

Proof:

$(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ Assume that there exists an $U \neq 0_-$ such that $\zeta cl(U) \neq 1_-$. Take $U = \zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(A))$. Then A is proper ζ -regular open set in X which contradicts that X is $IF\zeta$ -super connectedness.

$(c) \Rightarrow (d)$ Let U and V be $IF\zeta OS$ in X such that $U \neq 0_-$, $V \neq 0_-$ and $U \subseteq \overline{V}$. Since \overline{V} is an $IF\zeta CS$ in X , $\overline{V} \neq 1_-$ by (c) $\zeta \text{int}(\overline{V}) = 0_-$. But $U \subseteq \overline{V}$ implies $0_- \neq U = \zeta \text{int}(U) \subseteq \zeta \text{int}(\overline{V}) = 0_-$ which is a contradiction.

$(d) \Rightarrow (a)$ Let $U \neq 0_-$, $U \neq 1_-$ be an $IF\zeta ROS$ in X . If we take $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$, we get $V \neq 0_-$. (If not $V \neq 0_-$ implies $\overline{\zeta cl(U)} = 0 \Rightarrow \zeta cl(U) = 1_- \Rightarrow U = \zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(A)) = \zeta \text{int}(1_-) = 1_- \Rightarrow U = 1_-$). We also have $U \subseteq \overline{V}$ which is a contradiction. Therefore X is $IF\zeta$ -super connected.

$(a) \Rightarrow (e)$ Let U and V be $IF\zeta OS$ in X such that $U \neq 0_-$, $V \neq 0_-$, $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$ and $U = \overline{\zeta cl(V)}$. Now we have $\zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(U)) = \zeta \text{int}(\overline{V}) = \overline{\zeta cl(U)} = U$, $U \neq 0_-$, $U \neq 1_-$, since if $U = 1_-$, then $1_- = \overline{\zeta cl(V)} \Rightarrow \zeta cl(V) = 0 \Rightarrow V = 0$. But $V \neq 0_-$. Therefore $U \neq 1_-$, implies U is proper $IF\zeta ROS$ in X which is a contradiction to (a). Hence (e) is true.

$(e) \Rightarrow (a)$ Let U be $IF\zeta OS$ in X such that $U = \zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(A))$, $U \neq 0_-$, $U \neq 1_-$. Now take $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$. In this case, $V \neq 0_-$ and V is an $IF\zeta OS$ in X and $V = \overline{\zeta cl(U)}$ and $\overline{\zeta cl(U)} = \overline{\zeta cl(\zeta cl(U))} = \overline{\zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(U))} = \zeta \text{int}(\zeta cl(U)) = U$. But this is a contradiction to (e). Therefore X is $IF\zeta$ -super connected space.

(e) \Rightarrow (f) Let U and V be $IF\zeta CS$ in X such that $U \neq 1_{\sim}, V \neq 1_{\sim}, V = \overline{\zeta \text{int}(U)}$ and $U = \overline{\zeta \text{int}(V)}$. Taking $C = \overline{U}$ and $D = \overline{V}$, C and D become $IF\zeta OS$ in X and $C \neq 0_{\sim}, D \neq 0_{\sim}$, $\overline{\zeta cl(C)} = \overline{\zeta cl(\overline{U})} = \overline{(\zeta \text{int}(U))} = \zeta \text{int}(U) = \overline{V} = D$ and similarly $\overline{\zeta cl(D)} = C$. But this is a contradiction to (e). Hence (f) is true.

(f) \Rightarrow (e) We can prove this by the similar way as in (e) \Rightarrow (f).

Theorem 3.34: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$ be an $IF\zeta$ -irresolute surjection. If X is an $IF\zeta$ -super connected, then so is Y .

Proof: Suppose that Y is not $IF\zeta$ -super connected, then there exists $IF\zeta OS$ U and V in Y such that $U \neq 0_{\sim}, V \neq 0_{\sim}, U \subseteq \overline{V}$. Since f is $IF\zeta$ -irresolute, $f^{\downarrow}(U), f^{\downarrow}(V)$ are $IF\zeta OS$ in X and $U \subseteq \overline{V} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{V}) = \overline{f^{-1}(V)}$. Hence $f^{-1}(U) \neq 0_{\sim}, f^{-1}(\overline{V}) \neq 0_{\sim}$ which means that X is $IF\zeta$ -super connected, which is a contradiction.

Definition 3.35: An IFTS (X, τ) is called $IF\zeta$ -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets A and B if there is no $IF\zeta OS$ E in (X, τ) such that $A \subseteq E$ and $\overline{E}qB$.

Example 3.36: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle (x, 0.6, 0.6), (0.3, 0.3) \rangle; x \in X \}$ be IFTS. Consider the IFSs

$$G_2 = \{ \langle (x, 0.2, 0.4), (0.7, 0.6) \rangle; x \in X \}, G_3 = \{ \langle (x, 0.6, 0.6), (0.6, 0.3) \rangle; x \in X \}$$

G_1 is $IF\zeta OS$ in X . Then X is $IF\zeta$ -connected between G_2 and G_3 .

Theorem 3.37: If an IFTS (X, τ) is an $IF\zeta$ -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets A and B , then it is IFC_5 -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets U and V .

Proof: Suppose (X, τ) is not IFC_5 -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets U and V then there exists an IFOS E in (X, τ) such that $U \subseteq E$ and $\overline{E}qV$ which implies (X, τ) is not $IF\zeta$ -connected between U and V , a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore (X, τ) is IFC_5 -connected between U and V .

However, the converse of the above theorem may not be true, as shown by the following example,

Example 3.38: Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$ where $G_1 = \{ \langle (x, 0.6, 0.6), (0.3, 0.3) \rangle; x \in X \}$ be IFTS. Consider the IFSs

$$G_2 = \{ \langle (x, 0.2, 0.4), (0.7, 0.6) \rangle; x \in X \}, G_3 = \{ \langle (x, 0.6, 0.6), (0.6, 0.3) \rangle; x \in X \}$$

G_1 is $IF\zeta OS$ in X . Then X is $IF\zeta_5$ -connected between G_2 and G_3 . Consider IFS $G_4 = \{ \langle (x, 0.5, 0.4), (0.5, 0.6) \rangle; x \in X \}$. G_4 is an $IF\zeta OS$ such that $G_2 \subseteq G_3$ and which implies X is $IF\zeta$ -disconnected between G_2 and G_3 .

Theorem 3.39: Let (X, τ) be an IFTS and U and V be IFS in (X, τ) . If UqV then (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -connected between U and V .

Proof: Suppose (X, τ) is not $IF\zeta$ -connected between U and V . Then there exists an $IF\zeta OS$ E in (X, τ) such that $U \subseteq E$ and $\overline{E}qV$. This implies that $U \subseteq \overline{V}$. That is $\overline{U}qB$ which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore (X, τ) is $IF\zeta$ -connected between U and V .

However, the converse of the above theorem need not be true, as shown by the following example.

Example 3.40: In the above example 3.38, X is $IF\zeta$ -connected between G_2 and G_3 . But G_2 is not q -coincident with G_3 , since $\mu_{G_2}(x) \subset \nu_{G_3}(x)$.

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