



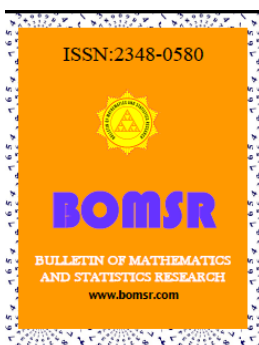
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**ON SOME WEAKER CLASS OF  $\zeta$ -CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper we initiate the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy almost  $\zeta$ -continuous mappings and intuitionistic fuzzy slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous mappings in intuitionistic fuzzy topological space. We also apply these notions of  $\zeta$ -continuous mappings to analyse the covering properties and separation axioms in intuitionistic fuzzy spaces.

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Ever since the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [22], the fuzzy concept has invaded almost all branches of mathematics. Atanassov [2] generalised this idea to intuitionistic fuzzy sets using the notion of fuzzy sets. On the other hand Coker [5] introduced intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Using the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets Joen [11] defined the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuity. Many researchers Ilija Kovacevic [9], T.Noiri [20] have extended these notions to analyse different types of continuity. In this paper different classes of  $\zeta$ -continuous functions are defined. Separation axioms and covering properties are also analysed using these  $\zeta$ -continuous mappings.

**2. PRELIMINARIES**

**Definition 2.1:**[2] 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:**[2] 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  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_j : j \in J\}$  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)  $1_- = \{x, 1, 0 / x \in X\}$  and  $0_- = \{x, 0, 1 / x \in X\}$ .

**Definition 2.3:**[5] An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT, in short) on a nonempty set X is a family  $\tau$  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  $\tau$  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 [19] (IF clopen)(IFCO, for short) iff it is both intuitionistic fuzzy open and intuitionistic fuzzy closed.

**Definition 2.4:**[5] Let  $(X, \tau)$  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  $(X, \tau)$ , we have  $cl(\bar{A}) = \overline{\text{int}(A)}$  and  $\text{int}(\bar{A}) = \overline{cl(A)}$ .

**Definition 2.5:**[7] Let A be an IFS in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$ , then A is

- (i) An intuitionistic fuzzy regular open set (IFROS) if  $A = \text{int}(cl(A))$ .
- (ii) An intuitionistic fuzzy semi open set (IFSOS) if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(A))$ .
- (iii) An intuitionistic fuzzy preopen set (IFPOS) if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(cl(A))$ .
- (iv) An intuitionistic fuzzy d open set (IFdOS) if  $A \subseteq scl(b\text{int}(A)) \cup cl(\text{int}(A))$ .
- (v) An intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set (IF $\alpha$ OS) if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(cl(\text{int}(A)))$ .
- (vi) An intuitionistic fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set (IF $\beta$ OS) if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(cl(A)))$ .
- (vii) An intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma$ -open set (IF $\gamma$ OS) if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(A)) \cup \text{int}(cl(A))$ .

The complement of the above said sets are intuitionistic fuzzy regular closed set, intuitionistic fuzzy semiclosed set, intuitionistic fuzzy preclosed set, intuitionistic fuzzy d closed set, intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed set, intuitionistic fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed set, intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma$ -closed set, (IFRCS, IFSCS, IFPCS, IFdCS, IF $\alpha$ CS, IF $\beta$ CS, IF $\gamma$ CS respectively).

**Definition 2.6:**[12] 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:**[12] Let  $p(\alpha, \beta)$  be an IFP of an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$ . 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:** [16] An IFTS  $X$  is called  $CO-T_1$  if and only if for each pair of distinct IFP  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}, y_{(\gamma,\delta)}$  in  $X$  there exists IFopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$   $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in U, x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin V, y_{(\gamma,\delta)} \notin U, y_{(\gamma,\delta)} \in V$ .

**Definition 2.9:**[6]An IFTS  $X$  will be called regular if for each IFP  $p(\alpha, \beta)$  and each IFCS such  $p \cap C = 0_{\sim}$  there exists intuitionistic fuzzy open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $p \subseteq U, C \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = 0_{\sim}$ .

**Definition 2.10:**[6] An IFTS  $X$  will be called normal if for each IFCSs  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $U \cap V = 0_{\sim}$  there exists IFOSs  $U_1$  and  $V_1$  such that  $U \subseteq U_1, V \subseteq V_1$  and  $U_1 \cap V_1 = 0_{\sim}$ .

**Definition 2.11:**[14 ]An IFS  $A$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy dense (IFD for short) in another IFS  $B$  in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $cl(A) = B$ .

**Definition 2.12:**[15] An IFTS  $X$  is called *hyperconnected* if every IF open set in  $X$  is dense.

**Definition 2.13:**[5] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two IFTSs. Let  $A = \{\langle X, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$  and  $B = \{\langle Y, \mu_B(y), \nu_B(y) \rangle : y \in Y\}$  be IFSs of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Then is an IFS  $A \times B$  of  $X \times Y$  defined by  $A \times B(x, y) = \langle (X, Y), \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y)), \max(\nu_A(x), \nu_B(y)) \rangle$ .

**Definition 2.14:**[17] Let  $A$  be an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  open set* ( $IF\zeta OS$ , in short) in  $X$  if  $A \subseteq bcl(int(A))$ .

**Definition 2.15:**[17] Let  $A$  be an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  closed set* ( $IF\zeta CS$ , in short) in  $X$  if  $bint(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.16:**[18] An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be *intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta T_{1/2}$  space* ( $IF\zeta T_{1/2}$ , in short) if every  $IF\zeta OS$  in  $X$  is an IFOS in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.17:**[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 2.18:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from an IFTS  $X$  into an IFTS  $Y$ . Then  $f$  is said to be an

- (i) *Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  continuous* ( $IF\zeta$  - cont, in short)[16] 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  $B \in \kappa$ .
- (iii) *Intuitionistic fuzzy semi-continuous* [7] if  $f^{-1}(B) \in IFSO(X)$  for every  $B \in \kappa$ .
- (iv) *Intuitionistic fuzzy precontinuous* [7] if  $f^{-1}(B) \in IFPO(X)$  for every  $B \in \kappa$ .
- (v) *Intuitionistic fuzzy  $d$  continuous* [7] if  $f^{-1}(B) \in IFdO(X)$  for every  $B \in \kappa$ .
- (vi) *Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous* [7] if  $f^{-1}(B) \in IF\alpha O(X)$  for every  $B \in \kappa$ .

- (vii) *Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous* [7] if  $f^{-1}(B) \in IF\beta O(X)$  for every  $B \in \kappa$ .
- (viii) *Intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma$ -continuous* [7] if  $f^{-1}(B) \in IF\gamma O(X)$  for every  $B \in \kappa$ .
- (ix) *Intuitionistic fuzzy clopen-continuous*[19] if for each IFP  $p(\alpha, \beta)$  of  $X$  and each open set  $V$  containing  $p(\alpha, \beta)$ , there exists a clopen set  $U$  containing  $p(\alpha, \beta)$ , such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .
- (x) *intuitionistic fuzzy totally continuous*[13] if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF clopen sets in  $X$ , for every  $B \in \kappa$ .

**Definition 2.19:**[17] Let  $f$  be a mapping from IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  into an IFTS  $(Y, \kappa)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be *intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -irresolute* (*IF $\zeta$ -irresolute*, in short) if  $f^{-1}(B) \in IF\zeta O(X)$  for every IF $\zeta$ OS  $B$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.20:**[7] Let  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \rightarrow Y_2$ . The product  $f_1 \times f_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  is defined by  $f_1 \times f_2(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$  for every  $(X_1, X_2) \in X_1 \times X_2$ .

### 3. INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY ALMOST $\zeta$ -CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS

**Definition 3.1** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from an IFTS  $X$  into an IFTS  $Y$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy almost  $\zeta$ -continuous* (*IFa $\zeta$ -continuous*, in short) mapping if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF  $\zeta$  CS in  $X$ , for every IFRCS  $B$  in  $Y$ .

**Example 3.2:**

Let  $X = \{a, b\}, Y = \{u, v\}$   $G_1 = \langle x, (0.2, 0.2, 0.1), (0.4, 0.4, 0.6) \rangle,$

$G_2 = \langle x, (0.3, 0.2, 0.5), (0.2, 0.2, 0.4) \rangle$

$H = \langle y, (0.3, 0.4, 0.3), (0.4, 0.5, 0.4) \rangle$

Then  $\tau = \{0, 1, G_1, G_2\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0, 1, H\}$  are IFT on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an IFa $\zeta$  continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.3:** Every IF continuous mapping is IFa $\zeta$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  be an IF continuous mapping and  $B$  be an IFRCS in  $Y$ . Since every IFRCS is an IFCS,  $B$  is an IFCS in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFCS in  $X$ , by hypothesis. Since every IFCS is an IF  $\zeta$  CS,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF  $\zeta$  CS in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is an IFa $\zeta$ -continuous mapping.

**Example 3.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}, Y = \{u, v\}$

$G_1 = \langle x, (0.3, 0.4), (0.7, 0.6) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.7, 0.8), (0.3, 0.2) \rangle$

Then  $\tau = \{0, 1, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0, 1, G_2\}$  are IFT on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an IFa $\zeta$ -continuous mapping but not an IF continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.5:** Every IF  $\zeta$  continuous mapping is an IFa $\zeta$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  be an IF  $\zeta$  continuous mapping and  $B$  be an IFRCS in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is IF  $\zeta$  CS in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is an IFa $\zeta$ -continuous mapping.

**Example 3.6:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}, Y = \{u, v\}$

$G_1 = \langle x, (0.7, 0.8), (0.3, 0.2) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.6, 0.7), (0.4, 0.3) \rangle$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2\}$  are IFT on X and Y respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping but not an  $IF\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.7:** Every  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping is an IFS continuous, but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  be an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping and  $B$  be an IFRCs in Y. By hypothesis  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. Since every  $IF\zeta$  CS is an IFSCS,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFSCS in X. Hence  $f$  is IFS continuous.

**Example 3.8 :** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{u, v\}$

$$G_1 = \langle x, (0.5, 0.4), (0.5, 0.6) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.2, 0.3), (0.8, 0.7) \rangle$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2\}$  are IFT on X and Y respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an IFS continuous mapping but not an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.9:** Every  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping is an IFd continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  be an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping and  $B$  be an IFRCs in Y. Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. Since every  $IF\zeta$  CS is an IFdCS,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFdCS in X. Hence  $f$  is IFd continuous.

**Example 3.10 :** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{u, v\}$

$$G_1 = \langle x, (0.1, 0.1), (0.6, 0.5) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.2, 0.2), (0.3, 0.5) \rangle$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2\}$  are IFT on X and Y respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an IFd continuous mapping but not an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.11:** Every  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping is an  $IF\zeta$  – continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  be an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping and  $B$  be an IFRCs in Y. Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. Hence  $f$  is  $IF\zeta$  – continuous.

**Example 3.12 :** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{u, v, w\}$

$$G_1 = \langle x, (0.3, 0.1, 0.4), (0.3, 0.3, 0.4) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.2, 0.1, 0.3), (0.4, 0.4, 0.4) \rangle$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2\}$  are IFT on X and Y respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an  $IF\zeta$  – continuous mapping but not an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.13:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $IFc\zeta$  continuous, then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping, but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be an IFRCs in Y. Since every IFRCs is an  $IF\zeta$  CS,  $B$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in Y. Since  $f$  is an  $IFc\zeta$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFRCs in X. Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. Hence  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  continuous mapping.

**Example 3.14:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{u, v\}$

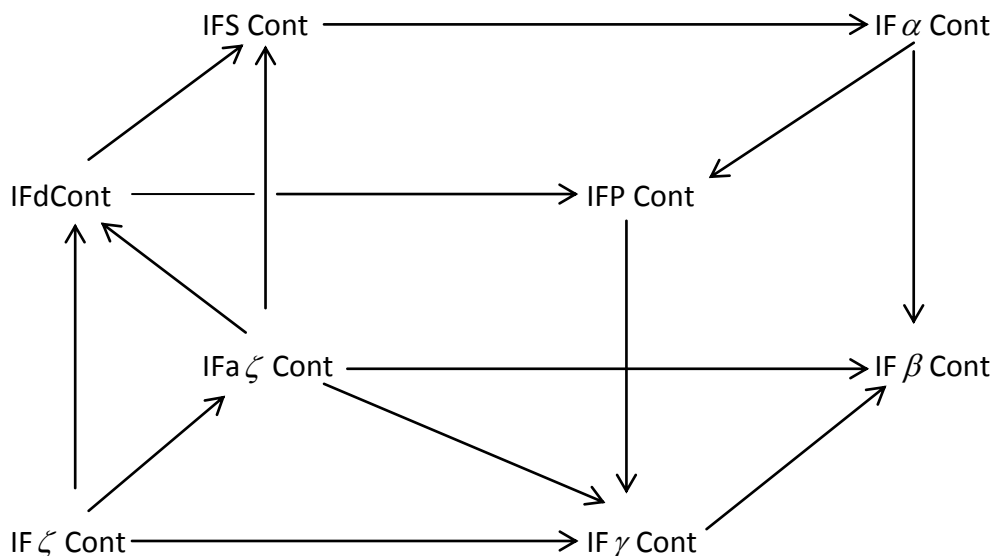
$$G_1 = \langle x, (0.5, 0.4), (0.5, 0.6) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.2, 0.3), (0.8, 0.7) \rangle$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2\}$  are IFT on X and Y respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping but not an  $IFc\zeta$  continuous mapping.

From the above theorems and examples we have the following implications.



**Theorem 3.15:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  be a mapping where  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFRCS in X for every IFCS B in Y. Then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let B be an IFRCS in Y. Since every IFRCS is an IFCS, B is an IFCS in Y. Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFRCS in X. As every IFRCS is an  $IF\zeta$  CS,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. Hence  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping .

**Example 3.16: :** Let  $X = \{a, b\}, Y = \{u, v\}$

$$G_1 = \langle x, (0.5, 0.6), (0.5, 0.4) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.5, 0.3), (0.5, 0.7) \rangle$$

Then  $\tau = \{0, 1, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0, 1, G_2\}$  are IFT on X and Y respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$  .

Then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping but not a mapping as defined in theorem above.

**Theorem 3.17:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta$  OS in X for every IFROS B in Y.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let B be an IFROS in Y. Then  $\bar{B}$  is an IFRCS in Y. By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(\bar{B})$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. That is  $\overline{f^{-1}(B)}$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. Therefore  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta OS$  in X.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let B be an IFRCS in Y. Then  $\bar{B}$  is an IFROS in Y. By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(\bar{B})$  is an  $IF\zeta$  OS in X. That is  $\overline{f^{-1}(B)}$  is an  $IF\zeta OS$  in X. Therefore  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta$  CS in X. Then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.18:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping, if  $f^{-1}(\zeta \text{ int}(B)) \subseteq \zeta \text{ int}(f^{-1}(B))$  for every IFS B in Y, then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be an IFROS in  $Y$ . By hypothesis  $f^{-1}(\zeta \text{int}(B)) \subseteq \zeta \text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$ . Since  $B$  is an IFROS, it is an  $IF\zeta OS$  in  $Y$ . Therefore  $\zeta \text{int}(B) = B$ . Hence

$$f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(\zeta \text{int}(B)) \subseteq \zeta \text{int}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B). \text{ Therefore } f^{-1}(B) = \zeta \text{int}(f^{-1}(B)).$$

This implies  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta OS$  in  $X$  and thus  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.19:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping, if  $\zeta cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\zeta cl(B))$  for every IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ , then  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be an IFRCS in  $Y$ . By hypothesis  $\zeta cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\zeta cl(B))$ . Since  $B$  is an IFRCS, it is an IF  $\zeta$  CS in  $Y$ . Therefore  $\zeta cl(B) = B$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(\zeta cl(B)) \supseteq \zeta cl(f^{-1}(B)) \supseteq f^{-1}(B)$ .

Therefore  $f^{-1}(B) = \zeta cl(f^{-1}(B))$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF  $\zeta$  CS in  $X$  and thus  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Remark 3.20:** The converse of the above Theorem 3.21 is true if  $B$  is an IFRCS in  $Y$  and  $X$  is an IF  $\zeta T_{1/2}$  space.

**Proof:** Let  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping. Let  $B$  be an IFRCS in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF  $\zeta$  CS in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is an IF  $\zeta T_{1/2}$  space,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFOS in  $X$ . This implies  $\zeta cl(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(B)$ . Now  $f^{-1}(\zeta cl(B)) \supseteq f^{-1}(B) = \zeta cl(f^{-1}(B))$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(\zeta cl(B)) \supseteq \zeta cl(f^{-1}(B))$ .

**Theorem 3.21:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping and  $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  be the graph of the mapping. If  $g$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping, then  $f$  is so.

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be an IFROS in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(1_{\sim} \cap f^{-1}(B)) = g^{-1}(1_{\sim} \times B)$ . Since  $1_{\sim} \times B$  is an IFROS in  $X \times Y$  and as  $g$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping, is an IF  $\zeta$  OS in  $X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $IF\zeta OS$  in  $X$  and so  $f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.22:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be any two mappings. Then the following properties hold :

- (i) If  $f$  is an IF continuous mapping and  $g$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping, then  $g \circ f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.
- (ii) If  $f$  is an IF  $\zeta$  continuous mapping and  $g$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping, then  $g \circ f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $B$  be an IFROS in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is an IFOS in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is an IF continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is an IFOS in  $X$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is an  $IF\zeta OS$  in  $X$ , since IFOS is an  $IF\zeta OS$ . But  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(B)$ . This implies  $g \circ f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

(ii) Let  $B$  be an IFROS in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is an IFOS in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is an IF  $\zeta$  continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is an IFOS in  $X$ . Since  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(B)$ ,  $g \circ f$  is an  $IFa\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

#### 4. INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY SLIGHTLY $\zeta$ – CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS

**Definiton 4.1:** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from an IFTS  $X$  into an IFTS  $Y$  is called an *intuitionistic fuzzy slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous* if for each intuitionistic fuzzy point  $p(\alpha, \beta) \in X$  and each intuitionistic fuzzy

clopen set  $B$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(p(\alpha, \beta))$ , there exists a fuzzy intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  open set  $A$  in  $X$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq B$ .

**Theorem 4.2:** For a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is intuitionistic fuzzy slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous;
- (ii) for every intuitionistic fuzzy clopen set  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  -open;
- (iii) for every intuitionistic fuzzy clopen set  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  closed;
- (iv) for every intuitionistic fuzzy clopen set  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  -clopen.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $B$  be IF clopen set in  $Y$  and let  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in f^{-1}(B)$ . Since  $f(p_{(\alpha, \beta)}) \in B$ , by (i) there exists a IF  $\zeta$  OS  $A_{p_{(\alpha, \beta)}}$  in  $X$  containing  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  such that  $A_{p_{(\alpha, \beta)}} \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ . We obtain that

$$f^{-1}(B) = \bigcup_{p_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in f^{-1}(B)} A_{p_{(\alpha, \beta)}}. \text{ Thus } f^{-1}(B) \text{ is IF } \zeta \text{ -open.}$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $B$  be IF clopen set in  $Y$ . Then  $\overline{B}$  is IF clopen. By (ii),  $f^{-1}(\overline{B}) = \overline{f^{-1}(B)}$  is IF  $\zeta$  -open. Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  -closed.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $B$  be IF clopen set in  $Y$ . Then by (iii)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  -closed. Also  $\overline{B}$  is IF clopen and (iii) implies  $f^{-1}(\overline{B}) = \overline{f^{-1}(B)}$  is IF  $\zeta$  -closed. Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  -open. Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  -clopen.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $B$  be IF clopen set in  $Y$  containing  $f(p_{(\alpha, \beta)})$ . By (iv),  $f^{-1}(B)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  -open. Let us take  $A = f^{-1}(B)$ . Thus  $f(A) \subseteq B$ . Hence  $f$  is intuitionistic fuzzy slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous.

**Lemma 4.3:** Let  $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  be the graph of the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are IFS's of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, then  $g^{-1}(1_{\sim} \times B) = (1_{\sim} \cap f^{-1}(B))$

**Lemma 4.4:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces, then  $(X, \tau)$  is product related to  $(Y, \kappa)$  if for any IFS  $C$  in  $X$ ,  $D$  in  $Y$  whenever  $C \not\subseteq \overline{A}$ ,  $D \not\subseteq \overline{B}$  implies  $\overline{A} \times 1_{\sim} \cup 1_{\sim} \times \overline{B} \supseteq C \times D$  there exists  $A_1 \in \tau$ ,  $B_1 \in \kappa$  such that  $\overline{A_1} \supseteq C$  and  $\overline{B_1} \supseteq D$  and  $\overline{A_1} \times 1_{\sim} \cup 1_{\sim} \times \overline{B_1} = \overline{A} \times 1_{\sim} \cup 1_{\sim} \times \overline{B}$

**Theorem 4.5:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and assume that  $X$  is a product related to  $Y$ . If the graph  $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  of  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous then so is  $f$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be IF clopen set in  $Y$ . Then by lemma 3.3,  $f^{-1}(B) = (1_{\sim} \cap f^{-1}(B)) = g^{-1}(1_{\sim} \times B)$ . Now  $1_{\sim} \times B$  is a IF clopen set in  $X \times Y$ . Since  $g$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous then  $g^{-1}(1_{\sim} \times B)$  is IF  $\zeta$  -open in  $X$ . Hence is  $f^{-1}(B)$  IF  $\zeta$  -open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous.

**Theorem 4.6:** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from and IFTS  $X$  into an IFTS  $Y$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous if and only if for each IFP  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  in  $X$  and IF clopen set  $B$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(p_{(\alpha, \beta)}) \in B$ ,  $cl(f^{-1}(B))$  is IFN of IFP  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f$  be an IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous mapping,  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  be an IFP in  $X$  and  $B$  be any IF clopen set in  $Y$  such that  $f(p_{(\alpha, \beta)}) \in B$ . Then

$$p_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in f^{-1}(B) \subseteq bcl(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq cl(f^{-1}(B)). \text{ Hence } cl(f^{-1}(B)) \text{ is an IFN of } p_{(\alpha, \beta)} \text{ in } X.$$



Conversely, let  $B$  be any IF clopen set in  $Y$  and  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  be IFP in  $X$  such that  $f(p_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \in B$ . Then  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in f^{-1}(B)$ . According to assumption  $cl(f^{-1}(B))$  is IFN of IFP  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  in  $X$ .

So  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in bcl(int(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq cl(bcl(int(f^{-1}(B))))$ . So  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq bcl(int(f^{-1}(B)))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is IF  $\zeta$  OS in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous.

**Proposition 4.7:** Every intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  – continuous function is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous. But the converse need not be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 4.8:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{u, v\}$

$$G_1 = \langle x, (0.7, 0.8), (0.3, 0.2) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.6, 0.7), (0.4, 0.3) \rangle$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2\}$  are IFT on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous but not an IF  $\zeta$  – continuous mapping.

**Proposition 4.9:** Every IF  $\zeta$  – irresolute function is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous. But the converse need not be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 4.10:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{u, v\}$

$$G_1 = \langle x, (0.3, 0.4), (0.6, 0.5) \rangle, G_2 = \langle y, (0.4, 0.5), (0.5, 0.5) \rangle$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2\}$  are IFT on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous but not an IF  $\zeta$  – irresolute.

**Theorem 4.11:** Suppose that  $Y$  has a base consisting of IF clopen sets. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous, then  $f$  is IF  $\zeta$  – continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in X$  and let  $C$  be IFOS in  $Y$  containing  $f(p_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ . Since  $Y$  has a base consisting of IF clopen sets, there exists an IF clopen set  $B$  containing  $f(p_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  such that  $B \subseteq C$ . Since  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous, then there exists an IF  $\zeta$  OS  $A$  in  $X$  containing  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq B \subseteq C$ . Thus  $f$  is IF  $\zeta$  – continuous.

**Theorem 4.12:** If a function  $f : X \rightarrow \prod Y_i$  is an IF slightly fuzzy  $\zeta$  continuous, then  $P_i \circ f : X \rightarrow Y_i$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous, where  $P_i$  is the projection of  $\prod Y_i$  onto  $Y_i$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B_i$  be any IF clopen sets of  $Y_i$ . Since  $P_i$  is IF continuous and IF open mapping, and

$$P_i : \prod Y_i \rightarrow Y_i, P_i^{-1}(B_i) \text{ is IF clopen sets in } \prod Y_i. \text{ Now } (P_i \circ f)^{-1}(B_i) = f^{-1}(P_i^{-1}(B_i)).$$

As  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous and  $P_i^{-1}(B_i)$  is IF clopen sets,  $f^{-1}(P_i^{-1}(B_i))$  is IF  $\zeta$  OS in  $X$ . Hence  $P_i \circ f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous.

**Theorem 4.13:** The following hold for functions  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$

- (i) If  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous and  $g$  is IF totally continuous then  $g \circ f$  is IF  $\zeta$  continuous.
- (ii) If  $f$  is IF  $\zeta$  – irresolute and  $g$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous then  $g \circ f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $B$  be an IFOS in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is IF totally continuous,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is an IF clopen set in  $Y$ . Now  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$ . Since  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is IF  $\zeta$  OS in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is IF  $\zeta$  continuous.

(ii) Let  $B$  be IF clopen set in  $Z$ . Since and  $g$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous*,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is an *IF  $\zeta$  OS* in  $Y$ . Now  $(gof)^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$ . Since  $f$  is *IF  $\zeta$  – irresolute*,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  IF  $\zeta$  OS in  $X$  which implies  $gof$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous*.

## 5. INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY $\zeta$ SEPARATION AXIOMS

**Definition 5.1:** An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\zeta - T_1$  if and only if for each pair of distinct intuitionistic fuzzy points  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)}, y_{(\gamma, \delta)}$  in  $X$  there exists *IF  $\zeta$  OS* such that  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in U, y_{(\gamma, \delta)} \notin U$  and  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \notin V, y_{(\gamma, \delta)} \in V$ .

**Theorem 5.2:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous* injection and  $Y$  is  $CO - T_1$ , then  $X$  is  $IF \zeta - T_1$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is  $IF CO - T_1$ . For any distinct intuitionistic fuzzy points  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)}, y_{(\gamma, \delta)}$  in  $X$  there exists IF clopen sets  $U, V$  in  $Y$  such that

$f(x_{(\alpha, \beta)}) \in U, f(y_{(\gamma, \delta)}) \notin U, f(x_{(\alpha, \beta)}) \in V, f(y_{(\gamma, \delta)}) \notin V$ . Since  $f$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous*,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are IF  $\zeta$  – open sets in  $X$  such that

$x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in f^{-1}(U), y_{(\gamma, \delta)} \notin f^{-1}(U), x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \notin f^{-1}(V), y_{(\gamma, \delta)} \in f^{-1}(V)$ . This shows that  $X$  is  $IF \zeta - T_1$ .

**Definition 5.3:** An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\zeta - T_2$  or  $\zeta - Hausdorff$  if for all pair of distinct intuitionistic fuzzy points  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)}, y_{(\gamma, \delta)}$  in  $X$  there exists IF  $\zeta$  – open sets  $U, V \in Y$  such that

$x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in U, y_{(\gamma, \delta)} \in V$  and  $U \cap V = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.4:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous*, injection and  $Y$  is  $CO - T_2$ , then  $X$  is  $IF \zeta - T_2$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is  $IF CO - T_2$ . For any distinct intuitionistic fuzzy points  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)}, y_{(\gamma, \delta)}$  in  $X$  there exists IF clopen sets  $U, V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x_{(\alpha, \beta)}) \in U$  and  $f(y_{(\gamma, \delta)}) \in V$ . Since  $f$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous*,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are IF  $\zeta$  – open sets in  $X$  such that

$x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in f^{-1}(U), y_{(\gamma, \delta)} \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Also we have  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = 0$ . Hence then  $X$  is  $IF \zeta - T_2$ .

**Definition 5.5:** An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is called *IF strongly  $\zeta$  – regular* if for each IF  $\zeta$  – closed set  $C$  and IFP  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \notin C$ , there exists intuitionistic fuzzy open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $C \subseteq U, x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in V$  and  $U \cap V = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.6:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  – continuous*, injective, IF open function from an IF strongly  $\zeta$  – regular  $X$  onto an IF space  $Y$ , then and  $Y$  is IF co-regular.

**Proof:** Let  $D$  be an IF  $\zeta$  open set in  $Y$  and  $y_{(\gamma, \delta)} \notin D$ . Take  $y_{(\gamma, \delta)} = f(x_{(\alpha, \beta)})$ . Since  $f$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous*,  $f^{-1}(D)$  is an IF  $\zeta$  – closed set in  $X$ . Let  $C = f^{-1}(D)$ .  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \notin C$ . Since  $X$  is *IF strongly  $\zeta$  – regular*, there exists intuitionistic fuzzy open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $C \subseteq U, x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in V$  and  $U \cap V = 0$ . Hence, we have  $D = f(C) \subseteq f(A)$  and  $y_{(\gamma, \delta)} = f(x_{(\alpha, \beta)}) \in f(B)$  such that  $f(A)$  and  $f(B)$  are disjoint IF open sets. Hence  $Y$  is IF  $\zeta$  regular.

**Definition 5.7:** An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is called *IF strongly  $\zeta$  – normal* if for each IF clopen sets  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in  $X$  such that IFP set  $C$  and intuitionistic fuzzy point  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \notin C$ , there exists intuitionistic fuzzy open

sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $C_1 \cap C_2 = 0_{\sim}$  there exists IF  $\zeta$ -open sets  $U, V$  such that  $C_1 \subseteq U$  and  $C_2 \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = 0_{\sim}$ .

**Theorem 5.8:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous, injective, IF open function from an IF strongly  $\zeta$ -normal space  $X$  onto an IF space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is IF co-normal.

**Proof:** Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be disjoint IF clopen sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(C_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(C_2)$  are IF  $\zeta$  closed sets in  $X$ . Let us take  $C = f^{-1}(C_1)$  and  $D = f^{-1}(C_2)$ . We have  $C \cap D = 0_{\sim}$ . Since  $X$  is IF strongly  $\zeta$ -normal, there exists disjoint IF open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $C \subseteq U$  and  $D \subseteq V$ . Thus  $C_1 = f(C) \subseteq f(U)$  and  $C_2 = f(D) \subseteq f(V)$  such that  $f(U)$  and  $f(V)$  are disjoint IF open sets. Hence  $Y$  is IF  $\zeta$  normal.

## 6. INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY COVERING PROPERTIES

**Definition 6.1:** Let  $X$  be an IFTS. A family of  $\{ \langle x, \mu_{G_i}(x), \nu_{G_i}(x) \rangle; i \in J \}$  intuitionistic fuzzy open sets (intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -open sets) in  $X$  satisfies the condition

$1_{\sim} = \bigcup \{ \langle x, \mu_{G_i}(x), \nu_{G_i}(x) \rangle; i \in J \}$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover (intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -open cover) of  $X$ . A finite subfamily of an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover (intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -open cover)  $\{ \langle x, \mu_{G_i}(x), \nu_{G_i}(x) \rangle; i \in J \}$  of  $X$  which is also an intuitionistic fuzzy open cover (intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -open cover) is called a finite subcover of  $\{ \langle x, \mu_{G_i}(x), \nu_{G_i}(x) \rangle; i \in J \}$ .

**Definition 6.2:** A space  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -compact ( $\zeta$ -Lindelof) if every intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite (countable) subcover.

**Definition 6.3:** An IFTS  $X$  is said to be

- (i) IF  $\zeta$ -compact if every  $\zeta$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- (ii) IF countably  $\zeta$ -compact if every  $\zeta$ -open countably cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- (iii) IF  $\zeta$ -Lindelof if every cover of  $X$  by IF  $\zeta$ -open sets has a countable subcover.
- (iv) IF mildly compact if every IF  $\zeta$  cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- (v) IF mildly countably compact if every IF  $\zeta$ -countably cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- (vi) IF mildly Lindelof if every cover of  $X$  has IF  $\zeta$ -open sets has a countable subcover.

**Theorem 6.4:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous surjection. Then the following statements hold:

- (i) If  $X$  is IF  $\zeta$ -compact, then  $Y$  is IF mildly compact.
- (ii) If  $X$  is IF  $\zeta$ -Lindelof, then  $Y$  is IF mildly Lindelof.
- (iii) If  $X$  is IF countably  $\zeta$ -compact, then  $Y$  is IF mildly countably compact.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in I\}$  be any IF clopen cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$  continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(A_{\alpha}) : \alpha \in I\}$  is IF  $\zeta$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is IF  $\zeta$ -compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $1_{\sim X} = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(A_{\alpha}); \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $1_{\sim Y} = \bigcup \{A_{\alpha}; \alpha \in I_0\}$  and  $Y$  is IF mildly compact.  
(ii) Let  $\{A_{\alpha} : \alpha \in I\}$  be any IF clopen cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(A_{\alpha}) : \alpha \in I\}$  is IF IF  $\zeta$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is IF  $\zeta$ -Lindelof, there exists a countable subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $1_{\sim X} = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(A_{\alpha}); \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $1_{\sim Y} = \bigcup \{A_{\alpha}; \alpha \in I_0\}$  and  $Y$  is IF mildly Lindelof.

(iii) Let  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any IF clopen cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous*, then  $\{f^{-1}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is IF  $\zeta$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is IF countably  $\zeta$ -compact, subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $1_{\sim X} = \bigcup\{f^{-1}(A_\alpha); \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $1_{\sim Y} = \bigcup\{A_\alpha; \alpha \in I_0\}$  and  $Y$  is IF mildly compact.

**Definition 6.5:** An IFTS  $X$  is said to be

- (i) *IF  $\zeta$ -closed compact* if every  $\zeta$ -closed of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- (ii) *IF  $\zeta$ -closed Lindelof* if ever  $\gamma$  cover of  $X$  by  $\zeta$ -closed sets has a countable subcover.
- (iii) *IF countably  $\zeta$ -closed compact* if every countable cover of  $X$  by  $\zeta$ -closed sets has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 6.6:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an *IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous, surjection*. Then the following statements hold:

- (i) If  $X$  is *IF  $\zeta$ -closed compact*, then  $Y$  is *mildly compact*.
- (ii) If  $X$  is *IF  $\zeta$ -closed Lindelof*, then  $Y$  is *mildly Lindelof*.
- (iii) If  $X$  is *IF countably  $\zeta$ -closed compact*, then  $Y$  is *mildly countably compact*.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any IF clopen cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous*, then  $\{f^{-1}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is IF  $\zeta$ -closed cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is IF  $\zeta$ -closed compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $1_{\sim X} = \bigcup\{f^{-1}(A_\alpha); \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $1_{\sim Y} = \bigcup\{A_\alpha; \alpha \in I_0\}$  and  $Y$  is IF mildly compact.

Similarly, we can obtain the proof for (ii) and (iii).

**Definition 6.7:** An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be *intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -disconnected (IF  $\zeta$ -disconnected)* if there exists *IF  $\zeta$ OS*  $U, V$  in  $X$  such that  $U \neq 0_{\sim}, V \neq 0_{\sim}$  such that  $U \cup V = 1_{\sim}$  and  $U \cap V = 0_{\sim}$ . If  $X$  is not *IF  $\zeta$ -disconnected* then it is said to be *intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -connected (IF  $\zeta$ -connected)*.

**Theorem 6.8:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an *IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous, surjection*,  $(X, \tau)$  is an *intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$ -connected*, then  $(Y, \kappa)$  is IF connected.

**Proof:** Assume that  $(Y, \kappa)$  is not IF connected then there exists non-empty intuitionistic fuzzy  $U$  and  $V$  in  $(Y, \kappa)$  such that  $U \cup V = 1_{\sim}$  and  $U \cap V = 0_{\sim}$ . Therefore  $U$  and  $V$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $\zeta$  open sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is *IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous*,  $C = f^{-1}(U) \neq 0_{\sim}, D = f^{-1}(V) \neq 0_{\sim}$ , which are *IF  $\zeta$ OS* in  $X$ . And  $f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(1_{\sim}) = 1_{\sim}$ , which implies  $C \cap D = 0_{\sim}$ . Thus  $X$  is IF  $\zeta$ -disconnected, which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $Y$  is IF connected.

**Remark 6.9:** The following example shows that *IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous, surjection* do not necessarily preserve IF hyperconnectedness.

**Example 7.0:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}, Y = \{u, v\}$

$$G_1 = \{\langle x, (0.7, 0.6), (0.3, 0.4) \rangle / x \in X\}, G_2 = \{\langle x, (0.1, 0.1), (0.9, 0.9) \rangle / x \in X\}$$

$$G_3 = \{\langle x, (0.9, 0.9), (0.1, 0.1) \rangle / x \in X\}$$

Then  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_1\}$  and  $\kappa = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, G_2, G_3, G_2 \cup G_3, G_2 \cap G_3\}$  are IFT on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Define a mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \kappa)$  by  $f(a) = u$  and  $f(b) = v$ .

Then  $f$  is an *IF slightly  $\zeta$ -continuous surjective*.  $(X, \tau)$  is hyperconnected. But  $(Y, \kappa)$  is not hyperconnected.

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