

INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY  $\alpha$ -IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS**V. Seenivasan****R. Renuka**

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**Abstract.** In this paper the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute functions are introduced and studied. Besides giving characterizations of these functions, several interesting properties of these functions are also given. We also study relationship between this function with other existing functions.

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## 1. Introduction

Ever since the introduction of fuzzy sets by L.A. Zadeh [10], the fuzzy concept has invaded almost all branches of mathematics. The concept of fuzzy topological spaces was introduced and developed by C.L. Chang [2]. Atanassov [1] introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets, Coker [3] introduced the intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. In this paper, we have introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute functions and studied their properties. Also, we have given characterizations of intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute functions. We also study the relationship between this function with other existing functions.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [1] Let  $X$  be a nonempty fixed set and  $I$  the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ . An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS)  $A$  is an object of the following form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X \},$$

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

**Definition 2.2.** [1] Let  $A$  and  $B$  are IFSs of the form  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$  and  $B = \{\langle x, \mu_B(x), \nu_B(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ . Then

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_B(x)$ ;
- (ii)  $\bar{A} = \{\langle x, \nu_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ ;
- (iii)  $A \cap B = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ ;
- (iv)  $A \cup B = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x) \vee \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \wedge \nu_B(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ .

We will use the notation  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle \mid x \in X\}$  instead of  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [3]  $0_{\sim} = \{\langle x, 0, 1 \rangle \mid x \in X\}$  and  $1_{\sim} = \{\langle x, 1, 0 \rangle \mid x \in X\}$ .

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . An intuitionistic fuzzy point (IFP)  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set defined by

$$p_{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \begin{cases} (\alpha, \beta) & \text{if } x = p, \\ (0, 1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two non-empty sets and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function.

If  $B = \{\langle y, \mu_B(y), \nu_B(y) \rangle \mid y \in Y\}$  is an IFS in  $Y$ , then the pre-image of  $B$  under  $f$  is denoted and defined by

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

Since  $\mu_B, \nu_B$  are fuzzy sets, we explain that  $f^{-1}(\mu_B(x)) = \mu_B(f(x))$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [3] An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT) in Coker's sense on a nonempty set  $X$  is a family  $\tau$  of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $X$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (i)  $0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim} \in \tau$ ;
- (ii)  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in \tau$ , for any  $G_1, G_2 \in \tau$ ;
- (iii)  $\cup G_i \in \tau$  for any arbitrary family  $\{G_i \mid i \in J\} \subseteq \tau$ .

In this paper, by  $(X, \tau)$  or, simply, by  $X$  we will denote the intuitionistic fuzzy topological space (IFTS). Each IFS which belongs to  $\tau$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy open set (IFOS) in  $X$ . The complement  $\bar{A}$  of an IFOS  $A$  in  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set (IFCS) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [3] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$  be an IFS in  $X$ . Then, the intuitionistic fuzzy closure and intuitionistic fuzzy interior of  $A$  are defined by

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

It can be also shown that  $\text{cl}(A)$  is an IFCS,  $\text{int}(A)$  is an IFOS in  $X$  and  $A$  is an IFCS in  $X$  if and only if  $\text{cl}(A) = A$ ;  $A$  is an IFOS in  $X$  if and only if  $\text{int}(A) = A$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** [3] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS and  $A, B$  be IFSs in  $X$ . Then, the following properties hold:

- (i)  $\text{cl}\bar{A} = \overline{\text{int}(A)}, \text{int}(\bar{A}) = \overline{\text{cl}(A)}$ ;
- (ii)  $\text{int}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [5] An IFS  $A$  in an IFTS  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy pre open set (IFPOS) if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl} A)$ . The complement of an IFPOS  $A$  in IFTS  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy preclosed (IFPCS) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [5] An IFS  $A$  in an IFTS  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set (IF $\alpha$ OS) if and only if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int} A))$ . The complement of an IF $\alpha$ OS  $A$  in  $X$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed (IF $\alpha$ CS) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [5] An IFS  $A$  in an IFTS  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy semi open set (IFSOS) if and only if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ . The complement of an IFSOS  $A$  in  $X$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy semi closed (IFSCS) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $f$  be a mapping from an IFTS  $X$  into an IFTS  $Y$ . The mapping  $f$  is called:

- (i) intuitionistic fuzzy continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFOS in  $X$ , for each IFOS  $B$  in  $Y$  [5];
- (ii) intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ , for each IFOS  $B$  in  $Y$  [5];
- (iii) intuitionistic fuzzy pre continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFPOS in  $X$ , for each IFOS  $B$  in  $Y$  [5];
- (iv) intuitionistic fuzzy semi continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFSOS in  $X$ , for each IFOS  $B$  in  $Y$  [5].

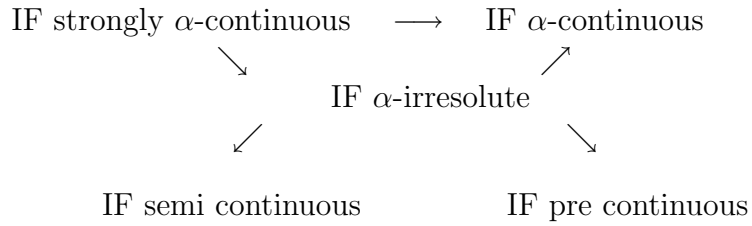
**Definition 2.10.** [9] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle \mid x \in X\}$  be an IFS in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closure and intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -interior of  $A$  are defined by

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

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $f$  be a mapping from an IFTS of  $X$  into an IFTS of  $Y$ . The mapping  $f$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ , for each IFSOS  $B$  in  $Y$ .

### 3. Intuitionistic fuzzy $\alpha$ -irresolute functions

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  from an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  to another intuitionistic fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$  is said to be intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute (IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $(X, \tau)$  for each IF $\alpha$ OS  $B$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .



**Proposition 3.1.** *Every intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute is an intuitionistic fuzzy pre continuous.*

**Proof.** Follows from the definitions. ■

However, the converse of the above Proposition 3.1 need not to be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, A\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, B\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}, \\
 B &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{c}{0.2}, \frac{d}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{c}{0.6}, \frac{d}{0.5} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Define an intuitionistic fuzzy mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = d$ ,  $f(b) = c$ .  $B$  is an IFOS in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .  $f^{-1}(B) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.2} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.6} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$  is an IFPOS in  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))) = 1_{\sim}$ , and  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)))$ . Hence,  $f$  is an IF pre continuous.  $B$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)))) = 0_{\sim}$ ,  $f^{-1}(B) \not\subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))))$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is not IF $\alpha$ OS in  $(X, \tau)$  which implies  $f$  is not IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute function.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Every intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous.*

**Proof.** Follows from the definitions. ■

However, the converse of the above Proposition 3.2 need not to be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ ,  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, AB, A \cup B, A \cap B, 1_{\sim}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, C\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.3}, \frac{c}{0.6} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.7}, \frac{c}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}, \\ B &= \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.4}, \frac{c}{0.3} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.7}, \frac{b}{0.6}, \frac{c}{0.7} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\} \\ C &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.4}, \frac{c}{0.6} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.6}, \frac{c}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\} \\ D &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.4}, \frac{c}{0.6} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.5}, \frac{c}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Define an intuitionistic fuzzy mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ .  $C$  is an IFOS in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .  $f^{-1}(C) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.4}, \frac{c}{0.6} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.6}, \frac{c}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$  and  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}f^{-1}(C))) = A \cup B$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(C) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}f^{-1}(C)))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(C)$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ , which implies  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -continuous.  $D$  is an IFS in  $Y$  and  $D \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}D)) = 1_{\sim}$ . Hence,  $D$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}(D) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.4}, \frac{c}{0.6} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.5}, \frac{c}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$  and  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}f^{-1}(D))) = A \cup B$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}(D) \not\subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}f^{-1}(D)))$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(D)$  is not IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . So,  $f$  is not IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute function.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Every intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous is an intuitionistic fuzzy pre continuous.*

**Proof.** Follows from the definitions. ■

However, the converse of the above Proposition 3.3 need not to be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, A\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, B\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}, \\ B &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{c}{0.2}, \frac{d}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{c}{0.6}, \frac{d}{0.5} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Define an intuitionistic fuzzy mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = d$ ,  $f(b) = c$ .  $B$  is an IFOS in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .  $f^{-1}(B) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.2} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.6} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$  is an IFPOS in  $X$  since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))) = 1_{\sim}$ , and  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)))$ . Hence,  $f$  is an IF pre continuous.  $f^{-1}(B)$  is not IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$  since  $f^{-1}(B) \not\subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)))) = 0_{\sim}$ . Hence,  $f$  is not IF $\alpha$ -continuous function.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Every intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute is an intuitionistic fuzzy semi continuous.*

**Proof.** Follows from the definitions. ■

However, the converse of the above Proposition 3.4 need not to be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, A\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, B\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}, \\ B &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.5} \right), \left( \frac{c}{0.5}, \frac{d}{0.5} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Define an intuitionistic fuzzy mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = d$ ,  $f(b) = c$ .  $B$  is an IFOS in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .  $f^{-1}(B) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.5} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$  is an IFSOS in  $(X, \tau)$  since  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))) = \bar{A}$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)))$ , which implies  $f$  is an IF Semi continuous.  $B$  is an IFOS in  $Y$  and  $B$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$  since  $B \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(B))) = B$ .  $f^{-1}(B) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.5}, \frac{b}{0.5} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$   $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)))) = A$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \not\subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))))$  which implies  $f^{-1}(B)$  is not IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is not IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute function.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Every intuitionistic fuzzy strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -irresolute.*

**Proof.** Follows from the definitions. ■

However, the converse of the above Proposition 3.5 is need not be true, in general as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, A\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, B\}$  where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}, \\ B &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.2} \right), \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.3} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\}, \\ C &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.3} \right), \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.2} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Define an intuitionistic fuzzy mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = d$ ,  $f(b) = c$ .  $B$  is an IFOS in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(B))) = B$ . Hence  $B \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(B)))$ . Thus  $B$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .  $f^{-1}(B) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $(X, \tau)$  since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)))) = A$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))))$  which implies  $f$  is an IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute.  $C$  is an IFS in  $Y$ . Also  $C$  is an IFSOS in  $Y$  since  $C \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(C)) = \bar{B}$ .  $f^{-1}(C) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$   $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(C)))) = A$  and  $f^{-1}(C) \not\subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(C))))$  which implies  $f^{-1}(C)$  is not IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is not IF strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Every intuitionistic fuzzy strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous.*

**Proof.** Follows from the definitions. ■

However the converse of the above Proposition 3.6 is need not be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $Y = \{c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, A\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, B\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}, \\ B &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.2} \right), \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.3} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\}, \\ C &= \left\{ \left\langle y, \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.3} \right), \left( \frac{c}{0.4}, \frac{d}{0.2} \right) \right\rangle; y \in Y \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Define an intuitionistic fuzzy mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = d$ ,  $f(b) = c$ .  $B$  is an IFOS in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .  $f^{-1}(B) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $(X, \tau)$  since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)))) = A$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))))$  which implies  $f$  is an IF $\alpha$ -continuous.  $C$  is an IFS in  $Y$ . Also  $C$  is an IFSOS in  $Y$  since  $C \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(C)) = \bar{B}$ .  $f^{-1}(C) = \left\{ \left\langle x, \left( \frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right), \left( \frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.4} \right) \right\rangle; x \in X \right\}$   $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(C)))) = A$  and  $f^{-1}(C) \not\subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(C))))$  which implies  $f^{-1}(C)$  is not IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is not IF strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a mapping from an IFTS  $X$  into an IFTS  $Y$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (a)  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute.
- (b)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is IF $\alpha$ CS in  $X$  for each IF $\alpha$ CS  $B$  in  $Y$ .
- (c)  $f(\alpha \text{cl } A) \subseteq \alpha \text{cl } f(A)$  for each IFS  $A$  in  $X$ .
- (d)  $\alpha \text{cl } f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha \text{cl } B)$  for each IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ .
- (e)  $f^{-1}(\alpha \text{int } B) \subseteq \alpha \text{int } f^{-1}(B)$  for each IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof.** (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b): It can be proved by using the complement and the definition of IF $\alpha$ -irresolute. Let  $B$  be IF $\alpha$ CS in  $Y$ , then  $1-B$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is IF $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(1 - B) = 1-f^{-1}(B)$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is IF $\alpha$ CS in  $X$ . Thus (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) is proved.

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c): Let  $A$  be IFS in  $X$ . Then  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha \text{cl } f(A))$ .  $\alpha \text{cl } f(A)$  is IF $\alpha$ CS in  $Y$ , by (b)  $f^{-1}(\alpha \text{cl } f(A))$  is an IF $\alpha$ CS in  $X$ .  $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha \text{cl } f(A))$  and  $f(\alpha \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\alpha \text{cl } f(A))) = \alpha \text{cl } f(A)$ . Thus  $f(\alpha \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \alpha \text{cl } f(A)$ . Hence (b) $\Rightarrow$ (c) is proved.

(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d): For any IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ , let  $f^{-1}(B) = A$ ; by (c),  $f(\alpha cl f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq \alpha cl f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq \alpha cl(B)$  and  $(\alpha cl f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\alpha cl f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha cl B)$ . Thus  $(\alpha cl f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha cl B)$ . Hence (c) $\Rightarrow$ (d) is proved.

(d) $\Rightarrow$ (e): We know that  $\alpha int(B) = \overline{\alpha cl(\overline{B})}$   
 $f^{-1}(\alpha int B) = f^{-1}(\overline{\alpha cl(\overline{B})}) = \overline{(f^{-1}(\alpha cl(\overline{B})))} \subseteq \overline{(\alpha cl(f^{-1}(\overline{B})))} = \overline{\alpha int(f^{-1}(B))} \subseteq \alpha int(f^{-1}(B))$  Hence (d) $\Rightarrow$ (e) is proved.

(e) $\Rightarrow$ (a): Let  $B$  be any IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Then  $B = \alpha int(B)$ .

$$f^{-1}(\alpha int B) = f^{-1}(B) \subseteq \alpha int(f^{-1}(B)).$$

By definition,  $f^{-1}(B) \supseteq \alpha int(f^{-1}(B))$ . So  $f^{-1}(B) = \alpha int(f^{-1}(B))$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$  which implies  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute. Thus (e) $\Rightarrow$ (a) is proved. ■

#### 4. Properties of intuitionistic fuzzy $\alpha$ -irresolute functions

**Lemma 4.1.** [3] *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping, and  $A_\alpha$  be a family of IF sets of  $Y$ . Then*

$$(a) \quad f^{-1}(\cup A_\alpha) = \cup f^{-1}(A_\alpha)$$

$$(b) \quad f^{-1}(\cap A_\alpha) = \cap f^{-1}(A_\alpha).$$

**Lemma 4.2.** [6] *Let  $f: X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  be a mapping and  $A, B$  are IFS's of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  respectively then  $(f_1 \times f_2)^{-1}(A \times B) = f_1^{-1}(A) \times f_2^{-1}(B)$ .*

**Lemma 4.3.** [6] *Let  $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$  be a graph of a mapping  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ . 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.** [6] *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces, then  $(X, \tau)$  is product related to  $(Y, \sigma)$  if for any IFS  $C$  in  $X$ ,  $D$  in  $Y$  whenever  $\overline{A} \not\supseteq C$ ,  $\overline{B} \not\supseteq D$  implies  $\overline{A} \times 1_\sim \cup 1_\sim \times \overline{B} \supseteq C \times D$  there exists  $A_1 \in \tau$ ,  $B_1 \in \sigma$  such that  $\overline{A_1} \supseteq C$  and  $\overline{B_1} \supseteq D$  and  $\overline{A_1} \times 1_\sim \cup 1_\sim \times \overline{B_1} = \overline{A} \times 1_\sim \cup 1_\sim \times \overline{B}$ .*

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces such that  $X$  is product related to  $Y$ . Then the product  $A \times B$  of an IF $\alpha$ OS  $A$  in  $X$  and an IF $\alpha$ OS  $B$  in  $Y$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in fuzzy product spaces  $X \times Y$ .*

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and assume that  $X$  is product related to  $Y$ . If the graph  $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$  of  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute then so is  $f$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Then by Lemma 4.3  $f^{-1}(B) = 1_\sim \cap f^{-1}(B) = g^{-1}(1_\sim \times B)$ . Now,  $1_\sim \times B$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X \times Y$ . Since  $g$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(1_\sim \times B)$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute function. ■

**Theorem 4.2.** *If a function  $f: X \rightarrow \prod Y_i$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute, then  $P_i \circ f: X \rightarrow Y_i$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute, where  $P_i$  is the projection of  $\prod Y_i$  onto  $Y_i$ .*



**Proof.** Let  $B_i$  be any IF $\alpha$ OS of  $Y_i$ . Since  $P_i$  is IF continuous and IFOS, it is IF $\alpha$ OS. Now  $P_i: \Pi Y_i \rightarrow Y_i$ ;  $P_i^{-1}(B_i)$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $\Pi Y_i$ . Therefore,  $P_i$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute function. Now  $(P_i \circ f)^{-1}(B_i) = f^{-1}(P_i^{-1}(B_i))$ , since  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $P_i^{-1}(B_i)$  is IF $\alpha$ OS,  $f^{-1}(P_i^{-1}(B_i))$  is IF $\alpha$ OS. Hence  $(P_i \circ f)$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow Y_i$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $X_1$  is product related to  $X_2$ , then  $f_1 \times f_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute.*

**Proof.** Let  $C = \cup(A_i \times B_i)$  where  $A_i$  and  $B_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are IF $\alpha$ -open sets of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  respectively. Since  $Y_1$  is product related to  $Y_2$ , by Lemma 4.5, that  $C = \cup(A_i \times B_i)$  is IF $\alpha$ -open of  $Y_1 \times Y_2$ . Using Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2 we obtain  $(f_1 \times f_2)^{-1}(C) = (f_1 \times f_2)^{-1} \cup(A_i \times B_i) = \cup (f_1^{-1}(A_i) \times f_2^{-1}(B_i))$ . Since  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute, we conclude that  $(f_1 \times f_2)^{-1}(C)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X_1 \times X_2$  and hence  $f_1 \times f_2$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute function. ■

**Theorem 4.4.** *A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from an IFTS  $X$  into an IFTS  $Y$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute if and only if for each IFP  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  in  $X$  and IF $\alpha$ OS  $B$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(p_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \in B$ , there exists an IF $\alpha$ OS  $A$  in  $X$  such that  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A$  and  $f(A) \subseteq B$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be any IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute mapping,  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  be an IFP in  $X$  and  $B$  be any IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$  such that  $f(p_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \in B$ . Then  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in f^{-1}(B) = \alpha \text{int} f^{-1}(B)$ . Let  $A = \alpha \text{int} f^{-1}(B)$ . Then  $A$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$  which containing IFP  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  and  $f(A) = f(\alpha \text{int} f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(B)) = B$ .

Conversely, let  $B$  be an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$  and  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  be IFP in  $X$  such that  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in f^{-1}(B)$ . According to assumption there exists IF $\alpha$ OS  $A$  in  $X$  such that  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A$  and  $f(A) \subseteq B$ . Hence  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$  and  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A = \alpha \text{int} A \subseteq \alpha \text{int} f^{-1}(B)$ . Since  $p_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  be an arbitrary IFP and  $f^{-1}(B)$  is union of all IFP containing in  $f^{-1}(B)$  we obtain that  $f^{-1}(B) = \alpha \text{int} f^{-1}(B)$ . So,  $f$  is an IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute mapping. ■

**Definition 4.1.** [4] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS and let  $A$  be any IFS in  $X$ . Then  $A$  is called IFdense set if  $\text{cl}A = 1_{\sim}$  and  $A$  is called nowhere IFdense set if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) = 0_{\sim}$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute, then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is IF $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$  for any nowhere IFdense set  $A$  of  $Y$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be any nowhere IF dense set in  $Y$ . Then  $\text{int}(\text{cl}A) = 0_{\sim}$ . Now,  $1 - \text{int}(\text{cl}A) = 1_{\sim}$ .

$\implies \text{cl}(1 - \text{cl}(A)) = 1_{\sim}$  which implies  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(1 - A)) = 1_{\sim}$ . Since  $\text{int}1_{\sim} = 1_{\sim}$ ,  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(1 - A))) = \text{int}1_{\sim} = 1_{\sim}$ . Hence  $1 - A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(1 - A))) = 1_{\sim}$ . Then  $1 - A$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(1 - A)$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(A)$  is IF $\alpha$ CS in  $X$ . ■

**Theorem 4.6.** *The following hold for functions  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ .*

- (i) *If  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute  $g \circ f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute.*

(ii) If  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g$  is IF strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous then  $g \circ f$  is IF strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous.

(iii) If  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g$  is IF  $\alpha$ -continuous then  $g \circ f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof.** (i) Let  $B$  be an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Now  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$ . Since  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

(ii) Let  $B$  be an IFSOS in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is IF strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Now  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$ . Since  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is IF strongly  $\alpha$ -continuous.

(iii) Let  $B$  be an IFOS in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is IF $\alpha$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is an IF $\alpha$ OS in  $Y$ . Now,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$ . Since  $f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is IF $\alpha$ OS in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is IF  $\alpha$ -irresolute. ■

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