

# On regular generalized fuzzy closed sets and generalizations of fuzzy continuous functions

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we define and study another various generalizations of fuzzy continuous functions by using the concept of regular generalized fuzzy closed sets. A comparative study regarding the mutual interrelations among these functions along with those functions obtained in [3] is made. Finally, we have introduced and studied the notions of *rgf*-connectedness, *rgf*-extremally disconnectedness and *rgf*-compactness.

## 1 Introduction

In [3], using the concept of generalized fuzzy closed sets, Balasubramanian and Sundaram have introduced certain types of near-fuzzy continuous functions between fuzzy topological spaces, i.e., generalized fuzzy continuous, fuzzy *gc*-irresolute, strongly *gf*-continuous and perfectly *gf*-continuous functions etc. They also introduced the notions of *gf*-connectedness, *gf*-extremally disconnectedness and *gf*-compactness and studied properties of those notions under above-mentioned functions.

In this paper, we study another generalizations of fuzzy continuous functions and their applications. Section 2 is devoted to regular generalized fuzzy closed sets and study their properties. In Section 3 we introduce regular generalized fuzzy continuous functions and their properties by using regular generalized fuzzy closure  $Cl_*$ . In Section 4 we introduce fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute functions and study their properties, whereas in Section 5 we introduce and study strongly *rgf*-continuous and perfectly *rgf*-continuous functions and investigate inter-relations among these functions and those functions defined in [3]. In Section 6 and 7, using the concept of regular generalized closed (open) set, we introduce and study the notions of *rgf*-connectedness, *rgf*-extremally disconnectedness and *rgf*-compactness, respectively.

## 2 Regular generalized fuzzy closed sets in fuzzy topology

**Definition 2.1 (3).** Let  $X$  be an fts. A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called *generalized fuzzy closed* (in short, *gf*-closed) if  $Cl(A) \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and  $U$  is

*fuzzy open*. A fuzzy set  $A$  is called *generalized fuzzy open* (in short, *gf*-open) if its complement  $1 - A$  is *gfc*.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $X$  be an fts. A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is called *regular generalized fuzzy closed* (in short, *rgf*-closed) if  $Cl(A) \leq U$  whenever  $A \leq U$  and  $U$  is *fuzzy regular open*. A fuzzy set  $A$  is called *regular generalized fuzzy open* (in short, *rgf*-open) if its complement  $1 - A$  is *rgf*-closed.

**Remark 2.3.** Every *fuzzy closed* (resp. *fuzzy open*) set is *gf*-closed (resp. *gf*-open) and every *gf*-closed (resp. *gf*-open) set is *rgf*-closed (resp. *rgf*-open), but the converses are not true.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$ , where  $A_1(a) = 0.5$ ,  $A_1(b) = 0.7$ ,  $A_1(c) = 0.6$ ;  $A_2(a) = 0.4$ ,  $A_2(b) = 0.7$ ,  $A_2(c) = 0.3$ . Define fuzzy sets  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  in  $X$  as follows:  $A_3(a) = 0.4$ ,  $A_3(b) = 0.3$ ,  $A_3(c) = 0.4$ ;  $A_4(a) = 0.3$ ,  $A_4(b) = 0.3$ ,  $A_4(c) = 0.2$ . Then we have

- (1) In  $(X, \tau_1)$ ,  $A_3$  is *gf*-closed set but not *fuzzy closed*.
- (2) In  $(X, \tau_2)$ ,  $A_4$  is *rgf*-closed set but not *gf*-closed.

**Theorem 2.5.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are *rgf*-closed sets, then  $A \vee B$  is a *rgf*-closed set.

However, the intersection of two *rgf*-closed sets is not *rgf*-closed set as the following example shows.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$ , where  $A_1(a) = 0.4$ ,  $A_1(b) = 0.3$ ,  $A_1(c) = 0.5$ . Define fuzzy sets  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  in  $X$  as follows:  $A_2(a) = 0.3$ ,  $A_2(b) = 0.9$ ,  $A_2(c) = 0.3$ ;  $A_3(a) = 0.7$ ,  $A_3(b) = 0.2$ ,  $A_3(c) = 0.8$ . Then  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  are *rgf*-closed sets but  $A_2 \wedge A_3$  is not *rgf*-closed set.

**Theorem 2.7.** If  $A$  is  $rgf$ -closed set and  $A \leq B \leq Cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $rgf$ -closed set.

**Theorem 2.8.** A fuzzy set  $A$  is  $rgf$ -open if and only if  $F \leq Int(A)$  whenever  $F$  is fuzzy regular closed and  $F \leq A$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $rgf$ -open sets with  $A \wedge Cl(B) = B \wedge Cl(A) = 0_X$ , then  $A \vee B$  is  $rgf$ -open.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a fuzzy regular closed set such that  $F \leq A \vee B$ . Then  $F \wedge Cl(A) \leq A$  since  $B \wedge Cl(A) = 0_X$ , and hence by Theorem 2.5,  $(F \wedge Cl(A)) \leq Int(A)$ . Similarly,  $(F \wedge Cl(B)) \leq Int(B)$ . Now we have

$$F = F \wedge (A \vee B) \leq (F \wedge Cl(A)) \vee (F \wedge Cl(B)) \\ \leq Int(A) \vee Int(B) \leq Int(A \vee B).$$

Hence  $F \leq Int(A \vee B)$  and hence Theorem 2.5,  $A \vee B$  is  $rgf$ -open.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** If  $Int(A) \leq B \leq A$  and  $A$  is  $rgf$ -open set, then  $B$  is  $rgf$ -open.

**Definition 2.11.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called fuzzy regular continuous (in short,  $fr$ -continuous) if the inverse image of every fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  is fuzzy regular closed in  $X$ .

Clearly, every  $fr$ -continuous function is fuzzy continuous.

**Theorem 2.12.** If  $A$  is a  $rgf$ -closed set in  $X$  and if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $fr$ -continuous and fuzzy closed, then  $f(A)$  is  $gf$ -closed in  $Y$ .

However, under fuzzy closed and  $fr$ -continuous functions, the image of  $rgf$ -open set need be not  $gf$ -open.

**Example 2.13.** Let  $X = \{a\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_Y, 1_Y, B_1, B_2\}$  where  $A, B_1$  and  $B_2$  is fuzzy sets defined by  $A(a) = 0.5$ ;  $B_1(a) = 0, B_1(b) = 0.5, B_1(c) = 0$ ;  $B_2(a) = 0, B_2(b) = 1, B_2(c) = 0$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2)$  by  $f(a) = b$ . Clearly,  $f$  is  $fr$ -continuous and fuzzy closed. Now we shall show that image of  $rgf$ -open set is not  $gf$ -open. Consider a fuzzy set  $A_1$  in  $X$  defined by  $A_1(a) = 0.8$ . Then  $A_1$  is  $rgf$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1)$  but  $f(A_1)$  is not  $gf$ -open in  $(Y, \tau_2)$ .

**Definition 2.14.** A fuzzy set  $A$  in an fts  $X$  is called  $rgf$ - $q$ -nbd of a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  if there is a  $rgf$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x_\alpha q U \leq A$ .

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $X$  be an fts. Then  $A$  is  $rgf$ -open if and only if for each fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  with  $x_\alpha q A$ ,  $A$  is  $rgf$ - $q$ -nbd of  $x_\alpha$ .

### 3 Regular generalized fuzzy continuous functions and their properties

**Definition 3.1 (3).** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called generalized fuzzy continuous (in short,  $gf$ -continuous) if the inverse image of every fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  is  $gf$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called regular generalized fuzzy continuous (in short,  $rgf$ -continuous) if the inverse image of every fuzzy closed set in  $Y$  is  $rgf$ -closed in  $X$ .

Every fuzzy continuous function is  $gf$ -continuous and every  $gf$ -continuous function is  $rgf$ -continuous. However, the converses are not true as Example 3.3 in [3] and the following example show.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$ , where  $A_1(a) = 0.4, A_1(b) = 0.7, A_1(c) = 0.3$ ;  $A_2(a) = 0.7, A_2(b) = 0.7, A_2(c) = 0.8$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  be the identity. Then  $f$  is  $rgf$ -continuous but not  $gf$ -continuous since  $f^{-1}(1 - A_2)$  is not  $gf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for fuzzy closed set  $1 - A_2$  in  $(X, \tau_2)$ .

Balasubramanian and Sundaram [3] defined the generalized fuzzy closure operator  $Cl^*$  to obtain some properties of  $gf$ -continuity. So, in similar way, we define the regular generalized fuzzy closure operator  $Cl_*$  for any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$  as follows:

$$Cl_*(A) = \bigwedge \{B \mid A \leq B \text{ and } B \text{ is } rgf\text{-closed}\}.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy set in  $X$  and  $x_\alpha$  be a fuzzy point in  $X$ . Then  $x_\alpha \in Cl_*(A)$  is and only if for each  $rgf$ - $q$ -nbd  $U$  of  $x_\alpha$ ,  $U q A$ .

The following are the properties of  $rgf$ -continuous functions.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function.

(i) The following statements are equivalent:

(a)  $f$  is  $rgf$ -continuous.

(b) The inverse image of each fuzzy open set in  $Y$  is  $rgf$ -open in  $X$ .

(ii) If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $rgf$ -continuous, then  $f(Cl_*(A)) \leq Cl(f(A))$  for any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ .

(iii) The following statement are equivalent:

(a) For each fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  and each fuzzy open  $q$ -nbd of  $f(x_\alpha)$ , there exists a  $rgf$ -open  $q$ -nbd  $U$  of  $x_\alpha$  such that  $f(U) \leq V$ .

(b) For each fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(Cl_*(A)) \leq Cl(f(A))$ .

(c) For each fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $Cl_*(f^{-1}(B)) \leq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$ .

(d) The function  $f : (X, \tau_*) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is fuzzy continuous.

The converse of Theorem 3.4 (ii) need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$  where  $A_1, A_2$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined by  $A_1(a) = 0.6, A_1(b) = 0.7, A_1(c) = 0.6; A_2(a) = 0.3, A_2(b) = 0.7, A_2(c) = 0.3$ . Consider a function  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  defined by  $f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = b$ . Then for any fuzzy set  $A$ ,  $f(Cl_*(A)) \leq Cl(f(A))$ , but  $f$  is not  $rgf$ -continuous. (Since  $1 - A_2$  is a fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau_2)$  but  $f^{-1}(1 - A_2)$  is not  $rgf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ .)

**Definition 3.7 (3).** An fts  $X$  is said to be fuzzy  $T_{1/2}$  if every  $gf$ -closed set in  $X$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.8.** An fts  $X$  is said to be fuzzy regular- $T_{1/2}$  if every  $rgf$ -closed set in  $X$  is fuzzy regular closed in  $X$ .

Every fuzzy regular- $T_{1/2}$  space is fuzzy  $T_{1/2}$  but the converse need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.9.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where  $A$  is fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $0 \leq A(a) \leq 1, 0 \leq A(b) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is fuzzy  $T_{1/2}$  but not fuzzy regular- $T_{1/2}$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be functions.

(i) If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $rgf$ -continuous and  $Y$  is fuzzy regular- $T_{1/2}$ , then the composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is also  $rgf$ -continuous.

(ii) If  $f$  is  $rgf$ -continuous and  $g$  are fuzzy continuous, then the composition  $g \circ f$  is  $rgf$ -continuous.

The following Example shows that the composition of any two  $rgf$ -continuous functions need not be  $rgf$ -continuous.

**Example 3.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$  and  $\tau_3 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_3\}$  where  $A_1, A_2$  and  $A_3$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1(a) &= 0.4, A_1(b) = 0.3, A_1(c) = 0.4; \\ A_2(a) &= A_2(b) = A_2(c) = 0.5; \\ A_3(a) &= 0.7, A_3(b) = 0.8, A_3(c) = 0.7. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  be a function defined by  $f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = b$  and  $g : (X, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \tau_3)$

be the identity. Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $rgf$ -continuous but  $g \circ f$  is not  $rgf$ -continuous; for  $1 - A_3$  is fuzzy closed in  $(X, \tau_3)$ ,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(1 - A_3))$  is not  $rgf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is not  $rgf$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.12.** For  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , when  $X$  is fuzzy regular- $T_{1/2}$ , then  $rgf$ -continuity,  $gf$ -continuity, fuzzy continuity and  $fr$ -continuity are equivalent.

## 4 Fuzzy $rgc$ -irresolute functions and their properties

**Definition 4.1 (3).** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called fuzzy  $gc$ -irresolute if the inverse image of every  $gf$ -closed set in  $Y$  is  $gf$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute if the inverse image of every  $rgf$ -closed set in  $Y$  is  $rgf$ -closed in  $X$ .

Every fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute function is  $rgf$ -continuous but the converse is not true (see Example 4.3). And the following Examples 4.4 and 4.5 show that fuzzy  $gc$ -irresolute function and fuzzy  $gc$ -irresolute function are, in general, independent.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$ , where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined by  $A_1(a) = 0.7, A_1(b) = 0.8, A_1(c) = 0.7; A_2(a) = A_2(b) = A_2(c) = 0.5$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  be the identity. Then  $f$  is  $rgf$ -continuous but not fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute; for a fuzzy set  $A_3$  in  $X$  defined by  $A_3(a) = 0.3, A_3(b) = 0.1, A_3(c) = 0.3$  is  $rgf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A_3)$  is not  $rgf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ .

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined by  $A_1(a) = A_1(c) = 0, A_1(b) = 0.5; A_2(a) = A_2(c) = 0, A_2(b) = 1$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  be the identity. Then  $f$  is fuzzy  $gc$ -irresolute but not fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute; for  $A_1$  is  $rgf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A_1)$  is not  $rgf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ . Hence  $f$  is not fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fuzzy sets defined by  $A_1(a) = A_1(c) = 0, A_1(b) = 1; A_2(a) = A_2(c) = 0.7, A_2(b) = 0.5$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  be the identity. Then  $f$  is fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute but not fuzzy  $gc$ -irresolute; for a fuzzy set  $A_3$  in  $X$  defined by  $A_3(a) = A_3(c) = 0, A_3(b) = 0.5$  is  $gf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A_3)$  is not  $gf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1)$ .

The following are the properties of fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute functions.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function.

- (i) The following statements are equivalent:
  - (a)  $f$  is fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute.
  - (b) The inverse image of every *rgf*-open set in  $Y$  is *rgf*-open in  $X$ .
  - (ii) If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute, then  $f(Cl_*(A)) \leq Cl_*(f(A))$  for any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ .
  - (iii) The following statements are equivalent:
    - (a) For each fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  and each *rgf*-open  $q$ -nbd of  $f(x_\alpha)$ , there exists a *rgf*-open  $q$ -nbd  $U$  of  $x_\alpha$  such that  $f(U) \leq V$ .
    - (b) For each fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(Cl_*(A)) \leq Cl_*(f(A))$ .
    - (c) For each fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $Cl_*(f^{-1}(B)) \leq f^{-1}(Cl_*(B))$ .
    - (d) The function  $f : (X, \tau_*) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_*)$  is fuzzy continuous.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be functions.

- (i) If  $f$  and  $g$  are fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute, then the composition  $g \circ f$  is fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute.
- (ii) If  $f$  is fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute and  $g$  are *rgf*-continuous, then the composition  $g \circ f$  is *rgf*-continuous.

## 5 Strongly *rgf*-continuous and perfectly *rgf*-continuous functions

**Definition 5.1 (3).** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called perfectly fuzzy continuous if the inverse image of every fuzzy open set in  $Y$  is both fuzzy open and fuzzy closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 5.2 (3).** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called strongly *gf*-continuous if the inverse image of every *gf*-open set in  $Y$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ .

**Definition 5.3 (3).** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called perfectly *gf*-continuous if the inverse image of every *gf*-open set in  $Y$  is both fuzzy open and fuzzy closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 5.4.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called strongly *rgf*-continuous if the inverse image of every *rgf*-open set in  $Y$  is fuzzy open in  $X$ .

**Definition 5.5.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called perfectly *rgf*-continuous if the inverse image of every *rgf*-open set in  $Y$  is both fuzzy open and fuzzy closed in  $X$ .

**Remark 5.6.** When  $Y$  is fuzzy regular- $T_{1/2}$ , strongly *rgf*-continuity, strongly *gf*-continuity and fuzzy continuity are equivalent concepts, and also perfectly *rgf*-continuity, perfectly *gf*-continuity and perfectly fuzzy continuity are equivalent.

**Theorem 5.7.** Strong *rgf*-continuity  $\Rightarrow$  strong *gf*-continuity  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy continuity.

The converses of Theorem 5.7 are not true as Example 5.7 in [3] and the following example show.

**Example 5.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  where  $A_1$  is fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $A_1(a) = 1, 0.5 \leq A_1(b) \leq 1$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_1)$  be the identity. Then  $f$  is strongly *gf*-continuous but not strongly *rgf*-continuous.

**Theorem 5.9.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is strongly *rgf*-continuous if and only if the inverse image of every *rgf*-closed set in  $Y$  is fuzzy closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.10.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be functions. If  $f$  is strongly *rgf*-continuous and  $g$  is *rgf*-continuous, then  $g \circ f$  is fuzzy continuous.

**Theorem 5.11.** Perfect *rgf*-continuity  $\Rightarrow$  perfect *gf*-continuity, and perfect *rgf*-continuity  $\Rightarrow$  strong *rgf*-continuity.

The converses of Theorem 5.11 are not true.

**Example 5.12.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1, A_2\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined by  $A_1(a) = 1, 0.5 \leq A_1(b) \leq 1; A_2(a) = 0, 0 \leq A_2(b) \leq 0.5$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  be the identity. Then  $f$  is perfectly *gf*-continuous but not perfectly *rgf*-continuous.

**Example 5.13.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{0_X, 1_X, A_2\}$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined by  $0 \leq A_1(a) \leq 1, 0 \leq A_1(b) \leq \frac{1}{2}; 0 \leq A_2(a) \leq \frac{1}{2}, 0 \leq A_2(b) \leq 1$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau_1) \rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  by  $f(a) = b$  and  $f(b) = a$ . Then  $f$  is strongly *rgf*-continuous but not perfectly *rgf*-continuous.

**Theorem 5.14.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is perfectly *rgf*-continuous if and only if the inverse image of *rgf*-closed set in  $Y$  is both fuzzy open and fuzzy closed in  $X$ .

Regarding the results above-mentioned so far, we have the table of implications as shown in following table.

$\Rightarrow$	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
a	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
f	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
g	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
h	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
i	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
j	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
k	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

In above table,  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j$  and  $k$  denote fuzzy regular continuity, fuzzy continuity,  $gf$ -continuity,  $rgf$ -continuity, fuzzy  $gc$ -irresolute, fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute, perfect fuzzy continuity, strong  $gf$ -continuity, perfect  $gf$ -continuity, strong  $rgf$ -continuity and perfect  $rgf$ -continuity, respectively. Also 1 denotes 'implies' and 0 denotes 'does not imply'.

## 6 $rgf$ -connectedness and their properties

**Definition 6.1 (3).** An fts  $X$  is said to be  $gf$ -connected if the only fuzzy sets which are both  $gf$ -open and  $gf$ -closed are  $0_X$  and  $1_X$ .

**Definition 6.2.** An fts  $X$  is said to be  $rgf$ -connected if the only fuzzy sets which are both  $rgf$ -open and  $rgf$ -closed are  $0_X$  and  $1_X$ .

**Theorem 6.3.** Every  $rgf$ -connected space is  $gf$ -connected and every  $gf$ -connected space is fuzzy connected [6].

However, the converses are not true as Example 7.3 in [3] and the following example show.

**Example 6.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where  $A$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$  defined by  $\frac{1}{2} \leq A \leq 1, A(b) = 1$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $gf$ -connected but not  $rgf$ -connected; For any fuzzy set  $B$  in  $X, B$  is  $rgf$ -open and  $rgf$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $rgf$ -connected.

**Theorem 6.5.** For fuzzy regular- $T_{1/2}$  space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is  $rgf$ -connected.
- (ii)  $X$  is  $gf$ -connected.
- (iii)  $X$  is fuzzy connected.

**Theorem 6.6.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $rgf$ -continuous surjection and  $X$  is  $rgf$ -connected, then  $Y$  is fuzzy connected.

**Theorem 6.7.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy  $rgc$ -irresolute surjection and  $X$  is  $rgf$ -connected, then  $Y$  is  $rgf$ -connected.

**Theorem 6.8.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is more strongly  $gf$ -continuous surjection and  $X$  is fuzzy connected, then  $Y$  is  $rgf$ -connected.

**Theorem 6.9.** An fts  $X$  is  $rgf$ -connected if and only if it has no non-zero  $rgf$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B = 1$ .

**Corollary 6.10.** An fts  $X$  is  $rgf$ -connected if and only if it has no non-zero  $rgf$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B = 1, Cl(A) + B = A + Cl(B) = 1$ .

Now, we define the regular generalized fuzzy interior operator  $Int_*$  for any fuzzy set  $A$  in a fts  $(X, \tau)$  as follows:  $Int_*(A) = \bigvee \{B \mid B \leq A \text{ and } B \text{ is } rgf\text{-open}\}$ . It is easy to see that for any fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X, 1 - Cl_*(A) = Int_*(1 - A)$ .

**Definition 6.11.** A  $rgf$ -open set  $A$  is called regular  $rgf$ -open if  $A = Int_*(Cl_*(A))$ . The fuzzy complement of regular  $rgf$ -open set is called regular  $rgf$ -closed.

**Definition 6.12.** An fts  $X$  is called  $rgf$ -super connected if there is no proper regular  $rgf$ -open set in  $X$ .

**Theorem 6.13.** In an fts  $X$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is  $rgf$ -super connected.
- (ii) For every non-zero  $rgf$ -open set  $A, Cl_*(A) = 1$ .
- (iii) For every  $rgf$ -closed set  $A$  with  $A \neq 1, Int_*(A) = 0$ .
- (iv)  $X$  does not have non-zero  $rgf$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B \leq 1$ .
- (v)  $X$  does not have non-zero fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $Cl_*(A) + B = A + Cl_*(B) = 1$ .

**Definition 6.14.** An fts  $X$  is said to be  $rgf$ -strongly connected if it has no non-zero  $rgf$ -closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A + B \leq 1$ .

**Theorem 6.15.** An fts  $X$  is  $rgf$ -strongly connected if and only if it has no non-zero  $rgf$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A \neq 1, B \neq 1$  and  $A + B \geq 1$ .

**Remark 6.16.** Every  $rgf$ -super connected space is  $gf$ -super connected, and every  $rgf$ -strong connected space  $gf$ -strong connected.

The converses of Remark 6.16 are not true. Also the following examples show that *gf*-super connectedness and *gf*-strong connectedness are independent.

**Example 6.17.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A\}$  where  $A$  is fuzzy set defined by  $\frac{2}{3} \leq A(a) \leq 1$  and  $A(b) = 0$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is *gf*-super connected but it is neither *gf*-strongly connected nor *rgf*-super connected.

**Example 6.18.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A_1, A_2\}$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are fuzzy sets defined by  $A_1(a) = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $A_1(b) = 1$ ;  $0 \leq A_2(a) < \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $A_2(b) = 0$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is *gf*-strongly connected but it is neither *gf*-super connected nor *rgf*-strongly connected.

## 7 *rgf*-extremally disconnectedness and *rgf*-compactness

**Definition 7.1.** An fts  $X$  is said to be regular generalized fuzzy extremally disconnected (in short, *rgf*-extremally disconnected) if  $Cl_*(A)$  is *rgf*-open, whenever  $A$  is *rgf*-open.

**Theorem 7.2.** For any fts  $X$ , then following are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is *rgf*-extremally disconnected.
- (ii) For each *rgf*-closed set  $A$ ,  $Int_*(A)$  is *rgf*-closed.
- (iii) For each *rgf*-open set  $A$ ,  $Cl_*(A) + Cl_*(1 - Cl_*(A)) = 1$ .
- (iv) For each pair of *rgf*-open set  $A, B$  with  $Cl_*(A) + B = 1$ ,  $Cl_*(A) + Cl_*(B) = 1$ .

**Definition 7.3.** A collection  $\{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of *rgf*-open sets in  $X$  is called *rgf*-open cover of a fuzzy set  $B$  in  $X$  if  $B \leq \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda$ .

**Definition 7.4.** An fts  $X$  is called *rgf*-compact if every *rgf*-open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 7.5.** A fuzzy set  $B$  in  $X$  is said to be *rgf*-compact relative to  $X$  (which we shall call a *rgf*-compact set) if for every collection  $\{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of *rgf*-open sets of  $X$  such that  $B \leq \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda$ , there exists a finite subset  $\Lambda_0$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $B \leq \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0} A_\lambda$ .

**Theorem 7.6.** Let  $X$  be a *rgf*-compact fts and  $A$  be a *rgf*-closed set in  $X$ . Then  $A$  is *rgf*-compact set.

**Theorem 7.7.** (i) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *rgf*-continuous and  $X$  is *rgf*-compact, then  $f(X)$  is a fuzzy compact set.

(ii) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is fuzzy *rgc*-irresolute and  $A$  is *rgf*-compact set of  $X$ . then  $f(A)$  is *rgf*-compact set of  $Y$ .

(iii) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is strongly *rgf*-continuous and  $X$  is fuzzy compact, then  $f(X)$  is a *rgf*-compact set of  $Y$ .

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