# A note on fuzzy continuous set-valued mappings.

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#### 1. preliminaries

For a set X, let  $I^X$  denote set of all fuzzy sets, where I = [0,1]. Refer the concepts of union, intersection, complement, inclusion of two fuzzy sets to [6].

Now in order to deal with later sections, we list some definitions and results:

**Definition 1.1[1].** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping,  $A \in I^X$  and  $B \in I^Y$ . Then:

(1) The inverse image of B under f,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy set in X defined by for each  $x \in X$ .

$$[f^{-1}(B)](x) = B(f(x)) = (B \circ f)(x).$$

(2) The image of A under f, denoted by f(A), is a fuzzy set in Y defined by for each  $y \in Y$ ,

$$[f(A)](y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{y = f(x)} A(x) & \text{if } y \in f(X), \\ 0 & \text{if } y \notin f(X). \end{cases}$$

By the above definition,

$$f: I^X \to I^Y$$
 and  $f^{-1}: I^Y \to I^X$  are mappings.

**Result 1.A[1,3].** Let  $f: X \to Y$ ,  $\{A_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset I^{X}$ , and  $\{B_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset I^{Y}$ . Then:

$$(1) \ f^{-1}(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} B_{\alpha}) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} f^{-1}(B_{\alpha}) \ , \ f^{-1}(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} B_{\alpha}) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} f^{-1}(B_{\alpha}) \ .$$

$$(2) \ f\left(\bigcup_{\alpha\in A}A_{\alpha}\right)=\bigcup_{\alpha\in A}f(A_{\alpha})\ ,\ f\left(\bigcap_{\alpha\in A}A_{\alpha}\right)\subset\bigcap_{\alpha\in A}f(A_{\alpha})\ .$$

(3) 
$$f(f^{-1}(B)) \subset B$$
,  $A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$ , where  $A \in I^X$  and  $B \in I^Y$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $A \in I^X$  and  $B \in I^Y$ . Then:

(1) 
$$f(A) = \emptyset$$
 if and only if  $A = \emptyset$ . 
(2)  $f(A) \cap B = f(A \cap f^{-1}(B))$ .

**Definition 1.3[4].** Let  $A, B \in I^X$  and  $x_{\lambda} \in F_{\mathfrak{p}}(X)$ , where  $F_{\mathfrak{p}}(X)$  denotes the set of all fuzzy points in X. Then:

(1) A is said to be *quasi-coincident with* B, denoted by AqB, if there exists an  $x \in X$  such that  $A(x) > B^c(x)$  or A(x) + B(x) > 1.

Also, we say that A and B are quasi-coincident (with each other) at x.

(2)  $x_{\lambda}$  is said to be *quasi-coincident with* A, denoted by  $x_{\lambda}qA$ , if  $\lambda > A^{c}(x)$  or

 $\lambda + A(x) > 1$ .

**Result 1.B[4].** Let  $A, B \in I^X$  and  $x_{\lambda} \in F_{\rho}(X)$ . Then :

- (1)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A q B^c$ .
- (2)  $x_{\lambda} \in A$  if and only if  $x_{\lambda} \overline{q} A^{c}$ .

**Definition 1.4[1].** A mapping  $f:(X,\Im)\to (Y,\mathcal{U})$  is said to be fuzzy continuous(F-continuous, in short) if  $f^{-1}(B) \in \Im$  for each  $B \in \mathcal{U}$ . The mapping f is called a fuzzy homeomorphism(F-homeomorphism, in short) if f is bijective, and both f and  $f^{-1}$  are F-continuous.

**Result 1.C[5].** Let  $f:(X, \mathcal{I}) \to (Y, \mathcal{U})$  be a mapping. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is F-continuous.
- (2) For each closed set B in Y,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed in X.
- (3) For each member V of a subbase  $\mathcal{I}$  for  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{I}$
- (4) For each  $x_{\lambda} \in F_{p}(X)$  and each neighborhood V of  $f(x_{\lambda}) (= [f(x)]_{\lambda})$ , there exists a neighborhood U of  $x_{\lambda}$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .
- (5) For each  $x_{\lambda} \in F_p(X)$  and each q-neighborhood V of  $f(x_{\lambda})$ , there exists a q-neighborhood U of  $x_{\lambda}$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .
  - (6)  $f(\overline{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .
  - (7)  $\overline{f^{-1}(B)} \subset f^{-1}(\overline{B})$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .

From Result 1.C, we obtain the following result:

**Proposition 1.5.** Let  $f:(X, \mathfrak{I}) \to (Y, \mathcal{U})$  be a mapping and  $x_{\lambda} \in F_{\mathfrak{p}}(X)$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is F-continuous at  $x_{\lambda}$ .
- (2)  $x_{\lambda} \in f^{-1}(B) \Rightarrow x_{\lambda} \in f^{-1}(B)$  for each  $B \in I^{Y}$ .
- (3)  $x_{\lambda} \in \overline{f^{-1}(B)} \Rightarrow x_{\lambda} \in f^{-1}(\overline{B})$  for each  $B \in I^{Y}$ .

**Notation 1.6[2].** Let X be a fts and let  $A \in I^X$ . Then:

(1)  $I_0^X=$  { E:E is a nonempty fuzzy closed set in X } . (2)  $I_0^A=$  {  $E\in I_0^X\colon E\subset A$  } .

**Definition 1.7[2].** Let  $(X,\Im)$  be a fts. Then the fuzzy Vietories topology  $\Im_v$  on  $I_0^X$  is generated by the collection of the forms  $\langle U_1,\cdots,U_n\rangle_v$  with  $U_1,\cdots,U_n$  fuzzy open sets in X, where  $\langle U_1,\cdots,U_n\rangle_v=\{\ E\in I_0^X\colon E\subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \text{ and } E \not\in U_i \text{ for each } i=1,\cdots n\ \}$ .

The pair  $(I_0^X, \mathcal{I}_v)$  is called a fuzzy hyperspace with fuzzy Vietories topology(fuzzy hyperspace, in short).

**Result 1.D[2].** Let  $(X, \mathcal{I})$  be a fts. Then:

- (1) A is F-open in X if and only if  $I_0^A$  and  $I_0^X I_0^{A^c}$  are F-open in  $I_0^X$ .
- (2) If A is F-closed in X, then  $I_0^A$  and  $I_0^X I_0^{A^c}$  are F-closed in  $I_0^X$ .

### 2. Definitions and fundamental property

For each  $A \in I^X$ , let  $I^A$  denote the set of all fuzzy sets in X contained in A. Hence  $I^A = \{ E \in I^X : E \subset A \}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A mapping is said to be *fuzzy set-valued* if its values are fuzzy sets in a given set.

Hence, for instance,  $f: I^X \to I^Y$  and  $f^{-1}: I^Y \to I^X$  are fuzzy set-valued (See Definition 1.1).

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $F_1, F_2: Y \rightarrow I^X$  be fuzzy set-valued mappings. Then:

- (1)  $F_1 \subset F_2$  if and only if  $F_1(y) \subset F_2(y)$  for each  $y \in Y$ .
- (2)  $F = F_1 \cup F_2$  if and only if  $F(y) = F_1(y) \cup F_2(y)$  for each  $y \in Y$ .
- (3)  $F = F_1 \cap F_2$  if and only if  $F(y) = F_1(y) \cap F_2(y)$  for each  $y \in Y$ .

Clearly, the set  $(I^X)^Y$  can be considered as a complete distributive lattice.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $F: Y \to I^X$  be fuzzy set-valued and  $A \in I^X$ . Then the *inverse* image of  $I^A$  under F, denoted by  $F^{-1}(I^A)$ , is defined by

$$F^{-1}(I^A) = \{ y \in Y : F(y) \in I^A \} = \{ y \in Y : F(y) \subset A \}$$

It is clear that  $Y - F^{-1}(I^A) = \{ y \in Y : F(y) \notin I^A \} = \{ y \in Y : f(y) q A^c \}$  by Result 1.B(1).

From Definition 2.2. and 2.3, we obtain easily the following result:

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $F_1, F_2: Y \rightarrow I^X$  be fuzzy set-valued and  $A \in I^X$ . Then:

- (1) If  $F_1 \subset F_2$ , then  $F_2^{-1}(I^A) \subset F_1^{-1}(I^A)$ .
- (2) If  $F = F_1 \cup F_2$ , then  $F^{-1}(I^A) = F_1^{-1}(I^A) \cap F_2^{-1}(I^A)$ .
- (2a) If  $F_{\alpha} \colon Y \to I^X$  is fuzzy set-valued for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} F_{\alpha})^{-1}(I^{A}) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} F_{\alpha}^{-1}(I^{A}).$
- (3) If  $F = F_1 \cap F_2$ , then  $F_1^{-1}(I^A) \cup F_2^{-1}(I^A) \subset F^{-1}(I^A)$ .
- (3a) If  $F_{\alpha} \colon Y \to I^X$  is fuzzy set-valued for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , then

$$\bigcup_{\alpha\in\Lambda}F_{\alpha}^{-1}\left(I^{A}\right)\subset\left(\bigcap_{\alpha\in\Lambda}F_{\alpha}\right)^{-1}\left(I^{A}\right).$$

## 3. F-continuity of fuzzy set-valued mappings

**Theorem 3.1.** Let Y be a fts,  $I_0^X$  a fuzzy hyperspace and  $F: Y \to I_0^X$  a fuzzy set-valued mapping. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) F is F-continuous.
- (2) For each fuzzy closed(resp. open) set A in X,  $F^{-1}(I_0^A)$  is open(resp. closed) in Y.
- (3) For each fuzzy closed(resp. open) set A in X,  $Y F^{-1}(I_0^{A^c})$  is closed(resp. open) in Y.

**Corollary 3.1.** F is F-continuous at  $y_0 \in Y$  if and only if both implications hold:

$$y_0 \in F^{-1}(I_0^G) \Rightarrow y_0 \in F^{-1}(I_0^G)$$
 whenever G is a fuzzy open set in X,

and

$$y_0 \in \overline{F^{-1}(I_0^K)} \Rightarrow y_0 \in F^{-1}(I_0^K)$$
 whenever  $K$  is a fuzzy closed set in  $X$ ,

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be F-continuous. Then:

- (1)  $f^{-1}: I_0^Y \to I_0^X$  is F-continuous if and only if f is simultaneously F-closed and F-open.
- (2) If f is F-closed, then  $f: I_0^X \to I_0^Y$  is F-continuous.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $F_1, F_2: Y \to I_0^X$  be fuzzy set-valued. If  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are F-continuous, then  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is F-continuous.

**Remark 3.3.** Theorem 3.3 can be stated in the following local form: The union of two F-continuous mappings at  $y_{\lambda}$  is F-continuous at  $y_{\lambda}$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** The union  $K \cup L$ , considered as a mapping of  $I_0^X \times I_0^X$  onto  $I_0^X$ , is F-continuous.

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