

# On Fuzzy Almost $r$ -minimal Continuous Functions between Fuzzy Minimal Spaces and Fuzzy Topological Spaces

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to introduce and investigate the concept of fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous function between fuzzy minimal spaces and fuzzy topological spaces. Particularly, we investigate characterizations for the fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuity by using generalized fuzzy  $r$ -open sets.

**Key words :**  $r$ -minimal structure, fuzzy  $r$ -minimal continuous, fuzzy weakly  $r$ -minimal continuous, fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous

## 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh [13]. Chang [2] defined fuzzy topological spaces using fuzzy sets. The concept of smooth topological space was introduced in [3, 10] by Chattopadhyay, Hazra, Samanta, and Ramadan, which is a generalization of fuzzy topological space. Yoo et al. [11] introduced the concept of fuzzy  $r$ -minimal space which is an extension of the smooth topological space. The author introduced the concepts of fuzzy  $r$ -minimal continuous function [8] and fuzzy weakly  $r$ -minimal continuous function [9] between fuzzy  $r$ -minimal spaces and fuzzy topological spaces. The purpose of this paper is to generalize the concept of fuzzy  $r$ -minimal continuous function. So, in this paper, we introduce the concept of fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous function between a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal space and a fuzzy topological space. In particular, we investigate characterizations for the fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuity by using generalized fuzzy  $r$ -open sets - fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets, fuzzy  $r$ -preopen sets, fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -open sets, fuzzy  $r$ -regular open sets.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $I$  be the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  of the real line. A member  $A$  of  $I^X$  is called a fuzzy set of  $X$ . By  $\tilde{0}$  and  $\tilde{1}$  we denote constant maps on  $X$  with value 0 and 1, respectively. For any  $A \in I^X$ ,  $A^c$  denotes the complement  $\tilde{1} - A$ . All other notations are standard notations of fuzzy set theory.

A fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  is a fuzzy set  $x_\alpha$  defined as follows

$$x_\alpha(y) = \begin{cases} \alpha, & \text{if } y = x, \\ 0, & \text{if } y \neq x. \end{cases}$$

A fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  is said to belong to a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ ,

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denoted by  $x_\alpha \in A$ , if  $\alpha \leq A(x)$  for  $x \in X$ . A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is the union of all fuzzy points which belong to  $A$ .

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $A \in I^X$  and  $B \in I^Y$ . Then  $f(A)$  is a fuzzy set in  $Y$ , defined by

$$f(A)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{z \in f^{-1}(y)} A(z), & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for  $y \in Y$ , and  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$ , defined by  $f^{-1}(B)(x) = B(f(x))$ ,  $x \in X$ .

A fuzzy topology (or smooth topology) [3, 10] on  $X$  is a map  $\mathcal{T} : I^X \rightarrow I$  which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $\mathcal{T}(\tilde{0}) = \mathcal{T}(\tilde{1}) = 1$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq \mathcal{T}(A_1) \wedge \mathcal{T}(A_2)$  for  $A_1, A_2 \in I^X$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{T}(\cup A_i) \geq \wedge \mathcal{T}(A_i)$  for  $A_i \in I^X$ .

The pair  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called a fuzzy topological space [11].  $A \in I^X$  is said to be fuzzy  $r$ -open (resp., fuzzy  $r$ -closed) [6] if  $\mathcal{T}(A) \geq r$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{T}(A^c) \geq r$ ).

The  $r$ -closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $cl(A, r)$ , is defined as  $cl(A, r) = \cap\{B \in I^X : A \subseteq B \text{ and } B \text{ is fuzzy } r\text{-closed}\}$ .

The  $r$ -interior of  $A$ , denoted by  $int(A, r)$ , is defined as  $int(A, r) = \cup\{B \in I^X : B \subseteq A \text{ and } B \text{ is fuzzy } r\text{-open}\}$ .

**Definition 2.1 ([11]).** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $r \in (0, 1] = I_0$ . A fuzzy family  $\mathcal{M} : I^X \rightarrow I$  on  $X$  is said to have a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal structure if the family

$$\mathcal{M}_r = \{A \in I^X \mid \mathcal{M}(A) \geq r\}$$

contains  $\tilde{0}$  and  $\tilde{1}$ .

Then the  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  is called a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal space (simply  $r$ -FMS) if  $\mathcal{M}$  has a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal structure. Every member of  $\mathcal{M}_r$  is called a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set. A fuzzy set  $A$  is called a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed set if the

complement of  $A$  (simply,  $A^c$ ) is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $r \in I_0$ . The fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closure and the fuzzy  $r$ -minimal interior of  $A$  [11], denoted by  $mC(A, r)$  and  $mI(A, r)$ , respectively, are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} mC(A, r) &= \cap\{B \in I^X : B^c \in \mathcal{M}_r \text{ and } A \subseteq B\}, \\ mI(A, r) &= \cup\{B \in I^X : B \in \mathcal{M}_r \text{ and } B \subseteq A\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.2 ([11]).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $A, B$  in  $I^X$ .

(1)  $mI(A, r) \subseteq A$  and if  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set, then  $mI(A, r) = A$ .

(2)  $A \subseteq mC(A, r)$  and if  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed set, then  $mC(A, r) = A$ .

(3) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $mI(A, r) \subseteq mI(B, r)$  and  $mC(A, r) \subseteq mC(B, r)$ .

(4)  $mI(A, r) \cap mI(B, r) \supseteq mI(A \cap B, r)$  and  $mC(A, r) \cup mC(B, r) \subseteq mC(A \cup B, r)$ .

(5)  $mI(mI(A, r), r) = mI(A, r)$  and  $mC(mC(A, r), r) = mC(A, r)$ .

(6)  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - mC(A, r) = mI(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - A, r)$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - mI(A, r) = mC(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - A, r)$ .

### 3. Fuzzy Almost $r$ -minimal Continuous Functions

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $(Y, \sigma)$  a fuzzy topological space. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous* if for a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  and for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $V$  with  $f(x_\alpha) \in V$ , there exists a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $U$  such that  $x_\alpha \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r)$ .

We recall that: Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $(Y, \sigma)$  a fuzzy topological space. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

(1) *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal continuous* [8] if for every fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $A$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open in  $X$ ;

(2) *fuzzy weakly  $r$ -minimal continuous* [9] if for a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  and for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $V$  with  $f(x_\alpha) \in V$ , there exists a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $U$  such that  $x_\alpha \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq \text{cl}(V, r)$ .

From the above definitions, easily we have the following implications:

fuzzy  $r$ -minimal continuity  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuity  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy weakly  $r$ -minimal continuity

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = I$  and let  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  be fuzzy sets as the following:

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{2}x, \quad x \in I;$$

$$B(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1), \quad x \in I;$$

$$C(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x + 1), & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ -\frac{1}{2}(x - 2), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1; \end{cases}$$

and

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}(2x - 1), & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{1}{2}(2x - 1), & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Let us consider two fuzzy topologies  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  defined as the following:

$$\mathcal{M}_1(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \tilde{\mathbf{0}}_X, \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = C, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise}; \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_2(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \tilde{\mathbf{0}}_X, \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \mu = D, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

And let us consider a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal structure  $\mathcal{N}$  defined as the following:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu = \tilde{\mathbf{0}}_X, \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if } \mu = A, B, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

Then:

(1) The identity function  $f : (X, \mathcal{N}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{M}_1)$  is fuzzy almost  $\frac{1}{2}$ -minimal continuous but not fuzzy  $\frac{1}{2}$ -minimal continuous.

(2) The identity function  $g : (X, \mathcal{N}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{M}_2)$  is fuzzy weakly  $\frac{1}{2}$ -minimal continuous but not fuzzy almost  $\frac{1}{2}$ -minimal continuous.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be a FTS and  $A \in I^X$ . Then a fuzzy set  $A$  is said to be *fuzzy  $r$ -regular open* (resp., *fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed* [7]) if  $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A, r), r)$  (resp.,  $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A, r), r)$ ).

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between an  $r$ -FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(1)  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.

(2)  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq mI(f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(B, r), r)), r)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

(3)  $mC(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .

(4)  $f^{-1}(F) = mC(f^{-1}(F), r)$  for an fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .

(5)  $f^{-1}(V) = mI(f^{-1}(V), r)$  for an fuzzy  $r$ -regular open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $B$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -open set in  $Y$ . Then for  $x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(V)$ , there exists a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $U$  containing  $x_\alpha$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(B, r), r)$ . Since  $x_\alpha \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(mI(mC(B, r), r))$ ,  $x_\alpha \in mI(f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(B, r), r)), r)$ . Thus we have (2).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) For a fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$ , let  $V$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -open set containing  $f(x_\alpha)$ . By (2), we have  $x_\alpha \in mI(f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r)), r)$ . So there exists a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $U$  such that  $x_\alpha \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r))$ . This fact implies

$$f(U) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r))) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r).$$

Hence  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $F$  be any fuzzy  $r$ -closed set of  $Y$ . Then from (2), it follows

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_Y - F) &\subseteq mI(f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_Y - F, r), r)), r) \\ &= mI(f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_Y - \text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)), r) \\ &= mI(\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X - f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)), r) \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X - mC(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)), r). \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $mC(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) For any fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ , since  $F = \text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)$  and fuzzy  $r$ -closed, we have  $mC(f^{-1}(F), r) = mC(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ . So  $f^{-1}(F) = mC(f^{-1}(F), r)$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Obvious.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $V$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -open set containing  $f(x_\alpha)$ . Since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -regular open, from (5),

$$x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r)) = mI(f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r)), r).$$

So there is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $U$  such that  $x_\alpha \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r))$ . This implies  $f(U) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(V, r), r)$ , and so  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\mathcal{M} : I^X \rightarrow I$  a fuzzy family on  $X$ . The fuzzy family  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to have the property  $(\mathcal{U})$  [11] if for  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}$  ( $i \in J$ ),

$$\mathcal{M}(\cup A_i) \geq \wedge \mathcal{M}(A_i).$$

**Theorem 3.4 ([11]).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS with the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ . Then

(1) For  $A \in I^X$ ,  $mI(A, r) = A$  if and only if  $A$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open.

(2) For  $F \in I^X$ ,  $mC(F, r) = F$  if and only if  $F$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between an  $r$ -FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}_X$  has the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.
- (2)  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq mI(f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(B, r), r)), r)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (3)  $mC(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open for each fuzzy  $r$ -regular open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (5)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed for each fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a FTS and  $A \in I^X$ . Then a fuzzy set  $A$  is said to be

- (1) *fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen* [6] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A, r), r)$ ;
- (2) *fuzzy  $r$ -preopen* [5] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A, r), r)$ ;
- (3) *fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -open* [1] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A, r), r), r)$ .

A fuzzy set  $A$  is called a *fuzzy  $r$ -semiclosed* (resp., *fuzzy  $r$ -preclosed*, *fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -closed*) set if the complement of  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen (resp., fuzzy  $r$ -preopen, fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -open) set.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between an  $r$ -FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.
- (2)  $mC(f^{-1}(G), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G, r))$  for each fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -open set  $G$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $mC(f^{-1}(G), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G, r))$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set  $G$  in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $G$  be a fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -open set. Then since  $\text{cl}(G, r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed, from Theorem 3.3 (4), it follows

$$\begin{aligned} mC(f^{-1}(G), r) &\subseteq mC(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G, r)), r) \\ &= f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G, r)). \end{aligned}$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Since every fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen set is fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -open, it is obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $F$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed set. Then  $F$  is fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen, and so from (3), we have

$$mC(f^{-1}(F), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(F, r)) = f^{-1}(F).$$

Hence, from Theorem 3.3,  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between an  $r$ -FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous if and only if  $mC(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G, r), r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G, r))$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -preopen set  $G$  in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous and let  $G$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -preopen set in  $Y$ . Then since  $cl(G, r) = cl(int(cl(G, r), r), r)$  and  $cl(G, r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed, from Theorem 3.3,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(cl(G, r)) &= mC(f^{-1}(cl(G, r)), r) \\ &= mC(f^{-1}(cl(int(cl(G, r), r), r)), r). \end{aligned}$$

Thus it implies  $mC(f^{-1}(cl(int(cl(G, r), r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl(G, r))$ .

For the converse, let  $A$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -regular closed set in  $Y$ . Then since  $int(A, r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -preopen, from hypothesis and  $A = cl(int(A, r), r)$ , it follows

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(A) &= f^{-1}(cl(int(A, r), r)) \\ &\supseteq mC(f^{-1}(cl(int(cl(int(A, r), r), r), r)), r) \\ &= mC(f^{-1}(cl(int(A, r), r)), r) \\ &= mC(f^{-1}(A), r). \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $f^{-1}(A) = mCl(f^{-1}(A), r)$ , and hence by Theorem 3.3,  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between an  $r$ -FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq mI(f^{-1}(int(cl(G, r), r)), r)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -preopen set  $G$  in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous and let  $G$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -preopen set in  $Y$ . Since  $int(cl(G, r), r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -regular open, from Theorem 3.3, it follows  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq f^{-1}(int(cl(G, r), r)) = mI(f^{-1}(int(cl(G, r), r)), r)$ .

For the converse, let  $U$  be fuzzy  $r$ -regular open. Then  $U$  is also fuzzy  $r$ -preopen. Since  $U = int(cl(U, r), r)$ , by hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(U) \subseteq mI(f^{-1}(int(cl(U, r), r)), r) = mI(f^{-1}(U), r)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(U) = mI(f^{-1}(U), r)$  and so  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous.  $\square$

**Definition 3.10 ([12]).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $\mathcal{C} = \{A_i \in I^X : i \in J\}$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal cover* if  $\cup\{A_i : i \in J\} = \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X$ . It is a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open cover* if each  $A_i$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set. A subcover of a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal cover  $\mathcal{A}$  is a subfamily of it which also is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal cover.  $X$  is said to be *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact* (resp., *almost fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact*, *nearly fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact*) if for every fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open cover  $\mathcal{C} = \{A_i \in I^X : i \in J\}$  of  $X$ , there exists  $J_0 = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n\} \subseteq J$  such that  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{i \in J_0} A_i$  (resp.,  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{i \in J_0} mC(A_i, r)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{i \in J_0} mI(mC(A_i, r), r)$ ).

**Definition 3.11 ([4]).** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a fuzzy topological space.  $X$  is said to be  *$r$ -fuzzy compact* (resp.,  *$r$ -fuzzy almost compact*,  *$r$ -fuzzy nearly compact*) if for every fuzzy  $r$ -open cover  $\mathcal{C} = \{A_i \in I^X : \tau(A_i) \geq r, i \in J\}$

of  $A$ , there exists  $J_0 = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n\} \subseteq J$  such that  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{i \in J_0} A_i$  (resp.,  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{i \in J_0} cl(A_i, r)$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{i \in J_0} int(cl(A_i, r), r)$ ).

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous surjection between an  $r$ -FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . If  $X$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact, then  $Y$  is  $r$ -fuzzy nearly compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{B_i \in I^Y : i \in J\}$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -open cover of  $Y$ . Then for each  $x(i)_\alpha \in f^{-1}(B_i)$  for  $B_i \in \mathcal{C}$ , since  $f$  is fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous, there exists a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $U(x(i)_\alpha)$  such that  $x(i)_\alpha \in U(x(i)_\alpha) \subseteq f^{-1}(int(cl(B_i, r), r))$ . So the collection  $\{U(x(i)_\alpha) : x(i)_\alpha \in X\}$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open cover in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact, there exists  $J_0 = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \subseteq J$  such that  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{j \in J_0} U(x(j)_\alpha) \subseteq \cup_{j \in J_0} f^{-1}(int(cl(B_j, r), r))$ . Hence  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_Y = \cup_{j \in J_0} int(cl(B_j, r), r)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy almost  $r$ -minimal continuous surjection between an  $r$ -FMS  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . If  $X$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact and if  $\mathcal{M}_X$  has the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ , then  $Y$  is  $r$ -fuzzy nearly compact.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{B_i \in I^Y : i \in J\}$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -open cover of  $Y$ . Then by the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ , the fuzzy family  $\mathcal{C}' = \{mI(f^{-1}(int(cl(B_i, r), r)), r) : B_i \in \mathcal{C} \text{ for } i \in J\}$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact, there exists a finite subset  $J_0$  of  $J$  such that  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_X = \cup_{j \in J_0} mI(f^{-1}(int(cl(B_j, r), r)), r) = \cup_{j \in J_0} f^{-1}(int(cl(B_j, r), r))$ .

This implies  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_Y = \cup_{j \in J_0} int(cl(B_j, r), r)$  and so  $Y$  is  $r$ -fuzzy nearly compact.  $\square$

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