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# Interval-Valued Fuzzy b-Irresolute Mappings

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we introduce the concepts of IVF b- irresolute mappings and IVF b-irresolute open mappings and in- vestigate some characterizations for them on the interval-valued fuzzy topological spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of a fuzzy subset was introduced and studied by L. A. Zadeh [6] in the year 1965. The subsequent research activities in this area and related areas have found applications in many branches of science and engineering. C. L. Chang [3] introduced and studied fuzzy topological spaces in 1968 as a generalization of topological spaces. Many researchers like this concept and many others have contributed to the development of fuzzy topological spaces. M. B. Gorzalczany [4] introduced the concept of interval-valued fuzzy set which is a generalization of fuzzy sets. T. K. Mondal and S. K. Samantha [5] introduced the topology of interval valued fuzzy sets. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of IVF b- irresolute mappings and IVF b-irresolute open mappings and in- vestigate some characterizations for them on the interval-valued fuzzy topological spaces.

# 2. Preliminaries

Let D[0,1] be the set of all closed subintervals of the unit interval [0,1]. The elements of D[0,1] are generally denoted by capital letters M,N,..., and note that  $M=[M^L,M^U]$ , where  $M^L$  and  $M^U$  are the lower and the upper end points respectively. Especially, we denote  $\mathbf{0}=[0,0]$ ,  $\mathbf{1}=[1,1]$ , and  $\mathbf{a}=[a,a]$  for every  $a\in(0,1)$ . We also note that (i)  $(\forall M,N\in D[0,1])(M=N\Leftrightarrow M^L=N^L,M^U=N^U)$ . (ii)  $(\forall M,N\in D[0,1])(M\subseteq N\Leftrightarrow M^L\subseteq N^L,M^U\subseteq N^U)$ . For every  $M\in D[0,1]$ , the complement of M, denoted by  $M^c$ , is defined by  $M^c=1-M=[1-M^U,1-M^L]$ . Let X be a nonempty set. A mapping  $A:X\to D[0,1]$  is called an interval-valued fuzzy set (briefly, an IVF set) in X. For each  $x\in X$ , A(x) is a closed interval whose lower and upper end points are denoted by  $A(x)^L$  and  $A(x)^U$ , respectively. For any  $[a,b]\in D[0,1]$ , the IVF set whose value is the interval [a,b] for all  $x\in X$  is denoted by [a,b]. In particular, for any  $a\in[0,1]$ , the IVF set whose value is  $\mathbf{a}=[a,a]$  for all  $x\in X$  is denoted by simply  $\widetilde{a}$ . For a point  $p\in X$  and for  $[a,b]\in D[0,1]$  with b>0, the IVF set which takes the value [a,b] at p and  $\mathbf{0}$  elsewhere in X is called an interval-valued fuzzy point (briefly, an IVF point) and is denoted by  $[a,b]_p$ . In particular, if b=a, then it is also denoted by  $a_p$ . Denote by IVF(X) the set of all IVF sets in X. For every  $A,B\in IVF(X)$ , we define  $A=B\Leftrightarrow (\forall x\in X)([A(x)]^L=[B(x)]^U)$ . The complement  $A^c$  of A is defined by  $[A^c(x)]^L=1-[A(x)]^U$  and  $[A^c(x)]^U=1-[A(x)]^U$  for all  $x\in X$ . For a family of IVF sets  $\{A_i:i\in A\}$ , where A is an index set, the union  $G=\bigcup_{i\in A}A_i$  and the intersection  $F=\bigcap_{i\in A}A_i$  are defined by  $(\forall x\in X)([G(x)]^L=\sup_{i\in A}[A_i(x)]^L,[G(x)]^U=\sup_{i\in A}[A_i(x)]^U)$ ,

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 $(\forall x \in X)([G(x)]^L = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} [\mathcal{A}_i(x)]^L, [G(x)]^U = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} [\mathcal{A}_i(x)]^U), \text{ respectively. Let } f: X \to Y \text{ be a mapping and let } \mathcal{A} \text{ be an IVF set in } X. \text{ Then the image of } \mathcal{A} \text{ under } f, \text{ denoted by } f(\mathcal{A}), \text{ is defined as follows:} \\ [f(\mathcal{A})(y)]^L = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sup_{y=f(x)} [\mathcal{A}(x)]^L & f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{array} \right. [f(\mathcal{A})(y)]^U = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sup_{y=f(x)} [\mathcal{A}(x)]^U & f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$  for all  $y \in \mathcal{A}$ 

Y. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an IVF set in Y. Then the inverse image of  $\mathcal{B}$  under f, denoted by  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ , is defined as follows:  $(\forall x \in X)([f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})(x)]^L = [\mathcal{B}(f(x))]^L, [f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})(x)]^U = [\mathcal{B}(f(x))]^U).$ 

**Definition 2.1** [5] A family  $\tau$  of IVF sets in X is called an interval-valued fuzzy topology (briefly, IVF topology) for X if it satisfies:

- 1.  $0, 1 \in \tau$ ,
- 2.  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \tau \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} \in \tau$ ,
- 3.  $A_i \in \tau$ ,  $i \in \Lambda \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} A_i \in \tau$ .

Every member of  $\tau$  is called an IVF open set. An IVF set  $\mathcal{A}$  in X is called an IVF closed set if the complement of  $\mathcal{A}$  is an IVF open set, that is,  $\mathcal{A}^c \in \tau$ . Moreover,  $(X, \tau)$  is called an interval-valued fuzzy topological space (briefly, IVF topological space).

**Definition 2.2** [5] For an IVF set  $\mathcal{A}$  in an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the IVF closure and the IVF interior of  $\mathcal{A}$ , denoted by  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $Int(\mathcal{A})$ , respectively, are defined as  $Cl(\mathcal{A}) = \cap \{\mathcal{B} \in I^X : \mathcal{B} \text{ is IVF closed and } \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}\}$ ,  $Int(\mathcal{A}) = \cup \{\mathcal{B} \in I^X : \mathcal{B} \text{ is IVF open and } \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}\}$ , respectively. Note that  $Int(\mathcal{A})$  is the largest IVF open set which is contained in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and that  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF open if and only if  $\mathcal{A} = Int(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Definition 2.3** [1] An IVF set A of an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be b-open if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A)) \cup Cl(Int(A))$ .

The complement of an IVF b-open set is called an IVF b-closed set.

**Definition 2.4** [1] For an IVF set A in an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we define the following

- 1.  $b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcap \{\mathcal{B} \in I^X : \mathcal{B} \text{ is IVF } b\text{-closed and } \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}\},\$
- 2.  $b \operatorname{Int}(A) = \bigcup \{ B \in I^X : B \text{ is IVF b-open and } B \subset A \}.$

**Definition 2.5** [2] A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be IVF b-continuous if for every IVF open set  $\mathcal{A}$  in Y,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF b-open in X.

## 3. Interval-valued fuzzy b-irresolute mappings

**Definition 3.1** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be IVF b-irresolute if for every IVF b-open set  $\mathcal A$  in Y,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal A)$  is IVF b-open in X.

**Proposition 3.1** Every IVF b-irresolute mapping is IVF b-continuous.

The converse of the above Proposition is not true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.1** Let A, B, C be IVF sets in I = [0, 1] defined by

$$\mathcal{A}(x) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3}x, \frac{2}{3}x \end{bmatrix} & 0 \le x \le \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{12}, -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} & \frac{1}{2} \le x \le \frac{5}{6} \\ [0, -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}] & \frac{5}{6} \le x \le 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(x) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{6}x + \frac{1}{6}, x + \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix} & 0 \le x \le \frac{5}{6} \\ \frac{5}{6}x + \frac{1}{6}, 1 \end{bmatrix} & \frac{5}{6} \le x \le 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{C}(x) = \left[\frac{1}{3}x, \frac{1}{2}\right], 0 \le x \le 1$$

for all  $x \in I$ . Then  $\tau = \{0, A, C, 1\}$  and  $\sigma = \{0, A, 1\}$  are IVF topologies for I. It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}$  is an IVF b-open set in  $(X, \sigma)$  but not IVF b-open set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence the identity mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$  is an IVF b-continuous but it is not IVF b-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.1** For a map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is IVF b-irresolute.
- 2.  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$  is IVF b-closed for each IVF b-closed set  $\mathcal{B}$  of Y.
- 3.  $f(b\operatorname{Cl}(A)) \subset b\operatorname{Cl}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .
- 4.  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subset f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))$  for each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .
- 5.  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})) \subset b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$  for each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .

**Proof:**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ : It is obvious.

- (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): For any  $\mathcal{A} \in I^X$ , since  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A}))$  is an IVF b-closed set in Y, by (2),  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))$  is IVF b-closed and  $\mathcal{A} \subset f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))$ . Thus we have  $b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) \subset b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(f(\mathcal{A}))) \subset f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))$ . Then  $f(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})) \subset b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A}))$ .
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): For any  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ , from (3), we have  $f(b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \subset b\operatorname{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \subset b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})$ . Hence  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subset f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))$ .
- (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): For any  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ , from (4), it follows  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})) = \mathbf{1} (f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathbf{1} \mathcal{B}))) \subset \mathbf{1} b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathbf{1} \mathcal{B})) = b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ . Hence, we have  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})) \subset b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ .
- (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF *b*-open set of Y. By (5),  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{A}) = f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})) \subset b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{A})$  is an IVF *b*-open set. Therefore, f is IVF *b*-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.2** A bijective map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is IVF b-irresolute if and only if  $b\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A}))\subset f(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$  for each  $\mathcal{A}\in I^X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that f is IVF b-irresolute. For any  $\mathcal{A} \in I^X$ , since  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A})))$  is IVF b-open, from Theorem 3.1 and injectivity, it follows  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A}))) \subset b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(f(\mathcal{A}))) = b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})$ . And from surjectivity of f,  $b\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A})) = f(f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A})))) \subset f(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$ . For the converse, let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an IVF b-open set of Y. From the hypothesis and surjectivity of f, it follows  $f(b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \supset b\operatorname{Int}(f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) = b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}) = \mathcal{B}$ . Since f is injective,  $b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \supset f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . Then  $b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) = f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . Hence f is IVF b-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.3** For a map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is IVF b-irresolute.
- 2.  $\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \subseteq b \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$  for any  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .
- 3.  $b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cup \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))$  for any  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .
- 4.  $f(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))) \subseteq b \operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A}))$  for every  $\mathcal{A} \in I^X$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ . Then  $b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})$  is an IVF b-closed set of Y. By (1),  $f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))$  is an IVF b-closed set in X. Hence  $f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \supseteq (\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))))) \supseteq \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))))$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : Let  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ . Then  $1 - \mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ . By (2),

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(1-\mathcal{B})) & \supseteq & \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(1-\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(1-\mathcal{B})))) \\ 1-f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})) & \supseteq & 1-(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cup \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \\ f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})) & \subseteq & (\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cup \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))). \end{array}$$

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A} \in I^{Y}$ . Let us put  $\mathcal{B} = f(\mathcal{A})$ , then  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . According to the assumption,  $1 - (\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(1-\mathcal{A})) \cup \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(1-\mathcal{A})) \subseteq 1 - (\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(1-\mathcal{B}))) \cup \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(1-\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq 1 - (f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(1-\mathcal{B}))).$ Thus,  $Cl(Int(\mathcal{A})) \cap Int(Cl(\mathcal{A})) \subseteq Cl(Int(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap Int(Cl(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \subseteq f^{-1}(bCl(\mathcal{B}))$ . So  $f(Cl(Int(\mathcal{B})) \cap Int(Cl(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq f^{-1}(bCl(\mathcal{B}))$ .  $\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})).$ 

 $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be any IVF b-closed set of Y. So  $f(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq b \operatorname{Int}(f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))$  $\subseteq b \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}) = \mathcal{B}, (\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))))) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \cap \operatorname{C$  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$  is an IVF b-closed set of X; hence f is IVF b-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.4** If  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is IVF b-irresolute mapping, then  $f^{-1}(B)\subseteq b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))))$  $Cl(Int(\mathcal{B})))$  for each IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{B}$  of Y.

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an IVF b-open set of Y. Then  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(\mathcal{B})) \cup Cl(Int(\mathcal{B})))$ . Since  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ is an an IVF b-open set of X, we have  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \subset b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))) \cup \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})))$ .

**Definition 3.2** An IVF set A of an IVF topological space  $(X,\tau)$  is said to be an IVF b-neighbourhood of an IVF point  $M_x$  if there exists an IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{B}$  of X such that  $M_x \in \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 3.5** For a map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is IVF b-irresolute,
- 2. for any IVF point  $x_{\alpha}$  of X and any B is IVF b-open in Y containing  $f(x_{\alpha})$ , there exists an IVF b-open set A of X containing  $x_{\alpha}$  such that  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ ,
- 3. for any IVF point  $x_{\alpha}$  of X and any | is IVF b-open in Y containing  $f(x_{\alpha})$ , there exists an IVF b-open set A of X containing  $x_{\alpha}$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ ,
- 4. For every IVF point  $M_x$  in X and every IVF b-neighbourhood  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $f(M_x)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$  is an IVF b-neighbourhood of  $M_x$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let f be IVF b-irresolute. Let  $x_{\alpha}$  be an IVF point of X and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be IVF b-open in Y containing  $f(x_{\alpha})$ . Then  $x_{\alpha} \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) = b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ . The result follows for  $\mathcal{A} = b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ .

- $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : It follows from the relation  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ .
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be IVF b-open in Y and let  $x_{\alpha}$  be an IVF point of X such that  $x_{\alpha} \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . Then  $f(x_{\alpha}) \in \mathcal{B}$ . According to the assumption, there exists an IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{A}$  of X containing  $x_{\alpha}$  such that  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ . Then  $x_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{A} \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\mathcal{A})) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$  and  $x_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{A} = b \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ . Since  $x_{\alpha}$  is an arbitrary fuzzy point and  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$  is the union of all fuzzy points which belong in  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq b \operatorname{Int} f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . Hence f is fuzzy b-irresolute.
- $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ : Let  $M_x$  be an IVF point in X and  $\mathcal{B}$  be an IVF b-neighbourhood of  $f(M_x)$ . Then there exists an IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{C}$  of Y such that  $f(M_x) \in \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ . By (3), there exists an IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{A}$  of X such that  $M_x \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq C \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ . Thus  $M_x \in \mathcal{A} \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\mathcal{A})) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ , and so  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$  is an IVF b-neighbourhood of  $M_x$ .
- $(4) \Rightarrow (3)$ : Let  $M_x$  be an IVF point in X and  $\mathcal{B}$  an IVF b-open set of Y with  $f(M_x) \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is an IVF b-neighbourhood of  $f(M_x)$ . By (4), there exists an IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{D}$  of X such that  $M_x \in \mathcal{D} \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})$ . Then  $f(M_x) \in f(\mathcal{D}) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ , and thus (3) is valid.

**Theorem 3.6** If  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  and  $g:(Y,\sigma)\to (Z,\eta)$  are IVF b-irresolute mappings, then  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$  is IVF an b-irresolute mapping.

**Proof:** Straightforward.

Corollary 3.1 If  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is an IVF b-irresolute mapping and  $g:(Y,\sigma)\to (Z,\eta)$  is an IVF b-continuous mapping, then  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$  is an IVF b-irresolute mapping.

**Definition 3.3** An IVF set  $\mathcal{A}$  of an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be IVF b-compact if for every IVF b-open cover  $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathcal{A}_i \in I^X : i \in J\}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists  $J_0 = \{1, 2, 3, ...n\} \subset J$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \subset \bigcup_{i \in J_0} \mathcal{A}_i$ .

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $F:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  be an IVF b-irresolute mapping. If  $\mathcal A$  is an IVF b-compact set in X, then  $f(\mathcal A)$  is IVF b-compact in Y.

**Proof:** Let  $\{\mathcal{B}_i \in I^X : i \in J\}$  be an IVF *b*-open cover of  $f(\mathcal{A})$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_i) : i \in J\}$  is an IVF *b*-open cover of  $\mathcal{A}$  in X. By the definition of IVF *b*-compactness, there exists  $J_0 = \{1, 2, 3, ...n\} \subset J$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \subset \bigcup_{i \in J_0} f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_i)$ . Then  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subset f(\bigcup_{i \in J_0} f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_i)) = \bigcup_{i \in J_0} f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_i)) \subset \bigcup_{i \in J_0} \mathcal{B}_i$ . Then  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subset \bigcup_{i \in J_0} \mathcal{B}_i$ . Hence  $f(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF *b*-compact in Y.

**Definition 3.4** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is called an IVF b-irresolute open (resp. IVF b-irresolute closed) mapping if for every IVF b-open (resp. IVF b-closed) set A in X, f(A) is IVF b-open (resp. IVF b-closed) in Y.

**Theorem 3.8** For a map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following are equivalent:

- 1. f is IVF b-irresolute open.
- 2.  $f(b\operatorname{Int}(A)) \subset b\operatorname{Int}(f(A))$  for  $A \in I^X$ .
- 3.  $b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subset f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}))$  for  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .
- 4. For  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$  and each IVF b-closed set  $\mathcal{A}$  of X with  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \subset \mathcal{A}$ , there exists an IVF b-closed set  $\mathcal{C}$  of Y such that  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{C}$  and  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathcal{A}$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): For  $A \in I^X$ ,  $f(b \operatorname{Int}(A))$ 

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= f(\cup \{\mathcal{B} \in I^X : \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \text{ is } IVF \text{ } b - open \text{ } in \text{ } X\})
= \cup \{f(\mathcal{B}) \in I^Y : f(\mathcal{B}) \subset f(\mathcal{A}), f(\mathcal{B}) \text{ } is \text{ } IVF \text{ } b - open \text{ } in \text{ } Y\}
\subset \cup \{U \in I^Y : \mathcal{U} \subset f(\mathcal{A}), \mathcal{U} \text{ } is \text{ } IVF \text{ } b - open \text{ } in \text{ } Y \in I^X\}
= b \operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A})).
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 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : For  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ , from (2) it follows that  $f(b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \subset b \operatorname{Int}(f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) \subset b \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})$ . Hence  $b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subset f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}))$ .

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4): \text{ Let } \mathcal{A} \text{ be an IVF } b\text{-closed set of } X \text{ with } f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \subset \mathcal{A} \text{ for } \mathcal{B} \in I^Y. \text{ Since } \mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A} \subset \mathbf{1} - f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) = f^{-1}(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{B}), b \operatorname{Int}(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A}) = \mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A} \subset b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{B})). \text{ By } (3), \mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A} \subset b \operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{B})) \subset f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Int}(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{B})). \text{ Thus } \mathcal{A} \supset \mathbf{1} - (f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Int}(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{B}))) = f^{-1}(\mathbf{1} - b \operatorname{Int}(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{B})) = f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})). \text{ Now set } \mathcal{C} = b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}). \text{ Then } \mathcal{C} \text{ is an IVF } b\text{-closed set of } Y \text{ such that } \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{C} \text{ and } f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathcal{A}.$ 

 $(4)\Rightarrow (1)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF b-open set of X. Then  $f^{-1}(\mathbf{1}-f(\mathcal{A}))=\mathbf{1}-f^{-1}(f(\mathcal{A}))\subset \mathbf{1}-\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathbf{1}-\mathcal{A}$  is IVF b-closed. By (4), there exists an IVF b-closed set  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{1}-f(\mathcal{A})\subset \mathcal{C}$  and  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{C})\subset \mathbf{1}-\mathcal{A}$ . It implies  $\mathbf{1}-\mathcal{C}\subset f(\mathcal{A})$  and  $f(\mathcal{A})\subset f(\mathbf{1}-f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}))=f(f^{-1}(\mathbf{1}-\mathcal{C}))\subset \mathbf{1}-\mathcal{C}$ . Hence  $f(\mathcal{A})$  is an IVF b-open set in Y.

**Theorem 3.9** A map  $f: (X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma)$  is IVF b-irresolute open if and only if  $f(b\operatorname{Int}(A)) \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f(A))) \cup \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f(A)))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \in I^X$ . Then  $f(b \operatorname{Int}(A))$  is IVF *b*-open in *Y*. Hence  $f(b \operatorname{Int}(A)) \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f(b \operatorname{Int}(A))) \cup \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f(b \operatorname{Int}(A))) \cup \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f(A)))$ .

**Theorem 3.10** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  satisfies  $f(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))\cup\mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A})))\subset\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(f(\mathcal{A})))\cup\mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))$  for each IVf b-open set  $\mathcal{A}\in I^X$ , then f is IVF b-irresolute open.

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF *b*-open set of X. Then  $\mathcal{A} \subset \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})) \cup \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ . By assumption,  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subset f(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})) \cup \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))) \subset \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A}))) \cup \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))$ ; hence  $f(\mathcal{A})$  is an IVF *b*-open set of Y. Hence  $f(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF  $f(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Corollary 3.2** A bijective map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is IVF b-irresolute open if and only if  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f(A))\subset f(b\operatorname{Cl}(A))$  for each  $A\in I^X$ .

**Theorem 3.11** A bijective map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is IVF b-irresolute closed if and only if  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(A))\subset b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(A))$  for each  $A\in I^Y$ .

**Proof:** It is similarly proved from Theorem 3.8.

**Theorem 3.12** If  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma)$  is an IVF b-irresolute open map, then for each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{B})) \cap f^{-1}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \subseteq b\,\mathrm{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ . Then  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$  be an IVF *b*-closed set in X. From Theorem 3.8 (4), it follows that there exists an IVF *b*-closed set  $\mathcal{C}$  of Y such that  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  and  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap f^{-1}(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{C})) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{C}))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ .

**Theorem 3.13** If  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is a bijective map such that  $f^{-1}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{B}))\cap f^{-1}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))\subseteq b\,\mathrm{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$  for each  $\mathcal{B}\in I^Y$ , then f is an IVF b-irresolute open map.

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF b-open set of X. Then from the given condition,  $f^{-1}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A}))) \cap f^{-1}(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A}))) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(f(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A}))) = b\operatorname{Cl}(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A}) = \bar{1}-\mathcal{A}$ , and so  $\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A}))) \subseteq f(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A})$ , which shows that  $f(\bar{1}-\mathcal{A})$  is an IVF b-closed set of Y. Since f is bijective,  $f(\mathcal{A})$  is an IVF b-open set of Y, hence f is an IVF b-iresolute open map.

**Theorem 3.14** Foa a mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is IVF b-irresolute closed.
- 2.  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f(A)) \subseteq f(b\operatorname{Cl}(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .
- 3. If f is bijective, then  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \subset b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{A}))$  for each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2): Let  $\mathcal{A} \in I^X$ . Then  $b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})$  is an IVF b-closed set in X. Since f is IVF b-closed,  $f(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$  is IVF b-closed in Y. Since  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq f(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ ,  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))) = f(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF b-closed set in X. Then  $b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A}$  and  $f(\mathcal{A}) \in I^Y$ . By (2),  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})) \subseteq f(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})) = f(\mathcal{A})$ . So we have,  $f(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})) \subseteq f(\mathcal{A})$  and hence  $f(\mathcal{A}) = b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A}))$ . Then  $f(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF b-closed in Y; hence f is IVF b-irresolute closed.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3): Let  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \in I^X$ . Since f is on-to,  $b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}) = b \operatorname{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \subseteq f(b \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))$ . Since f is one-to-one,  $f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(b \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) = b \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$ . Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A} \in I^X$ . Then  $f(\mathcal{A}) \in I^Y$ . Since f is one-to-one,  $f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A}))) \subseteq b \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}f(\mathcal{A})) = b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})$ . Since f is on-to, we have  $b \operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})) = f(f^{-1}(b \operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))) \subseteq f(b \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ .

**Theorem 3.15** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is IVF b-irresolute closed if and only if  $\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))\cap \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{A})))\subset f(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$  for each  $\mathcal{A}\in I^X$ .

**Theorem 3.16** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  satisfies  $f(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))\cap\mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A})))\subset\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(f(\mathcal{A})))\cap\mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))$  for each IVF b-closed set  $\mathcal{A}\in I^X$ , then f is IVF b-irresolute closed.

**Theorem 3.17** For a bijective map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following statements hold:

1. f is IVF b-irresolute open if, and only if it is IVF b-irresolute closed;

2. f is IVF b-irresolute open (closed) if, and only if  $f^{-1}$  is IVF b-irresolute.

**Proof:** (1). Clear.

(2). It follows from the relation 
$$(f^{-1})^{-1}(A) = f(A)$$
 for each  $A \in I^X$ .

**Theorem 3.18** For a bijective map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is IVF b-irresolute closed.
- 2.  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$  for each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .
- 3. f is IVF b-irresolute open.
- 4.  $f^{-1}$  is IVF b-irresolute.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2): For each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ , by (1) and Theorem 3.14 (2), we have  $f(b\operatorname{Cl}((f^{-1}\mathcal{B}))) \supseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(ff^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) = b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})$ . Since f is injective,  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) = f^{-1}(f(b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) \supseteq f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))$ . Conversly, from (2), put  $\mathcal{B} = f(\mathcal{A})$  for each  $\mathcal{A} \in I^X$ . Since f is injective,  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A}))) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(f(\mathcal{A}))) = b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})$ . Since f is surjective,  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A}))) \subseteq f(b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\mathcal{A})))$ . From Theorem 3.14 (2), f is IVF f-irresolute closed.

(2) 
$$\Leftrightarrow$$
 (3): Clearly, it is proved from  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \subseteq b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(1-b\operatorname{Int}(1-\mathcal{B})) \subseteq 1-b\operatorname{Int}(1-f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) \Leftrightarrow 1-f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(1-\mathcal{B})) \subseteq 1-b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(1-\mathcal{B})) \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(1-\mathcal{B})) \supseteq b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(1-\mathcal{B})).$ 
(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4): Follows Theorem 3.17, it is trivial.

**Theorem 3.19** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is IVF b-irresolute closed if, and only if for each fuzzy set  $\mathcal{B}$  of Y and each IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})\subset \mathcal{A}$ , there exists an IVF b-open set  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathcal{B}\subset \mathcal{C}$  and  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{C})\subset \mathcal{A}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$  and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be IVF *b*-open such that  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \subset \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $f(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A})$  is IVF *b*-closed. We put  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{1} - f(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A})$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is IVF *b*-open,  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{C}$  and  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) = f^{-1}(\mathbf{1} - f(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A})) \subset f^{-1}f(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathcal{C}$ . Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A}$  be IVF *b*-closed. Then  $\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A}$  is IVF *b*-open and  $\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A} \supset f^{-1}(\mathbf{1} - f(\mathcal{A}))$ . According to the assumption there exists an IVF *b*-open set  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{1} - f(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{C}$  and  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) \subset \mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A}$ . Hence,  $f(\mathcal{A}) = \mathbf{1} - \mathcal{C}$  is IVF *b*-closed.

The proof of the following Theorems are follows from Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 3.9.

**Theorem 3.20** A map  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\tau)$  is IVF b-irresolute closed and IVF b-irresolute if, and only if  $f(b\operatorname{Cl}(A)) = b\operatorname{Cl}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .

**Theorem 3.21** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\tau)$  is IVF b-irresolute open and IVF b-irresolute if, and only if  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(A))=b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(A))$  for each  $A\in I^Y$ .

**Theorem 3.22** A map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\tau)$  is IVF b-irresolute open and IVF b-irresolute if, and only if  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(A))=b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(A))$  for each  $A\in I^Y$ .

**Theorem 3.23** Let  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  and  $g:(Y,\sigma)\to (Z,\eta)$  be mappings. Then the following statements are true:

- 1. If f and g are IVF b-irresolute open (closed), then  $g \circ f$  is IVF b-irresolute open (closed).
- 2. If  $g \circ f$  is IVF b-irresolute and g is IVF b-irresolute open (closed) and injective, then f is IVF b-irresolute.
- 3. If  $g \circ f$  is IVF b-irresolute open (closed) and g is IVF b-irresolute and injective, then f is IVF b-irresolute open (closed).

- 4. If  $g \circ f$  is IVF b-irresolute and f is IVF b-irresolute open (closed) and surjective, then g is IVF b-irresolute.
- 5. If  $g \circ f$  is IVF b-irresolute open (closed) and f is IVF b-irresolute and surjective, then g is IVF b-irresolute open (closed).

**Proof:** Follows from the respective definitions.

**Definition 3.5** A bijective mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is called a IVF b-homeomorphism if both f and  $f^{-1}$  are IVF b-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.24** For a bijective map  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is a IVF b-homeomorphism;
- 2.  $f^{-1}$  is a IVF b-homeomorphism;
- 3. f and  $f^{-1}$  are IVF b-irresolute open (closed);
- 4. f is IVF b-irresolute continuous and IVF b-irresolute open (closed);
- 5.  $f(b\operatorname{Cl}(A)) = b\operatorname{Cl}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ ;
- 6.  $f(b\operatorname{Int}(A)) = b\operatorname{Int}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ ;
- 7.  $f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}) = b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))$  for each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ ;
- 8.  $b\operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) = f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))$  for each  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): It follows immediately from the definition of an IVF *b*-homeomorphism and the relation  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ .

- $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : It follows from Theorem 3.17.
- $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ : It follows from Theorem 3.17.
- $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ : It follows from Theorem 3.17 and Theorem 3.20.
- (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): Let  $\mathcal{B} \in I^Y$ . Then  $f(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})) = \overline{1} (f(b\operatorname{Cl}(\overline{1} \mathcal{B}))) = \overline{1} (b\operatorname{Cl}(f(\overline{1} \mathcal{B}))) = b\operatorname{Int}(f(\mathcal{B}))$ .
- (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7): Let  $\mathcal{B} \in I^X$ . According to the assumption  $f(b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) = b\operatorname{Int}(f(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B}))) = b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B})$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(f(b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})))) = f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}))$ . Hence  $b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{B})) = f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B}))$ .
- $(7) \Rightarrow (8): \text{ Let } \mathcal{A} \in I^Y. \text{ Then } b \operatorname{Cl}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{A})) = \overline{1} (f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Int}(\overline{1} \mathcal{A}))) = \overline{1} (b\operatorname{Int}(f^{-1}(\overline{1} \mathcal{A}))) = f^{-1}(b\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})).$
- $(8) \Rightarrow (1)$ : It follows from Theorem 3.17 and Theorem 3.21.

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