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# Interval-Valued Fuzzy Extremally Disconnected Spaces

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we have study the characterizations of submaximal spaces and extremally disconnected spaces in 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 [9] 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 intervalvalued fuzzy set which is a generalization of fuzzy sets. T. K. Mondal and S. K. Samantha [8] introduced the topology of interval valued fuzzy sets. Y. B. Jun et. al. [5] introduced the concepts of IVF semiopen sets, IVF preopen sets and IVF  $\alpha$ -open (=IVF strongly semiopen [6]) sets and studied some results about them. In this paper, we have study the characterizations of submaximal spaces and extremally disconnected spaces in 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  $A(x)^U$  espectively. 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

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in X)([\mathcal{A}(x)]^L = [\mathcal{B}(x)]^L \text{ and } [\mathcal{A}(x)]^U = [\mathcal{B}(x)]^U),$$
  
$$\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in X)([\mathcal{A}(x)]^L \subseteq [\mathcal{B}(x)]^L \text{ and } [\mathcal{A}(x)]^U \subseteq [\mathcal{B}(x)]^U).$$

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The complement  $\mathcal{A}^c$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined by

$$[A^{c}(x)]^{L} = 1 - [A(x)]^{U}$$
 and  $[A^{c}(x)]^{U} = 1 - [A(x)]^{L}$ 

for all  $x \in X$ . For a family of IVF sets  $\{A_i : i \in A\}$ , where  $\Lambda$  is an index set, the union  $G = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  and the intersection  $F = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$  are defined by

$$(\forall x \in X)([G(x)]^L = \sup_{i \in \Lambda} [\mathcal{A}_i(x)]^L, [G(x)]^U = \sup_{i \in \Lambda} [\mathcal{A}_i(x)]^U),$$

$$(\forall x \in X)([G(x)]^L = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} [A_i(x)]^L, [G(x)]^U = \inf_{i \in \Lambda} [A_i(x)]^U),$$

respectively.

**Definition 2.1** [8] 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** [8] 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  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $Int(\mathcal{A})$  espectively, 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** [2,4,5,7] An IVF set A of an IVF topological space  $(X,\tau)$  is said to be

- 1. strongly semiopen if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ ,
- 2. semiopen if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$ ,
- 3. preopen if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$ ,
- 4. semi-preopen if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ .
- 5. t-set if Int(A) = Int(Cl(A)).
- 6. semiregular set if A is an IVF t-set and IVF semiopen.
- 7. AB-set if  $A = B \cap C$ , where  $B \in \tau$  and C is  $\gamma$ -semiregular.
- 8. dense if Cl(A) = X.

The complement of an IVF strongly semiopen (resp. semiopen, preopen, semi-preopen) set is called an IVF strongly semiclosed (resp. semiclosed, preclosed, semi-preclosed) set. The family of all IVF regular open (resp. IVF preopen, IVF semiopen, IVF  $\beta$ -open) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by RO(X) (resp. PO(X), SO(X),  $\beta O(X)$ ).

## 3. On interval-valued fuzzy submaximal spaces

**Definition 3.1** An IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be IVF submaximal if every IVF dense subset of X is IVF open.

**Lemma 3.1** If  $(X, \tau)$  is IVF submaximal, then  $\tau = PO(X)$ .

**Proof:** Clearly  $\tau \subset PO(X)$ . Now,  $\mathcal{A} \in PO(X)$ , then  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{C}$  for some  $\mathcal{B} \in \tau$  and dense set  $\mathcal{C}$  of X. Therefore, if  $(X, \tau)$  is IVF submaximal,  $\mathcal{C} \in \tau$ , then  $\mathcal{A} \in \tau$ .

**Theorem 3.1** For an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

- 1. X is IVF submaximal.
- 2. Every IVF preopen set is IVF open.
- 3. Every IVF preopen set is IVF semiopen and every IVF strongly semiopen set is IVF open.

**Proof:**  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ : It follows from Lemma 3.1.

- $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : Suppose that every IVF preopen set is IVF open. Then every IVF preopen set is IVF semiopen.
- $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a dense subset of X. Since  $Cl(\mathcal{A}) = X$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF preopen. By (3),  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF semiopen. Since a set is IVF strongly semiopen if and only if it is IVF preopen and IVF semiopen, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF strongly semiopen. Thus, by (3),  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF open; hence X is IVF submaximal.

**Theorem 3.2** For an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

- 1. X is IVF submaximal.
- 2. Every IVF preopen set is an IVF AB-set.
- 3. Every IVF dense set is an IVF AB-set.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF preopen set. Since X is IVF submaximal, by Theorem 3.1,  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF open. Since X is both IVF open and IVF semiregular, every IVF open set is IVF  $\mathcal{AB}$ -set. It follows that  $\mathcal{A}$  is an IVF  $\mathcal{AB}$ -set.

- (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF dense set. Since every IVF dense set is IVF preopen, by (2)  $\mathcal{A}$  is an IVF  $\mathcal{AB}$ -set.
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF dense set. By (3),  $\mathcal{A}$  is an IVF  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}$ -set. Since every IVF dense set is IVF preopen,  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF preopen. Then  $\mathcal{A} \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Furthermore, because  $\mathcal{A}$  is an IVF  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}$ -set, we have  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{C}$ , where  $\mathcal{B} \in \tau$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is IVF semiregular. Then  $\mathcal{A} \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{C})) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}) \cap \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{C})) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{C}))$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is IVF semiregular,  $\mathcal{C}$  is also IVF t-set. Then we have  $\mathcal{A} \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{C})$ . Also  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B} \cap (\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B})) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{C})) = \mathcal{B} \cap (\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{B}))) \cap \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{B} \cap \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{C}) = \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{B} \cap \mathcal{C}) = \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{A} \in \tau$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{X}$  is IVF submaximal.

**Definition 3.2** An IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be IVF extremally disconnected if  $Cl(A) \in \tau$  for every  $A \in \tau$ .

**Theorem 3.3** For an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

- 1. X is IVF extremally disconnected.
- 2. Int(A) is IVF closed for every IVF closed subset A of X.
- 3.  $Cl(Int(A)) \subset Int(Cl(A))$  for every  $A \in I^X$ .
- 4. Every IVF semiopen set is IVF preopen.

- 5. The IVF closure of every IVF  $\beta$ -open subset of X is IVF open.
- 6. Every IVF  $\beta$ -open set is IVF preopen.
- 7. For every  $A \in I^X$ , A is IVF strongly semiopen if and only if it is IVF semiopen.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF closed set. Then  $\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A}$  is IVF open. By (1),  $Cl(\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{A}) = \mathbf{1} - Int(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF open. Thus,  $Int(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF closed.

- $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A} \in I^X$ . Then  $\mathbf{1} \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF closed in X and by  $(2) \operatorname{Int}(\mathbf{1} \operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$  is IVF closed in X. Therefore,  $\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$  is IVF open in X and hence,  $\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})) \subset \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ .
- $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be IVF semiopen. By (3), we have  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF preopen.
- $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF  $\beta$ -open set. Then  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF semiopen. By (4),  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF preopen. Thus,  $Cl(\mathcal{A}) \subset Int(Cl(\mathcal{A}))$  and hence  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF open.
- $(5) \Rightarrow (6)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be IVF  $\beta$ -open. By (5),  $Cl(\mathcal{A}) = Int(Cl(\mathcal{A}))$  and hence  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF preopen.
- $(6) \Rightarrow (7)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be IVF semiopen set. Since an IVF semiopen set is IVF  $\beta$ -open, then by (6), it is IVF preopen. Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF semiopen and IVF preopen,  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF strongly semiopen.
- $(7) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF open set of X. Then  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF semiopen and by (7)  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF strongly semiopen. Therefore,  $Cl(\mathcal{A}) \subset Int(Cl(Int(Cl(\mathcal{A})))) = Int(Cl(\mathcal{A}))$  and hence,  $Cl(\mathcal{A}) = Int(Cl(\mathcal{A}))$ . Hence  $Cl(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF open and X is IVF extremally disconnected.

**Lemma 3.2** A subset A of an IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is IVF semiopen if and only if Cl(A) = Cl(Int(A)).

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an IVF semiopen set. We have  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$  and hence  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Since  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A})) \subset \mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Conversely, since  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF semiopen.

**Theorem 3.4** For an IVF topological space  $(X,\tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- 1. X is IVF submaximal and IVF extremally disconnected.
- 2. Any subset of X is IVF  $\beta$ -open if and only if IVF open.

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let X be IVF submaximal and IVF extremally disconnected. By Theorem 3.3, every IVF  $\beta$ -open set is IVF preopen. By Theorem 3.1, every IVF preopen set is IVF open. Thus, every IVF  $\beta$ -open set is IVF open. The converse follows from the fact that every IVF open set is IVF  $\beta$ -open. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose that any subset of X is IVF  $\beta$ -open if and only if it is IVF open. Since every IVF  $\beta$ -open set is IVF open and so IVF preopen, by Theorem 3.3, X is IVF extremally disconnected. Since every IVF preopen set is IVF open, by Theorem 3.1 X is IVF submaximal.

**Corollary 3.1** For a IVF submaximal and IVF extremally disconnected space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- 1. A is IVF  $\beta$ -open,
- 2. A is IVF semiopen,
- 3. A is IVF preopen,
- 4. A is IVF strongly semiopen,
- 5. A is IVF open.

**Proof:** The proof follows from Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 3.5** An IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is IVF extremally disconnected if and only if every IVF regular open sets coincide with IVF regular closed sets.

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a IVF regular open subset of X. Since IVF regular open sets are IVF open, by (1),  $A = \operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$  and so  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF regular closed. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF regular closed, then  $A = \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A})) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF regular open. Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a IVF open subset of X. Then  $\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$  is IVF regular open and so it is IVF regular closed. Hence  $\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})))) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$  which implies that  $\operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Therefore,  $\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))) = \operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$  and so  $\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \operatorname{Cl}(\operatorname{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Hence  $\operatorname{Cl}(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF open. This shows that X is IVF extremally disconnected.  $\square$ 

**Theorem 3.6** An IVF topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is IVF extremally disconnected if and only if every IVF regular closed sets is IVF preopen.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the fact that every IVF regular open set is IVF preopen set. Conversely, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is IVF open, then  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))$  is IVF regular closed and so it is IVF preopen. Therefore,  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A})) \subset \mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))) = \mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{A}))) = \mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$ . Thus,  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathrm{Int}(\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A}))$  which implies that  $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathcal{A})$  is IVF open. Hence X is IVF extremally disconnected.

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