

# On Intuitionistic Fuzzy $\gamma^*$ Generalized Connectedness

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**Abstract:** In this paper we have introduced the intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized connected space, intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized super connected space and intuitionistic fuzzy regular  $\gamma^*$  generalized open set. We investigated some of their properties. Also we characterized the intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized super connected space.

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## 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [11] and later Atanassov [1] generalized this idea to intuitionistic fuzzy sets using the notion of fuzzy sets. On the other hand Coker [2] introduced intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Recently many fuzzy topological concept such as fuzzy connectedness have been generalized for intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. In this paper we introduce intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized connectedness in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Also we provide some characterizations of intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized connectedness.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** ([1]). An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS for short)  $A$  is an object having the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$$

where the functions  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\nu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denote the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of non-membership (namely  $\nu_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in X$  to the set  $A$ , respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$  for each  $x \in X$ . Denote by  $IFS(X)$ , the set of all intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $X$ . An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is simply denoted by  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle$  instead of denoting  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([1]). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two IFSs of the form  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  and  $B = \{ \langle x, \mu_B(x), \nu_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ . Then,

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- (a).  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_B(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (b).  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \supseteq B$ ,
- (c).  $A^c = \{ \langle x, \nu_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ,
- (d).  $A \cup B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \vee \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \wedge \nu_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ,
- (e).  $A \cap B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ .

The intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $0_\sim = \langle x, 0, 1 \rangle$  and  $1_\sim = \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle$  are respectively the empty set and the whole set of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([2]). An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT in short) on  $X$  is a family  $\tau$  of IFSs in  $X$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (1).  $0_\sim, 1_\sim \in \tau$ ,
- (2).  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in \tau$  for any  $G_1, G_2 \in \tau$ ,
- (3).  $\cup G_i \in \tau$  for any family  $\{G_i : i \in J\} \in \tau$ .

In this case the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space (IFTS in short) and any IFS in  $\tau$  is known as an intuitionistic fuzzy open set (IFOS in short) in  $X$ . The complement  $A^c$  of an IFOS  $A$  in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set (IFCS in short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([9]). Two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be  $q$ -coincident ( $A_q B$  in short) if and only if there exists an element  $x \in X$  such that  $\mu_A(x) > \nu_B(x)$  or  $\nu_A(x) < \mu_B(x)$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([9]). Two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be not  $q$ -coincident ( $A_{\bar{q}} B$  in short) if and only if  $A \subseteq B^c$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([3]). An IFS  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle$  in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an

- (1). intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma$  closed set (IF $\gamma$ CS in short) if  $cl(int(A)) \cap int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$
- (2). intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma$  open set (IF $\gamma$ OS in short) if  $A \subseteq int(cl(A)) \cup cl(int(A))$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([3]). Let  $A$  be an IFS in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$ . Then the  $\gamma$ -interior and  $\gamma$ -closure of  $A$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma int(A) &= \cup \{G / G \text{ is an IF}\gamma\text{OS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\} \\ \gamma cl(A) &= \cap \{K / K \text{ is an IF}\gamma\text{CS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\} \end{aligned}$$

Note that for any IFS  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$ , we have  $\gamma cl(A^c) = (\gamma int(A))^c$  and  $\gamma int(A)^c = (\gamma cl(A))^c$ .

**Corollary 2.8** ([2]). Let  $A, A_i$  ( $i \in J$ ) be intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $X$  and  $B, B_j$  ( $j \in K$ ) be intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $Y$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then

- (1).  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \Rightarrow f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$
- (2).  $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \Rightarrow f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$
- (3).  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$  [If  $f$  is injective, then  $A = f^{-1}(f(A))$ ]
- (4).  $f(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq B$  [If  $f$  is surjective, then  $B = f(f^{-1}(B))$ ]

(5).  $f^{-1}(\cup B_j) = \cup f^{-1}(B_j)$

(6).  $f^{-1}(\cap B_j) = \cap f^{-1}(B_j)$

(7).  $f^{-1}(0_{\sim}) = 0_{\sim}$

(8).  $f^{-1}(1_{\sim}) = 1_{\sim}$

(9).  $f^{-1}(B^c) = (f^{-1}(B))^c$

**Definition 2.9** ([5]). An IFS  $A$  of an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized closed set (briefly  $IF\gamma^*GCS$ ) if  $cl(int(A)) \cap int(cl(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is an IFOS in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.10** ([6]). A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized continuous ( $IF\gamma^*G$  continuous for short) mapping if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$  for every IFCS  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.11** ([5]). If every  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma CS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ , then the space can be called as an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*T_{1/2}$  ( $IF\gamma^*T_{1/2}$  in short) space.

**Definition 2.12** ([5]). If every  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$  is an IFCS in  $(X, \tau)$ , then the space can be called as an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*cT_{1/2}$  ( $IF\gamma^*cT_{1/2}$  in short) space.

**Definition 2.13** ([2]). An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected space if the only IFS which are both IFOS and IFCS are  $0_{\sim}$  and  $1_{\sim}$ .

**Definition 2.14** ([10]). An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy GO-connected space if the only IFS which are both IFGOS and IFGCS are  $0_{\sim}$  and  $1_{\sim}$ .

**Definition 2.15** ([8]). An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected between two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$  if there is no IFOS  $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E_{\bar{q}}B$ .

**Remark 2.16** ([7]). If an IFS  $A$  in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $X$ , then  $\gamma^*gcl(A) = A$ . But the converse may not be true in general, since intersection does not exist in  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  [5].

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### 3. Intuitionistic Fuzzy $\gamma^*$ Generalized Connected Spaces

In this section we introduce intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized connected space and investigate some of their properties.

**Definition 3.1.** An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an  $IF\gamma^*$  generalized ( $IF\gamma^*G$  for short) connected space if the only IFS which are both  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  and  $IF\gamma^*CS$  are  $0_{\sim}$  and  $1_{\sim}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Every  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space is an  $IFC_5$ -connected space but not conversely in general.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space. Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IFC_5$ -connected space [3], then there exists a proper IFS  $A$  which is both an IFOS and an IFCS in  $(X, \tau)$ . That is  $A$  is both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . This implies that  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, a contradiction. Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  must be an  $IFC_5$ -connected space. □

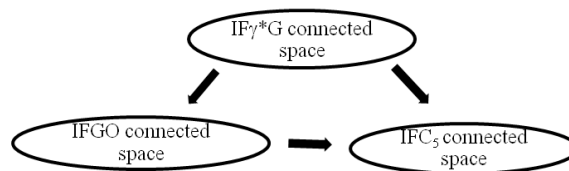
**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, G_1, G_2, 1_{\sim}\}$  be an IFT on  $X$ , where  $G_1 = \langle x, (0.2_a, 0.2_b), (0.7_a, 0.8_b) \rangle$  and  $G_2 = \langle x, (0.6_a, 0.5_b), (0.4_a, 0.4_b) \rangle$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IFC_5$ -connected space but not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, since the IFS  $A = \langle x, (0.5_a, 0.4_b), (0.5_a, 0.5_b) \rangle$  is both an  $IF\gamma^*G$  open and an  $IF\gamma^*G$  closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Every  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space is an IFGO-connected space but not conversely in general.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space. Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not an IFGO-connected space, then there exists a proper IFS  $A$  which is both an IFGOS and an IFGCS in  $(X, \tau)$ . That is  $A$  is both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . This implies that  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, a contradiction. Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  must be an IFGO-connected space.  $\square$

**Example 3.5.** In Example 3.3,  $(X, \tau)$  is an IFGO connected space but not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, since the IFS  $A = \langle x, (0.5_a, 0.4_b), (0.5_a, 0.5_b) \rangle$  is both  $IF\gamma^*G$  open and  $IF\gamma^*G$  closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The relation between various types of intuitionistic fuzzy connectedness is given in the following diagram.



In the above diagram the reverse implications are not true in general.

**Theorem 3.6.** The IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space if and only if there exists no nonzero  $IF\gamma^*G$  open sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A = B^c$ .

*Proof.* Necessity: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $IF\gamma^*GOS$ s in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \neq 0_{\sim}$ ,  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$  and  $A = B^c$ . Therefore  $A = B^c$  is an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$ . Since  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$ ,  $A = B^c \neq 1_{\sim}$ . Hence  $A$  is a proper IFS which is both  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space. But it is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence there exists no non-zero  $IF\gamma^*GOS$ s  $A$  and  $B$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A = B^c$ .

Sufficiency: Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space. Then there exists an IFS  $A$  which is both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  with  $0_{\sim} \neq A \neq 1_{\sim}$ . Now let  $B = A^c$ . Then  $B$  is an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and  $B \neq 1_{\sim}$ . This implies  $B^c = A \neq 0_{\sim}$ , which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $IF\gamma^*cT_{1/2}$  space, then the following are equivalent:

- (1).  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space
- (2).  $(X, \tau)$  is an IFGO connected space
- (3).  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IFC_5$  connected space

*Proof.* (1) $\rightarrow$ (2) is obvious from the Theorem 3.4. (2) $\rightarrow$ (3) is obvious.

(3) $\rightarrow$ (1) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$  connected space. Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, then there exists a proper IFS  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$  which is both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . But since  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*cT_{1/2}$  space,  $A$  is both an IFOS and an IFCS in  $(X, \tau)$ . This implies that  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IFC_5$  connected, which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  must be an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  continuous mapping and  $(X, \tau)$  is an connected space, then  $(Y, \sigma)$  is an  $IFC_5$  connected space.*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space. Suppose  $(Y, \sigma)$  is not an  $IFC_5$  connected space, then there exists a proper IFS  $A$  which is both an IFOS and an IFCS in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  [6] in  $(X, \tau)$ . But it is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(Y, \sigma)$  must be an  $IFC_5$  connected space. □

**Theorem 3.9.** *If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  irresolute surjection mapping and  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, then  $(Y, \sigma)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $(Y, \sigma)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, then there exists a proper IFS  $A$  such that  $A$  is both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  irresolute mapping,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$  [6]. But this is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(Y, \sigma)$  must be an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space. □

**Definition 3.10.** *An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$  if there is no  $IF\gamma^*GOS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E_{\bar{q}}B$ .*

**Example 3.11.** *Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, G, 1_{\sim}\}$  be an IFT on  $X$ , where  $G = \langle x, (0.7_a, 0.8_b), (0.3_a, 0.2_b) \rangle$ . Then,  $IF\gamma^*GO(X) = \{0_{\sim}, 1_{\sim}, \mu_a \in [0, 1], \mu_b \in [0, 1], \nu_a \in [0, 1], \nu_b \in [0, 1] / 0 \leq \mu_a + \nu_a \leq 1, 0 \leq \mu_b + \nu_b \leq 1\}$ . The IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between the two IFSs  $A = \langle x, (0.6_a, 0.7_b), (0.4_a, 0.3_b) \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, (0.3_a, 0.4_b), (0.7_a, 0.6_b) \rangle$  as there exists no  $IF\gamma^*GO$   $E$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E_{\bar{q}}B$ .*

**Theorem 3.12.** *If an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$ , then it is  $IFC_5$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$  but the converse may not be true in general.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IFC_5$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ , then there exists an IFOS  $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E_{\bar{q}}B$ . Since every IFOS is an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$ , there exists an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E_{\bar{q}}B$ . This implies  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ . Thus we get a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore the IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  must be an  $IFC_5$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ . □

**Example 3.13.** *Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{0_{\sim}, G, 1_{\sim}\}$  be an IFT on  $X$ , where  $G = \langle x, (0.2_a, 0.3_b), (0.7_a, 0.7_b) \rangle$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $IFC_5$ -connected between the IFSs  $A = \langle x, (0.2_a, 0.1_b), (0.8_a, 0.9_b) \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, (0.7_a, 0.8_b), (0.2_a, 0.2_b) \rangle$ . But  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ , since the IFS  $E = \langle x, (0.2_a, 0.1_b), (0.8_a, 0.9_b) \rangle$  is an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E \subseteq B^c$ .*

**Theorem 3.14.** *An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$  if and only if there is no  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and  $IF\gamma^*GCS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E \subseteq B^c$ .*

*Proof.* Necessity: Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between two IFSs  $A$  and  $B$ . Suppose that there exists an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and  $IF\gamma^*GCS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E \subseteq B^c$ , then  $E_{\bar{q}}B$  and  $A \subseteq E$ . This implies  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ , by a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore there is no  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E \subseteq B^c$ .

Sufficiency: Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ . Then there exists an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E_{\bar{q}}B$ . This implies that there is no  $IF\gamma^*GOS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E \subseteq B^c$ . But this is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ . □

**Theorem 3.15.** *If an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$  and  $A \subseteq A_1, B \subseteq B_1$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ , then by Definition, there exists an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A_1 \subseteq E$  and  $E_{\bar{q}}B$ . This implies  $E \subseteq B_1^c$  and  $A_1 \subseteq E$ . That is  $A \subseteq A_1 \subseteq E$ . Hence  $A \subseteq E$ . Since  $E \subseteq B_1^c, B_1 \subseteq E^c$ . That is  $B \subseteq B_1 \subseteq E^c$ . Hence  $E \subseteq B^c$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ , which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $X$  must be  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS and  $A$  and  $B$  be IFSs in  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $A_{\bar{q}}B$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ . Then there exists an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$   $E$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E \subseteq B^c$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq B^c$ . That is  $A_{\bar{q}}B$ . But this is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  must be  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected between  $A$  and  $B$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.17.** *An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space if and only if there exists no non-zero  $IF\gamma^*G$  open sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $B = A^c, B = (cl(A))^c, A = (cl(B))^c$ .*

*Proof.* Necessity: Assume that there exist IFSs  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A \neq 0_{\sim} \neq B, B = A^c, B = (\gamma cl(A))^c, A = (\gamma cl(B))^c$ . Since  $(\gamma cl(A))^c$  and  $(\gamma cl(B))^c$  are  $IF \gamma$  open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are  $IF\gamma^*G$  open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . This implies  $(X, \tau)$  is not an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space, which is a contradiction. Therefore there exists no non-zero  $IF\gamma^*G$  open sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $B = A^c, B = (\gamma cl(A))^c, A = (\gamma cl(B))^c$ .

Sufficiency: Let  $A$  be both an  $IF\gamma^*GOS$  and an  $IF\gamma^*GCS$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $1_{\sim} \neq A \neq 0_{\sim}$ . Now by taking  $B = A^c$ , we obtain a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*G$  connected space.  $\square$

**Definition 3.18.** *An IFS  $A$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy regular  $\gamma^*$  generalized open set ( $IFR\gamma^*GOS$  for short) if  $A = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A))$ . The complement of an  $IFR\gamma^*GOS$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy regular  $\gamma^*$  generalized closed set ( $IFR\gamma^*GCS$  for short).*

**Definition 3.19.** *An IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\gamma^*$  generalized super connected space ( $IF\gamma^*GS$  connected for short) if there exists no proper  $IFR\gamma^*GOS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .*

**Theorem 3.20.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS, then the following are equivalent:*

- (1).  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*GS$  connected space.
- (2). For every non-zero  $IFR\gamma^*GOS$   $A, \gamma^*gcl(A) = 1_{\sim}$ .
- (3). For every  $IFR\gamma^*GCS$   $A$  with  $A \neq 1_{\sim}, \gamma^*gint(A) = 0_{\sim}$ .
- (4). There exists no  $IFR\gamma^*GOSs$   $A$  and  $B$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \neq 0_{\sim} \neq B, A \subseteq B^c$ .
- (5). There exists no  $IFR\gamma^*GOSs$   $A$  and  $B$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \neq 0_{\sim} \neq B, B = (\gamma^*gcl(A))^c, A = (\gamma^*gcl(B))^c$ .
- (6). There exists no  $IFR\gamma^*GCSs$   $A$  and  $B$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \neq 1_{\sim} \neq B, B = (\gamma^*gint(A))^c, A = (\gamma^*gint(B))^c$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $A \neq 0_{\sim}$  be an  $IFR\gamma^*GOS$  in  $X$  and  $\gamma^*gcl(A) \neq 1_{\sim}$ . Now let  $B = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A))^c$ . Then  $B$  is a proper  $IFR\gamma^*GOS$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . But this is a contradiction to the fact that  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $IF\gamma^*GS$  connected space. Therefore  $\gamma^*gcl(A) = 1_{\sim}$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $A \neq 1_{\sim}$  be an IFR $\gamma^*$ GCS in  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $B = A^c$ , then B is an IFR $\gamma^*$ GOS in  $(X, \tau)$  with  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$ . Hence  $\gamma^*gcl(B) = 1_{\sim}$ , by hypothesis. This implies  $(\gamma^*gcl(B))^c = 0_{\sim}$ . That is  $\gamma^*gint(B^c) = 0_{\sim}$ . Hence  $\gamma^*gint(A) = 0_{\sim}$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Suppose A and B be two IFR $\gamma^*$ GOSs in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \neq 0_{\sim} \neq B$ ,  $A \subseteq B^c$ . Since  $B^c$  is an IFR $\gamma^*$ GCS in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$  implies  $B^c \neq 1_{\sim}$ ,  $B^c = \gamma^*gcl(\gamma^*gint(B^c))$  and we have  $\gamma^*gint(B^c) = 0_{\sim}$ . But  $A \subseteq B^c$ . Therefore  $0_{\sim} \neq A = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A))\gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(B^c)) = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(\gamma^*gcl(\gamma^*gint(B^c)))) = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(\gamma^*gint(B^c))) = \gamma^*gint(B^c) = 0_{\sim}$ . A contradiction arises. Therefore (4) is true.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Suppose  $0_{\sim} \neq A \neq 1_{\sim}$  be an IFR $\gamma^*$ GOSs in  $(X, \tau)$ . If we take  $B = (\gamma^*gcl(A))^c$ , then B is an IFR $\gamma^*$ GOS, since  $\gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(B)) = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(\gamma^*gcl(A))^c) = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A)))^c = \gamma^*gint(A^c) = (\gamma^*gcl(A))^c = B$ . Also we get  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$ , since otherwise, if  $B = 0_{\sim}$ , this implies  $(\gamma^*gcl(A))^c = 0_{\sim}$ . That is  $\gamma^*gcl(A) = 1_{\sim}$ . Hence  $A = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A)) = \gamma^*gint(1_{\sim}) = 1_{\sim}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$  and  $A \subseteq B^c$ . But this is a contradiction to (4). Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is an IF $\gamma^*$ GS connected space.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Suppose A and B are any two IFR $\gamma^*$ GOSs in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \neq 0_{\sim} \neq B$ ,  $B = (\gamma^*gcl(A))^c$  and  $A = (\gamma^*gcl(B))^c$ . Now we have  $\gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A)) = \gamma^*gint(B^c) = (\gamma^*gcl(B))^c = A$ ,  $A \neq 0_{\sim}$  and  $A \neq 1_{\sim}$ , since if  $A = 1_{\sim}$ , then  $1_{\sim} = (\gamma^*gcl(B))^c \Rightarrow \gamma^*gcl(B) = 0_{\sim} \Rightarrow B = 0_{\sim}$ . But  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$ . Therefore  $A \neq 1_{\sim} \Rightarrow A$  is a proper IFR $\gamma^*$ GOS in  $(X, \tau)$ , which is a contradiction to (1). Hence (5) is true.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Suppose A is an IFR $\gamma^*$ GOS in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $0_{\sim} \neq A \neq 1_{\sim}$ . Now take  $B = (\gamma^*gcl(A))^c$ . In this case we get  $B \neq 0_{\sim}$  and B is an IFR $\gamma^*$ GOS in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $B = (\gamma^*gcl(A))^c$  and  $(\gamma^*gcl(B))^c = (\gamma^*gcl(\gamma^*gcl(A))^c)^c = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A))^c = \gamma^*gint(\gamma^*gcl(A)) = A$ . But this is a contradiction to (5). Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is an IF $\gamma^*$ GS connected space.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (6) Suppose A and B be two IFR $\gamma^*$ GCSs in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \neq 1_{\sim} \neq B$ ,  $B = (\gamma^*gint(A))^c$  and  $A = (\gamma^*gint(B))^c$ . Taking  $C = A^c$  and  $D = B^c$ , C and D become IFR $\gamma^*$ GOSs in  $(X, \tau)$  with  $C \neq 0_{\sim} \neq D$ ,  $D = (\gamma^*gcl(C))^c = (\gamma^*gcl(D))^c$ , which is a contradiction to (5). Hence (6) is true.

(6) $\Rightarrow$ (5) It can be proved easily by the similar way as in (5) $\Rightarrow$ (6). □

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