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## On Fuzzy Irresolute Functions and Fuzzy Weak Semicontinuity in Intuitionistic Fuzzy Topological Spaces

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The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of fuzzy irresolute and fuzzy weakly semicontinuity in intuitionistic fuzzy topological space defined by Çoker [4]. Several characterizations and certain properties of these functions are established.

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### 1. Introduction

In [1, 2, 3], Atanassov introduced the fundamental concept of intuitionistic fuzzy set which is a generalization of the concept of fuzzy set given by Zadeh [8]. Later, the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces and some other concepts were given by Çoker [4]. Gürçay, Eş and Çoker [5] introduced the notion of semicontinuity in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. In this paper, we introduce and investigate fuzzy irresolute and fuzzy weakly semicontinuous functions which have been presented in [6] in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces.

First we present the fundamental definitions given by Atanassov:

**Definition 1.1.** ([3]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty fixed set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS, for short)  $A$  is an object having the form

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

where the functions  $\mu_A : X \rightarrow I$  and  $\gamma_A : X \rightarrow I$  denote the degree of membership (namely,  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of nonmembership (namely,  $\gamma_A(x)$ ) of each

element  $x \in X$  to the set  $A$ , respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \gamma_A(x) \leq 1$  for each  $x \in X$ .

Obviously, each fuzzy set  $A$  on a nonempty set  $X$  is an IFS having the form

$$A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), 1 - \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}.$$

For the sake of simplicity, we use the symbol  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \gamma_A \rangle$  for the IFS  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \gamma_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** ([3]) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, and the IFS's  $A$  and  $B$  be in the forms  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \gamma_A \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle x, \mu_B, \gamma_B \rangle$ , and let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be an arbitrary family of IFS's in  $X$ . Then we have:

- (a)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $x \in X$   $[\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\gamma_A(x) \geq \gamma_B(x)]$ ;
- (b)  $A = B$  iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ ;
- (c)  $\overline{A} = \langle x, \gamma_A, \mu_A \rangle$ ;
- (d)  $\cap A_i = \langle x, \wedge \mu_{A_i}, \vee \gamma_{A_i} \rangle$ ;
- (e)  $\cup A_i = \langle x, \vee \mu_{A_i}, \wedge \gamma_{A_i} \rangle$ ;
- (f)  $0_\sim = \langle x, 0, 1 \rangle$  and  $1_\sim = \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** ([4]) Let  $A, B, C$  and  $A_i (i \in J)$  be IFS's in  $X$ . Then the following are satisfied:

- (a)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cap B = A$  and  $A \cup B = B$ ;
- (b)  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq C \Rightarrow A \subseteq C$ ;
- (c)  $B \cap (\cup A_i) = \cup (B \cap A_i)$ ;
- (d)  $B \cup (\cap A_i) = \cap (B \cup A_i)$ ;
- (e)  $A_i \subseteq B$  for all  $i \in J \Rightarrow \cup A_i \subseteq B$ ;
- (f)  $B \subseteq A_i$  for all  $i \in J \Rightarrow B \subseteq \cap A_i$ ;
- (g)  $\overline{\cup A_i} = \cap \overline{A_i}$ ;
- (h)  $\overline{\cap A_i} = \cup \overline{A_i}$ ;
- (i)  $A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A}$ ;
- (j)  $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$ .

Now we define the image and preimage of IFS's. Let  $X, Y$  be two nonempty sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function.

**Definition 1.4.** ([4]) (a) If  $B = \langle y, \mu_B, \gamma_B \rangle$  is an IFS in  $Y$ , then the preimage of  $B$  under  $Y$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is the IFS in  $X$  defined by

$$f^{-1}(B) = \langle x, f^{-1}(\mu_B), f^{-1}(\gamma_B) \rangle.$$

(b) If  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \gamma_A \rangle$  is an IFS in  $X$ , then the image of  $A$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f(A)$ , is the IFS in  $Y$  defined by

$$f(A) = \langle y, f(\mu_A), f(\gamma_A) \rangle,$$

where  $f(\gamma_A) = 1 - f(1 - \gamma_A)$ .

Now we list the properties of images and preimages, some of which we shall frequently use in the following sections:

**Corollary 1.5.** ([4]) *Let  $A, A_i$ 's ( $i \in J$ ) be IFS's in  $X$ ,  $B, B_j$ 's ( $j \in K$ ) be IFS's in  $Y$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a function. Then we have:*

- (a)  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \Rightarrow f(A_1) \subseteq f(A_2)$ ;
- (b)  $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \Rightarrow f^{-1}(B_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_2)$ ;
- (c)  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A))$ ; [If  $f$  is injective, then  $A = f^{-1}(f(A))$ ];
- (d)  $f^{-1}(f(B)) \subseteq B$ ; [If  $f$  is surjective, then  $f^{-1}(f(B)) = B$ ];
- (e)  $f^{-1}(\cap B_j) = \cap f^{-1}(B_j)$ ;
- (f)  $f^{-1}(\cup B_j) = \cup f^{-1}(B_j)$ ;
- (g)  $f(\cup A_i) = \cup f(A_i)$ ;
- (h)  $f(\cap A_i) \subseteq \cap f(A_i)$ ; [If  $f$  is injective, then  $f(\cap A_i) = \cap f(A_i)$ ];
- (i)  $f^{-1}(0_\sim) = 0_\sim$ ;
- (j)  $f^{-1}(1_\sim) = 1_\sim$ ;
- (k) If  $f$  is surjective, then  $f(1_\sim) = 1_\sim$ ;
- (l)  $f(0_\sim) = 0_\sim$ ;
- (m) If  $f$  is surjective, then  $\overline{f(A)} \subseteq f(\overline{A})$ ; [If furthermore  $f$  is injective, then  $\overline{f(A)} = f(\overline{A})$ ];
- (n)  $f^{-1}(\overline{B}) = \overline{f^{-1}(B)}$ .

**Definition 1.6.** ([4]) An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT, for short) on a nonempty set  $X$  is a family  $\tau$  of IFS's in  $X$  containing  $0_\sim, 1_\sim$  and closed under finite infima and arbitrary suprema. In this case the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space (IFTS, for short) and any IFS in  $\tau$  is known as an intuitionistic fuzzy open set (IFOS, for short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.7.** ([4]) The complement  $\overline{A}$  of an IFTS  $A$  in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set (IFCS, for short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.8.** ([4]) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \gamma_A \rangle$  be an IFS in  $X$ . Then the fuzzy interior and fuzzy closure of  $A$  are defined by

$$cl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an IFCS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}$$

and

$$int(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an IFOS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}.$$

**Proposition 1.9.** ([4]) For any IFS  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$  we have:

- (a)  $cl(\overline{A}) = \overline{int(A)}$ ;
- (b)  $int(\overline{A}) = \overline{cl(A)}$ .

**Definition 1.10.** ([5]) Let  $A$  be an IFS in an IFTS  $(X, \tau)$ .  $A$  is called:

- (a) an intuitionistic fuzzy semi-open set (IFSOS, for short) of  $X$  if there exists  $B \in \tau$  such that  $B \subseteq A \subseteq cl(B)$ ;
- (b) an intuitionistic fuzzy semi-closed set (IFSCS, for short) of  $X$  if there exists  $\overline{B} \in \tau$  such that  $int(B) \subseteq A \subseteq \overline{B}$ .

**Theorem 1.11.** ([5]) The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy semi-open set;
- (b)  $\overline{B}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy semi-closed set;
- (c)  $int(cl(\overline{A})) \subseteq \overline{A}$ ;
- (d)  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$ .

## 2. Intuitionistic fuzzy semi-interior and intuitionistic fuzzy semi-closure

Here we generalize the concepts of fuzzy semi-interior and fuzzy semi-closure of the fuzzy sets given by Yalvaç [7] to the intuitionistic case:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $A$  be an IFS and define the following sets:

$$sclA = \cap \{B : A \subseteq B, B \text{ is an IFSCS in } X\},$$

$$sintA = \cup \{B : B \subseteq A, B \text{ is an IFSOS in } X\}.$$

We call  $sclA$  the intuitionistic fuzzy semi-closure of  $A$  and  $sintA$  the intuitionistic fuzzy semi-interior of  $A$ .

It can be shown that  $sintA$  is the greatest intuitionistic fuzzy semi-open set which is contained in  $A$  and  $sclA$  is the lowest intuitionistic fuzzy semi-closed set which contains  $A$ , and we have:

- (a)  $A$  is IFSOS  $\Leftrightarrow A = sintA$ ;
- (b)  $A$  is IFSCS  $\Leftrightarrow A = sclA$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** For any IFS  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$  we have:

- (a)  $A \subseteq sclA \subseteq clA$ ;
- (b)  $intA \subseteq sintA \subseteq A$ .

**Proof.** (a) Let  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \gamma_A \rangle$  and suppose that  $\{\langle x, \mu_{F_i}, \gamma_{F_i} \rangle : i \in I\}$  is the family of IFSCS's containing  $A$ . Furthermore, suppose that  $\{\langle x, \mu_{G_k}, \gamma_{G_k} \rangle : k \in K \subseteq I\}$  is the family of IFCS's containing  $A$ . By Definition 1.10,

$$\mu_{F_i} \leq \mu_{G_k} \text{ and } \gamma_{F_i} \geq \gamma_{G_k} \text{ for each } k \in K \subseteq I,$$

hence we have  $\wedge \mu_{F_i} \leq \wedge \mu_{G_k}$  and  $\vee \gamma_{F_i} \geq \vee \gamma_{G_k}$ . Then we see that

$$sclA = \cap \{\langle x, \mu_{F_i}, \gamma_{F_i} \rangle : i \in I\} \subseteq clA = \cap \{\langle x, \mu_{G_k}, \gamma_{G_k} \rangle : k \in K\}.$$

The inclusion  $A \subseteq sclA$  can be seen easily from Definition 2.1.

(b) Use a similar technique as above. ■

**Proposition 2.3.** For any IFS  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$  we have:

- (a)  $\overline{sintA} = scl\overline{A}$ ,
- (b)  $\overline{sclA} = sint\overline{A}$ .

**Proof.** (a) Let  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \gamma_A \rangle$  and suppose that the family of IFSOS's contained in  $A$  are indexed by the family  $\{\langle x, \mu_{G_i}, \gamma_{G_i} \rangle : i \in J\}$ . Then we see that  $sintA = \langle x, \vee \mu_{G_i}, \wedge \gamma_{G_i} \rangle$  and hence  $\overline{A} = \langle x, \wedge \gamma_{G_i}, \vee \mu_{G_i} \rangle$ . Since  $\overline{A} = \langle x, \gamma_A, \mu_A \rangle$  and  $\mu_{G_i} \leq \mu_A, \gamma_{G_i} \geq \gamma_A$  for each  $i \in J$ , we obtain that  $\{\langle x, \gamma_{G_i}, \mu_{G_i} \rangle : i \in J\}$  is the family of IFSCS's containing  $\overline{A}$ , i.e.  $scl\overline{A} = \langle x, \wedge \gamma_{G_i}, \vee \mu_{G_i} \rangle$ . Hence we have  $scl\overline{A} = \overline{sintA}$ .

(b) This is analog (a). ■

**Definition 2.4.** ([4,5]) Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \phi)$  be a function. Then,

(a)  $f$  is said to be fuzzy continuous, if  $f^{-1}(B)_o$  is an IFOS in  $X$ , for each  $B$  IFOS in  $Y$ .

(b)  $f$  is called a fuzzy semicontinuous function, if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy semiopen set in  $X$ , for each  $B \in \phi$ .

(c)  $f$  is called fuzzy almost continuous function, if  $f^{-1}(B) \in \tau$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy regular open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** The following are equivalent each to other:

- (a)  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \phi)$  is fuzzy semicontinuous;
- (b)  $f^{-1}(B)$  is IFSCS, for each IFCS  $B$  in  $Y$ ;
- (c)  $intcl f^{-1}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(clA)$ , for each IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ ;
- (d)  $f(intcl(B)) \subseteq clf(B)$ , for each IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Straightforward. ■

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .  $f$  is IF semi-continuous, iff  $f(scl(A)) \subseteq clf(A)$  for every IFS  $A$  in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of  $X$ . Since  $clf(A)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set,  $f^{-1}(clf(A))$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy semi-closed set in  $X$ . Clearly,

$$f^{-1}(clf(A)) = sclf^{-1}(clf(A)).$$

From Corollary 1.5, step by step we get

$$\begin{aligned} A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) &\Rightarrow sclA \subseteq sclf^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq sclf^{-1}(clf(A)) = f^{-1}(clf(A)) \\ &\Rightarrow sclA \subseteq f^{-1}(clf(A)) \Rightarrow f(scl(A)) \subseteq clf(A). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let  $A$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in  $Y$ . From the hypothesis, we have

$$f(sclf^{-1}(A)) \subseteq clA = A.$$

Then  $sclf^{-1}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(sclf^{-1}(A))) \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$ . So  $f^{-1}(A) = sclf^{-1}(A)$ . Hence  $f$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy semi-continuous function. ■

**Definition 2.7.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \phi)$  is called a fuzzy irresolute function, if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy semiopen in  $X$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy semiopen set  $A$  in  $Y$ .

It is evident that every intuitionistic fuzzy irresolute function is intuitionistic fuzzy semicontinuous. However we can see that the converse is not true by the following example.

**Example 2.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, Y = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &= \langle x, (\frac{a}{.4}, \frac{b}{.4}, \frac{c}{.5}), (\frac{a}{.4}, \frac{b}{.4}, \frac{c}{.4}) \rangle, \quad G_2 = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.2}, \frac{b}{.3}, \frac{c}{.5}), (\frac{a}{.5}, \frac{b}{.5}, \frac{c}{.5}) \rangle, \\ U_1 &= \langle y, (\frac{1}{.5}, \frac{2}{.4}, \frac{3}{.5}), (\frac{1}{.4}, \frac{2}{.4}, \frac{3}{.3}) \rangle, \quad U_2 = \langle y, (\frac{1}{.4}, \frac{2}{.2}, \frac{3}{.4}), (\frac{1}{.5}, \frac{2}{.4}, \frac{3}{.5}) \rangle \\ U_3 &= \langle y, (\frac{1}{.4}, \frac{2}{.3}, \frac{3}{.5}), (\frac{1}{.5}, \frac{2}{.3}, \frac{3}{.5}) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Then the family  $\tau = \{0_\sim, 1_\sim, G_1, G_2\}$  of IFS's in  $X$  is an IFT on  $X$  and the family  $\phi = \{0_\sim, 1_\sim, U_1, U_2\}$  of IFS's in  $Y$  is an IFT on  $Y$ . If we define the function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  as  $f(a) = 2, f(b) = 3$  and  $f(c) = 1$ , then  $f$  is a fuzzy semi-continuous function, but is not a fuzzy irresolute function. Since  $U_3$  is an IFSOS which is not an IFOS, then  $f^{-1}(U_3) = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.3}, \frac{b}{.5}, \frac{c}{.4}), (\frac{a}{.3}, \frac{b}{.5}, \frac{c}{.5}) \rangle$  is not an IFSOS in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  *$f$  is fuzzy irresolute;*
- (b)  *$f^{-1}(B)$  is IFSCS in  $X$ , for each IFSCS  $B$  in  $Y$ ;*
- (c)  *$f(\text{scl}(B)) \subseteq \text{scl}f(B)$ , for each IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ ;*
- (d)  *$\text{scl}f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{scl}B)$ , for each IFS  $B$  in  $Y$ .*

**Proof.** For the implication (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c) one can make use of Theorem 1.11. The implications (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c), (c)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (d) are similar to the fuzzy case. ■

**Theorem 2.10.**  *$f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy irresolute function iff for each intuitionistic fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ ,*

$$f^{-1}(\text{sint}B) \subseteq \text{sint}f^{-1}(B).$$

**Proof.** The proof is obvious. ■

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be one-to-one and onto;  $f$  is a fuzzy irresolute function iff for every IFS  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $\text{sint}f(A) \subseteq f(\text{sint}A)$ .*

**Proof.** It can be easily proved. ■

**Definition 2.12.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \phi)$  is called a fuzzy weakly semicontinuous function if  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq \text{sint}f^{-1}(\text{scl}A)$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .

**Remark 2.13.** Clearly, a fuzzy semicontinuous function is fuzzy weakly semicontinuous, but the converse need not be true as shown in the following example.

**Example 2.14.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}, Y = \{1, 2\}$  and

$$G_1 = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.2}, \frac{b}{.2}), (\frac{a}{.4}, \frac{b}{.4}) \rangle, G_2 = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.3}, \frac{b}{.3}), (\frac{a}{.3}, \frac{b}{.3}) \rangle, U_1 = \langle y, (\frac{1}{.2}, \frac{2}{.2}), (\frac{1}{.5}, \frac{2}{.5}) \rangle.$$

Consider the IFT's  $\tau = \{0_\sim, 1_\sim, G_1, G_2\}$  and  $\phi = \{0_\sim, 1_\sim, U_1\}$  on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. We define the function  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  as  $f(a) = 2$  and  $f(b) = 1$ . Then  $f$  is not fuzzy semicontinuous, since  $f^{-1}(U_1) = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.2}, \frac{b}{.2}), (\frac{a}{.5}, \frac{b}{.5}) \rangle$  is not an intuitionistic fuzzy semiopen set of  $X$ . It can be shown that  $f$  is weakly semicontinuous as follows:

$$IFSC(Y) = \{B : B = \langle y, (\frac{1}{\alpha_1}, \frac{2}{\alpha_2}), (\frac{1}{\beta_1}, \frac{2}{\beta_2}) \rangle, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in [.2, .5]\}.$$



Hence,

$$sclU_1 = \langle y, (\frac{1}{.2}, \frac{2}{.2}), (\frac{1}{.5}, \frac{2}{.5}) \rangle = U_1, f^{-1}(sclU_1) = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.2}, \frac{b}{.2}), (\frac{a}{.5}, \frac{b}{.5}) \rangle.$$

Furthermore, since

$$IFSO(X) = \{A : A = \langle x, (\frac{a}{\alpha_1}, \frac{b}{\alpha_2}), (\frac{a}{\beta_1}, \frac{b}{\beta_2}) \rangle, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in [.2, .3] \quad \beta_1, \beta_2 \in [.3, .4]\}$$

and

$$sintf^{-1}(sclU_1) = \langle x, (\frac{a}{.2}, \frac{b}{.2}), (\frac{a}{.3}, \frac{b}{.3}) \rangle,$$

we have  $f^{-1}(U_1) \subseteq sintf^{-1}(sclU_1)$ . Thus  $f$  is fuzzy weakly semicontinuous.

**Theorem 2.15.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \phi)$  is fuzzy almost continuous function, then  $f$  is fuzzy weakly semicontinuous function.*

*Proof.* Let  $B$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in  $Y$ . Using Proposition 2.3 and Definition 2.12, we have

$$f^{-1}(B) \subseteq intf^{-1}(intclB) \subseteq sintf^{-1}(intclB) \subseteq sint(intclf^{-1}(sclB)).$$

Since  $sclB$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy semiclosed set, by Theorem 1.11 we have

$$sint(intclf^{-1}(sclB)) \subseteq sint(f^{-1}(sclB)).$$

Hence we obtain  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq sintf^{-1}(sclB)$ .

The converse of Proposition 2.15. may not be true.

**Example 2.16.** Refer to Example 2.14. Then  $f$  is fuzzy weakly semicontinuous, but not fuzzy almost continuous since  $U_1 = intclU_1$  but  $f^{-1}(U_1)$  is not intuitionistic fuzzy open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.17.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $f$  is fuzzy weakly semicontinuous function,
- (b)  $scl(f^{-1}(sintB)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy closed  $B$  of  $Y$ ,
- (c)  $f^{-1}(intB) \subseteq sint(f^{-1}(sclB))$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy set  $B$  of  $Y$ ,
- (d)  $scl(f^{-1}(sintB)) \subseteq f^{-1}(clB)$  for each intuitionistic fuzzy set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $B$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $\overline{B} \in \phi$  from (a), we have  $f^{-1}(\overline{B}) \subseteq \text{sint}(f^{-1}(\text{scl}\overline{B}))$ . By Proposition 2.3, we obtain

$$\overline{f^{-1}(B)} = f^{-1}(\overline{B}) \subseteq \text{sint}(\overline{f^{-1}(\text{sint}B)}) = \overline{\text{scl}(f^{-1}(\text{sint}B))}.$$

Thus,  $f^{-1}(B) \supseteq \text{scl}f^{-1}(\text{sint}B)$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) It is similiar to the previous proof. (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c), (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (d) is obvious.

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