

## ON LOWER AND UPPER WEAKLY $\alpha$ -CONTINUOUS INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY MULTIFUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** The aim of this paper is to introduce the concepts of upper and lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous intuitionistic fuzzy multifunctions and obtain some of their properties.

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### 1. Introduction

After the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [40] in 1965 and fuzzy topology by Chang [10] in 1967, several research studies were conducted on the generalization of the notions of fuzzy sets and fuzzy topology. The concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets was introduced by Atanassov [2, 3, 4] as a generalization of fuzzy sets. In the last 32 years various concepts of fuzzy mathematics have been extended for intuitionistic fuzzy sets. In 1997 Coker [11] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces as a generalization of fuzzy topological spaces. In 1999, Ozbakir and Coker [28] introduced the concept intuitionistic fuzzy multifunctions and studied their lower and upper intuitionistic fuzzy semi continuity from a topological space to an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space. In the recent past some weak and strong forms of lower and upper semi-continuity of intuitionistic fuzzy multifunctions have been studied in [6] [7, 8][33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39]. In the present paper we extend the concepts of lower and upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunctions due to Popa and Noiri [30] to intuitionistic fuzzy multifunctions and obtain some of their characterizations and properties.

### 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Gamma)$  represent a topological space and an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space, respectively.

**Definition 2.1.** [17, 24] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- (a) Semi-open if  $A \subset Cl(Int(A))$ .
- (b) Semi-closed if its complement is semi-open.
- (c)  $\alpha$ -open if  $A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ .
- (d)  $\alpha$ -closed if its complement is  $\alpha$ -open.
- (e) pre-open if  $A \subset Int(Cl(A))$ .
- (f) pre-closed if its complement is pre-open.

**Remark 2.1.** [25] Every open set is  $\alpha$ -open and every  $\alpha$ -open set is semi-open (resp. pre-open) but the converses may not be true.

The family of all  $\alpha$ -open (resp. semi-open, pre-open) subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $SO(X)$ ,  $PO(X)$ ) similarly for the family of all  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi-closed, pre-closed) subsets of topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\alpha C(X)$  (resp.  $SC(X)$ ,  $PC(X)$ ). The intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi-closed) sets of  $X$  containing a set  $A$  of  $X$  is called the  $\alpha$ -closure [19] (resp. semi-closure) of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\alpha Cl(A)$  (resp.  $sCl(A)$ ). The union of all  $\alpha$ -open (resp. semi-open) subsets of  $A$  of  $X$  is called the  $\alpha$ -interior [19] (resp. semi-interior) of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\alpha Int(A)$  ( resp.  $sInt(A)$ ). A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi-closed) if and only if  $A \supset Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$  (resp.  $A \supset Int(Cl(A))$ ). A subset  $N$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\alpha$ -neighborhood [18] of a point  $x$  of  $X$  if there exists an  $\alpha$ -open set  $O$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in O \subset N$ .  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$  if and only if it is a  $\alpha$ -neighborhood of each of its points. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be regular-open (resp. regular-closed) if  $A = Int(Cl(A))$  (resp.  $A = Cl(Int(A))$ ). The family of regular open (resp. regular-closed) sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $RO(X)$  (resp.  $RC(X)$ ). The  $\theta$ -closure of  $A$  is defined to be the collection of all  $x \in X$  such that  $A \cap Cl(U) \neq \phi$  for every open-neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , is denoted by  $Cl_\theta(A)$ . The  $Cl_\theta(A)$  is closed in  $X$  and  $Cl(V) = Cl_\theta(V)$  for all open set  $U$  of  $X$ . A subset  $V$  of  $X$  is called an  $\alpha$ -neighborhood of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  if there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $A \subset U \subset V$ . A mapping  $f$  from a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  to another topological space  $(X^*, \tau^*)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -continuous [20, 21] if the inverse image of every open set of  $X^*$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** [30] The following properties hold for a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ :

- (a)  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $X \Leftrightarrow sInt(Cl(A)) \subset A$ ;
- (b)  $sInt(Cl(A)) = Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ ;
- (c)  $\alpha Cl(A) = A \cup Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [30] *The following are equivalent for a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ :*

- (a)  $A \in \alpha O(X)$ ,
- (b)  $U \subset A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U))$  for some open set  $U$  of  $X$ .
- (c)  $U \subset A \subset s\text{Cl}(U)$  for some open set  $U$  of  $X$ .
- (d)  $A \subset s\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [2, 3, 4] *Let  $Y$  be a nonempty fixed set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  in  $Y$  is an object having the form*

$$\tilde{A} = \{ \langle x, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$$

where the functions  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) : Y \rightarrow I$  and  $\nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) : Y \rightarrow I$  denotes the degree of membership (namely  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(y)$ ) and the degree of non membership (namely  $\nu_{\tilde{A}}(y)$ ) of each element  $y \in Y$  to the set  $\tilde{A}$  respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) + \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \leq 1$  for each  $y \in Y$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [2, 3, 4] *Let  $Y$  be a nonempty set and the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be in the form  $\tilde{A} = \{ \langle x, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ ,  $\tilde{B} = \{ \langle x, \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y), \nu_{\tilde{B}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$  and let  $\tilde{B}_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda$  be an arbitrary family of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $Y$ . Then:*

- (a).  $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$  if  $\forall y \in Y$  [ $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \leq \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)$  and  $\nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \geq \nu_{\tilde{B}}(y)$ ]
- (b).  $\tilde{A} = \tilde{B}$  if  $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$  and  $\tilde{B} \subseteq \tilde{A}$ ;
- (c).  $\tilde{A}^c = \{ \langle x, \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ ;
- (d).  $\tilde{0} = \{ \langle y, 0, 1 \rangle : y \in Y \}$  and  $\tilde{1} = \{ \langle y, 1, 0 \rangle : y \in Y \}$
- (e).  $\cap \tilde{A}_\alpha = \{ \langle x, \wedge \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \vee \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$
- (f).  $\cup \tilde{A}_\alpha = \{ \langle x, \vee \mu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \wedge \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [12] *Let  $Y$  be a nonempty set and  $c \in Y$  a fixed element in  $Y$ . If  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $\beta \in [0, 1)$  are two real numbers such that  $\alpha + \beta < 1$  then,*

- (a)  $c(\alpha, \beta) = \langle y, c_\alpha, c_{1-\beta} \rangle$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy point (IFP in short) in  $Y$ , where  $\alpha$  denotes the degree of membership of  $c(\alpha, \beta)$ , and  $\beta$  denotes the degree of non-membership of  $c(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- (b)  $c(\beta) = \langle y, 0, 1 - c_{1-\beta} \rangle$  is called a vanishing intuitionistic fuzzy point (VIFP in short) in  $Y$ , where  $\beta$  denotes the degree of non membership of  $c(\beta)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [12] Two Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  are said to be quasi-coincident ( $\tilde{A}q\tilde{B}$  for short) if  $\exists y \in Y$  such that

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(y) > \nu_{\tilde{B}}(y) \text{ or } \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y) < \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)$$

**Definition 2.6.** [12] An intuitionistic fuzzy point  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is said to be quasi-coincidence with the intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A} = \langle (\mu_{\tilde{A}}(y), \nu_{\tilde{A}}(y)) \rangle$  denoted by  $c(\alpha, \beta)q\tilde{A}$  if  $\alpha > \nu_{\tilde{A}}(c)$  or  $\beta < \mu_{\tilde{A}}(c)$

**Definition 2.7.** [12] An intuitionistic fuzzy  $\tilde{A}$  in an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be  $q$ -neighborhood of  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  if there exists an intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  in  $Y$  such that  $c(\alpha, \beta)q\tilde{B} \leq \tilde{A}$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [12] For any two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ,  $\sim(\tilde{A}q\tilde{B}) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{A} \subset \tilde{B}^c$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [12] An intuitionistic fuzzy topology on a non empty set  $Y$  is a family  $\Gamma$  of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $Y$  which satisfy the following axioms:

- $O_1.$   $\tilde{0}, \tilde{1} \in \Gamma$ ,
- $O_2.$   $\tilde{A}_1 \cap \tilde{A}_2 \in \Gamma$  for any  $\tilde{A}_1, \tilde{A}_2 \in \Gamma$ ,
- $O_3.$   $\cup \tilde{A}_\alpha \in \Gamma$  for arbitrary family  $\{\tilde{A}_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\} \in \Gamma$ .

In this case the pair  $(Y, \Gamma)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space and each intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $\Gamma$ , is known as an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in  $Y$ . The complement  $\tilde{B}^c$  of an intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [11] Let  $(Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space and  $\tilde{A}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $Y$ . Then the closure and the interior of  $\tilde{A}$  are defined, respectively, by:

$$Cl(\tilde{A}) = \cap \{ \tilde{K} : \tilde{K} \text{ is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in } Y \text{ and } \tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{K} \},$$

$$Int(\tilde{A}) = \cup \{ \tilde{G} : \tilde{G} \text{ is an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in } Y \text{ and } \tilde{G} \subseteq \tilde{A} \}.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** [11] For any intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  in  $(Y, \Gamma)$  we have:

- (a)  $\tilde{A}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set in  $Y \Leftrightarrow Cl(\tilde{A}) = \tilde{A}$
- (b)  $\tilde{A}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy open set in  $Y \Leftrightarrow Int(\tilde{A}) = \tilde{A}$
- (c)  $Cl(\tilde{A}^c) = (Int(\tilde{A}))^c$
- (d)  $Int(\tilde{A}^c) = (Cl(\tilde{A}))^c$

**Definition 2.10.** [14] An intuitionistic fuzzy point  $c(\alpha, \beta)$  is said to be a  $\theta$ -cluster point of an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  if for each  $q$ -neighborhood  $\tilde{B}$  of  $c(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\tilde{A}qCl(\tilde{B})$ . The set of all  $\theta$ -cluster points of  $\tilde{A}$  is called  $\theta$ -closure of  $\tilde{A}$  and is denoted by  $Cl_\theta(\tilde{A})$ . An intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed if  $\tilde{A} = Cl_\theta(\tilde{A})$ . The compliment of intuitionistic fuzzy  $\theta$ -closed is called intuitionistic fuzzy  $\theta$ -open set. The  $\theta$ -interior of  $\tilde{A}$  denoted by  $Int_\theta(\tilde{A})$  is defined by  $Int_\theta(\tilde{A}) = (Cl_\theta(\tilde{A}^c))^c$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [28] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two nonempty sets. A function  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction if  $F(x)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy set in  $Y$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [33] Let  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $F(A) = \cup_{x \in A} F(x)$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** [33] Let  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction. Then

- (a)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow F(A) \subseteq F(B)$  for any subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ .
- (b)  $F(A \cap B) \subseteq F(A) \cap F(B)$  for any subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ .
- (c)  $F(\cup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha) = \cup\{F(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  for any family of subsets  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.13.** [28] Let  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction. Then the upper inverse  $F^+(\tilde{A})$  and lower inverse  $F^-(\tilde{A})$  of an intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  in  $Y$  are defined as follows:

$$F^+(\tilde{A}) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subseteq \tilde{A}\}$$

$$F^-(\tilde{A}) = \{x \in X : F(x)q\tilde{A}\}$$

**Lemma 2.6.** [33] Let  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction and  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}$  be intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $Y$ . Then:

- (a)  $F^+(\tilde{1}) = F^-(\tilde{1}) = X$
- (b)  $F^+(\tilde{A}) \subseteq F^-(\tilde{A})$
- (c)  $[F^-(\tilde{A})]^c = [F^+(\tilde{A})]^c$
- (d)  $[F^+(\tilde{A})]^c = [F^-(\tilde{A})]^c$
- (e) If  $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$ , then  $F^+(\tilde{A}) \subseteq F^+(\tilde{B})$
- (f) If  $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$ , then  $F^-(\tilde{A}) \subseteq F^-(\tilde{B})$

**Definition 2.14.** [16] A subset  $\tilde{A}$  of an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \Gamma)$  is called :

- (a) intuitionistic fuzzy Semi open if  $\tilde{A} \subset Cl(Int(\tilde{A}))$ .
- (b) intuitionistic fuzzy Semi closed if its complement is semi open.

**Definition 2.15.** [28] An Intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be:

- (a) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper semi-continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$ , if for any intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset \tilde{W}$  there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(U) \subset \tilde{W}$ .
- (b) Intuitionistic fuzzy lower semi-continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$ , if for any intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \not\subset \tilde{W}$  there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(x) \not\subset \tilde{W}, \forall x \in U$ .
- (c) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper semi-continuous (intuitionistic fuzzy lower semi-continuous) if it is intuitionistic fuzzy upper semi-continuous (Intuitionistic fuzzy lower semi-continuous) at each point of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.16.** [7] An Intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be:

- (a) Intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$ , if for any intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \not\subset \tilde{W}$  there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(x) \not\subset \tilde{W}, \forall x \in U$ .
- (b) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$ , if for any intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subseteq \tilde{W}$  there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(U) \subseteq \tilde{W}$ .
- (c) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. Intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous) if it is intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous) at every point of  $X$ .

### 3. Lower Weakly $\alpha$ -continuous Intuitionistic Fuzzy Multifunctions

**Definition 3.1.** An Intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be:

- (a) Intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$ , if for each  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x_0$  and each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \not\subset \tilde{W}$  there exists a nonempty open set  $V \subset U$  such that  $F(x) \not\subset \tilde{W}, \forall x \in V$ .
- (b) Intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous if it is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at each point of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\tilde{A}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \Gamma)$ . Then  $\tilde{V}$  is said to be a neighbourhood of  $\tilde{A}$  in  $Y$  if there exists an intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{U}$  of  $Y$  such that  $\tilde{A} \subset \tilde{U} \subset \tilde{V}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction and let  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .
- (b) For each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(x)qCl(\tilde{B}), \forall x \in U$ .
- (c)  $x \in \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ .
- (d)  $x \in Int(Cl(Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))))))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ .

*Proof.* **(a)** $\Rightarrow$ **(b)**. Let  $x \in X$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ . For each  $U \in SO(X)$  such that  $x \in U$  there exists a nonempty open set  $G_U$  such that  $G_U \subset U$  and  $F(x)qCl(\tilde{B})\forall x \in G_U$ . Let  $N = \cup\{G_U : U \in SO(X)\}$ . Put  $M = N \cup \{x\}$ , then  $N$  is open in  $X, x \in sCl(N)$  and  $F(x)qCl(\tilde{B})\forall x \in N$ . Thus we have by Lemma 2.1  $M \in SO(X)$ . Hence  $F(x)qCl(\tilde{B})\forall x \in M$ .

**(b)** $\Rightarrow$ **(c)**. Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ , then there exists  $M \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $F(x)qCl(\tilde{B})\forall x \in M$ . Then  $x \in M \subset (F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))$  and hence  $x \in \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))$ .

**(c)** $\Rightarrow$ **(d)**. Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ , Let  $x \in \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))$ , then there exists  $M \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $F(M)qCl(\tilde{B})$ . Then  $x \in M \subset (F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))$  and hence  $x \in U \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))))))$ .

**(d)** $\Rightarrow$ **(a)**. Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$  and  $U \in SO(X)$  containig  $x$ . Then we have  $x \in Int(Cl(Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))))) = sCl(Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))))$ , therefore  $\phi \neq U \cap Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))) \in SO(X)$ . Put  $G = U \cap Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))$ , then  $G$  is a nonempty open set of  $X$  and  $G \subset U$  and  $F(G)qCl(\tilde{B})$ , by Lemma 2.6. Hence,  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.3.** [29] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two non empty sets. A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is called fuzzy multifunction if  $F(x)$  is a fuzzy set in  $Y, \forall x \in X$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $F$  be a fuzzy multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  into a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .
- (b) For each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x)qB$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(x)qCl(B), \forall x \in U$ .

- (c)  $x \in \alpha \text{Int}(F^-(Cl(B)))$  for every fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)qB$ .
- (d)  $x \in \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^-(Cl(B)))))$  for every fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)qB$ .

**Corollary 3.2.** [30] For a multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  and a point  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .
- (b) For each open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x)qB$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(x)qCl(B)$ ,  $\forall x \in U$ .
- (c)  $x \in \alpha \text{Int}(F^-(Cl(B)))$  for every open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)qB$ .
- (d)  $x \in \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^-(Cl(B)))))$  for every open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)qB$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous;
- (b) For each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))$ ;
- (c)  $F^-(\tilde{G}) \subset \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^-Cl(\tilde{G}))))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{G}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (d)  $Cl(\text{Int}(Cl(F^+(Int(\tilde{V}))) \subset F^+(Int(\tilde{V})))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy closed set  $\tilde{V}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (e)  $\alpha Cl(F^+Int(\tilde{V})) \subset F^+(\tilde{V})$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy closed set  $\tilde{V}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (f)  $\alpha Cl(F^+Int(Cl(\tilde{B}))) \subset F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy closed set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (g)  $F^-(Int(\tilde{B})) \subset \alpha \text{Int}(F^-(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))))$ , for each intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (h)  $F^-(\tilde{V}) \subset \alpha \text{Int}(F^-(Cl(\tilde{V})))$ , for each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (i)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(\tilde{A}))) \subset F^+(\tilde{A})$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy regular set  $\tilde{A}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (j)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{B})) \subset F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))$ , for each Intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ .
- (k)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B}))) \subset F^+(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B}))$ , for each Intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b). Similar to Theorem 3.1

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c). Let  $x$  be arbitrarily chosen in  $X$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ , so  $x \in F^-(\tilde{B})$ . By hypothesis there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(x)qCl(\tilde{B}); \forall x \in U$  implies  $x \in U \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))$  since  $U \in \alpha O(X)$ , we have  $x \in F^-(\tilde{B}) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))))$ .

(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d). Let  $\tilde{G}$  be any arbitrary intuitionistic fuzzy closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $\tilde{G}^c$  is intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$ . By (c)  $F^-(\tilde{G}^c) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{G}^c)))))$  by lemma 2.6 (c) we have  $Cl(Int(Cl(F^+(Int(\tilde{G})))) \subset F^+(Int(\tilde{G}))$ .

(d) $\Rightarrow$ (e). Suppose that (d) holds, let  $\tilde{V}$  be any arbitrary intuitionistic fuzzy closed set of  $Y$  thus we have  $Cl(Int(Cl(F^+(Int(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^+(Int(\tilde{V}))$  and hence  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(\tilde{V}))) \subset F^+(\tilde{V})$  by lemma 2.1 and 2.2.

(e) $\Rightarrow$ (f). Suppose that (e) holds and let  $\tilde{V}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy set of  $Y$ . Then  $Cl(\tilde{V})$  is intuitionistic fuzzy closed set of  $Y$  therefore  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^+(Cl(\tilde{V}))$ .

(f) $\Rightarrow$ (g). Obvious.

(g) $\Rightarrow$ (h). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy subset of  $Y$ , then  $[F^-(Int(\tilde{B}))]^c = F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}^c)) \supset \alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl(\tilde{B}^c)))) = \alpha Cl(F^+(Cl(Int(\tilde{B})))^c) = \alpha Cl(F^-(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))))^c = [\alpha Int(F^-(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))))]^c$ . Thus we obtained  $F^-(Int(\tilde{B})) \subset \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))))$

(h) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Obvious.

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (j). Let  $\tilde{A}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  then  $Cl(\tilde{A})$  is intuitionistic fuzzy regular closed in  $Y$  and hence we have  $\alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{A})) \subset \alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl(\tilde{A})))) \subset \alpha Cl(F^+(Cl(\tilde{A}))) \subset F^+(Cl(\tilde{A}))$ .

(j) $\Rightarrow$ (k). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$ , then  $[\alpha Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))^c = \alpha Cl(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))^c = \alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl(\tilde{B}^c)))^c) \subset F^+(Cl(Cl(\tilde{B}^c)))^c = F^+(Cl(Int(\tilde{B})))^c = [F^-(Int(Cl(\tilde{B})))^c]$ . Thus we obtained  $F^-(\tilde{B}) = F^-(Int(Cl(\tilde{B}))) \subset \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B})))$ .

(k) $\Rightarrow$ (a). Let  $x$  be any point of  $X$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x)q\tilde{B}$ . Then it follows that  $x \in F^-(\tilde{B}) \subset \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))))$ . Thus  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$  continuous multifunction.

(j) $\Rightarrow$ (k). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy subset of  $Y$ , put  $\tilde{B} = Int(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V}))$  in (j). Then because  $Cl_\theta(\tilde{V})$  is intuitionistic fuzzy closed in  $Y$ , we have  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^+(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V}))$ .

(k) $\Rightarrow$ (j). Let  $\tilde{V}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy regular closed set of  $Y$ . Therefore, we have  $Cl(\tilde{V}) = Cl_\theta(\tilde{V})$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{V}$  of  $Y$ , thus  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(\tilde{V}))) = \alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl(\tilde{V})))) = \alpha Cl(F^+(Int(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^+(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V})) = F^+(Cl(\tilde{V})) = F^+(\tilde{V})$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $F$  be a fuzzy multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  into a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous;

- (b) For each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x)qB$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset F^-(Cl(B))$ ;
- (c)  $F^-(G) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^-Cl(G))))$  for every fuzzy open set  $G$  of  $Y$ ;
- (d)  $Cl(Int(Cl(F^+(Int(V)))) \subset F^+(Int(V))$  for every fuzzy closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (e)  $\alpha Cl(F^+Int(V) \subset F^+(V)$  for every fuzzy closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (f)  $\alpha Cl(F^+Int(Cl(B)) \subset F^+(Cl(B))$  for every fuzzy closed set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (g)  $F^-(Int(B)) \subset \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(Int(B))))$ , for each fuzzy subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (h)  $F^-(V) \subset \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(V)))$ , for each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (i)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(A)) \subset F^+(A)$  for every fuzzy regular set  $A$  of  $Y$ ;
- (j)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(B)) \subset F^+(Cl(B))$ , for each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** [30] Let  $F$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  into another topological space  $(Y, \zeta)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous;
- (b) For each open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x)qB$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset F^-(Cl(B))$ ;
- (c)  $F^-(G) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^-Cl(G))))$  for every open set  $G$  of  $Y$ ;
- (d)  $Cl(Int(Cl(F^+(Int(V)))) \subset F^+(Int(V))$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (e)  $\alpha Cl(F^+Int(V) \subset F^+(V)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (f)  $\alpha Cl(F^+Int(Cl(B)) \subset F^+(Cl(B))$  for every closed set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (g)  $F^-(Int(B)) \subset \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(Int(B))))$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (h)  $F^-(V) \subset \alpha Int(F^-(Cl(V)))$ , for each open set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (i)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(Int(A)) \subset F^+(A)$  for every regular set  $A$  of  $Y$ ;
- (j)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(B)) \subset F^+(Cl(B))$ , for each open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

**Lemma 3.1.**  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous multifunction, then for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\tilde{B} \subset Y$  with  $F(x)q(Int_\theta(\tilde{B}))$  there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $U \subset F^-(\tilde{B})$ .

*Proof.* Since  $F(x)q(Int_\theta(\tilde{B}))$  there exists a nonempty intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  of  $Y$  such that  $\tilde{A} \subset Cl(\tilde{A}) \subset \tilde{B}$  and  $F(x)q\tilde{A}$ . Since  $F$  is lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $F(u)qCl(\tilde{A}) : \forall u \in U$  and hence  $U \subset F^-(\tilde{B})$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** For an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$ , followings are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous.
- (b)  $\alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{B})) \subset F^+(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B}))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ .
- (c)  $F(\alpha Cl(A)) \subset Cl_\theta(F(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

*Proof.* **(a)** $\Rightarrow$ **(b)**. Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$ . Suppose  $x \in F^-(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B}))^c = F^-(Int_\theta(\tilde{B}^c))$ , by Lemma 3.1, there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $U \subset F^-(\tilde{B}^c) = [F^+(\tilde{B})]^c$ . Thus  $U \cap [F^+(\tilde{B})]^c \neq \emptyset$  therefore  $x \in \alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{B}))^c$ .

**(b)** $\Rightarrow$ **(a)**. Let  $\tilde{A}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$ . Since  $Cl(\tilde{A}) = Cl_\theta(\tilde{A})$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open subset of  $Y$  and we have  $\alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{B})) \subset F^+(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B}))$ , by theorem 3.2  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**(b)** $\Rightarrow$ **(c)**. Let  $A$  be any nonempty subset of  $X$ , by (b) we have

$$\alpha Cl(A) \subset \alpha Cl(F^+(F(A))) \subset F^+(Cl_\theta(F(A)))$$

therefore we obtain  $F(\alpha Cl(A)) \subset Cl_\theta(F(A))$ .

**(c)** $\Rightarrow$ **(b)**. Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$ . By (c) we have

$$F(\alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{B}))) \subset Cl_\theta(F(F^+(A))) \subset Cl_\theta(\tilde{B})$$

Therefore  $\alpha Cl(F^+(\tilde{B})) \subset F^+(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B}))$   $\square$

#### 4. Upper Weakly $\alpha$ -Continuous Intuitionistic Fuzzy Multifunctions

**Definition 4.1.** An intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is said to be:

- (a) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$ , if for each  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x_0$  and each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W} \subset Y$  such that  $F(x_0) \subset \tilde{W}$  there exists a nonempty open set  $V \subset U$  such that  $F(V) \subset Cl(\tilde{W})$ .
- (b) Intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous if it is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at each point of  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction and let  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .
- (b) For each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$ .

(c)  $x \in \alpha \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ .

(d)  $x \in \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))))))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ .

*Proof.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b). Let  $x \in X$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ . For each  $U \in SO(X)$  such that  $x \in U$  there exists a nonempty open set  $G_U$  such that  $G_U \subset U$  and  $F(G_U) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$ . Let  $A = \cup\{G_U : U \in SO(X)\}$ . Put  $S = A \cup \{x\}$ , then  $A$  is open in  $X$ ,  $x \in sCl(A)$  and  $F(A) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$ . Thus we have by Lemma 2.1  $S \in SO(X)$ . Hence  $F(S) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$ .

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ , then there exists  $S \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $F(S) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$ . Then  $x \in S \subset (F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))$  and hence  $x \in \alpha \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))$ .

(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ , Let  $x \in \alpha \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))$ , then there exists  $S \in \alpha O(X)$  such that  $F(S) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$ . Then  $x \in S \subset (F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))$  and hence  $x \in U \subset \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))))))$ .

(d) $\Rightarrow$ (a). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$  and  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x$ . Then we have  $x \in \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))))) = sCl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))))$ , therefore  $\phi \neq U \cap \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))) \in SO(X)$ . Put  $G = U \cap \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))$ , then  $G$  is a nonempty open set of  $X$  and  $G \subset U$  and  $F(G) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$ , by Lemma 2.6, hence  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.1.** Let  $F$  be a fuzzy multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  into a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(a)  $F$  is fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .

(b) For each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subset B$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(B)$ .

(c)  $x \in \alpha \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(B)))$  for every fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset B$ .

(d)  $x \in \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(B))))))$  for every fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset B$ .

**Corollary 4.2.** [27] Let  $F$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  into another topological space  $(Y, \zeta)$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(a)  $F$  is upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .

(b) For each open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subset B$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(B)$ .

- (c)  $x \in \alpha \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(B)))$  for every open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset B$ .
- (d)  $x \in \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(B)))))$  for every open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset B$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $\tilde{A}$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy set of an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \Gamma)$ . Then  $\tilde{V}$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -neighbourhood of  $\tilde{A}$  in  $Y$  if there exists an intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -open set  $\tilde{U} \subset Y$  such that  $\tilde{A} \subset \tilde{U} \subset \tilde{V}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** For an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous;
- (b) For each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset (Cl(\tilde{B}))$ ;
- (c)  $F^+(\tilde{G}) \subset \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+Cl(\tilde{G}))))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{G}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (d)  $Cl(\text{Int}(Cl(F^-(\text{Int}(\tilde{V}))) \subset F^-(\tilde{V}))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy closed set  $\tilde{V}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (e)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\text{Int}(\tilde{V})) \subset F^-(\tilde{V})$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy closed set  $\tilde{V}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (f)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\text{Int}(Cl(\tilde{B}))) \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (g)  $F^+(\text{Int}(\tilde{B})) \subset \alpha \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\text{Int}(\tilde{B}))))$ , for each intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (h)  $F^+(\tilde{V}) \subset \alpha \text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{V})))$ , for each intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (i)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\text{Int}(\tilde{A})) \subset F^-(\tilde{A})$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy regular closed set  $\tilde{A}$  of  $Y$ ;
- (j)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\tilde{B})) \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}))$ , for each Intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ .
- (k)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B})) \subset F^-(Cl_\theta(\tilde{B}))$ , for each Intuitionistic fuzzy subset  $\tilde{B}$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b). Similar to Theorem 4.1.

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c). Let  $x$  be arbitrarily chosen in  $X$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ , so  $x \in F^+(\tilde{B})$ . By hypothesis there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(\tilde{B})$  implies  $x \in U \subset F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))$  since  $U \in \alpha O(X)$ , we have  $x \in F^+(\tilde{B}) \subset \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))))$ .

(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d). Let  $\tilde{G}$  be any arbitrary intuitionistic fuzzy closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $\tilde{G}^c$  is intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$ . By (c)  $F^+(\tilde{G}^c) \subset \text{Int}(Cl(\text{Int}(F^+(Cl(\tilde{G}^c))))$  by lemma 2.6 (d) we have  $Cl(\text{Int}(Cl(F^-(\text{Int}(\tilde{G})))) \subset F^-(\tilde{G})$ .

(d) $\Rightarrow$ (e). Suppose that (d) holds, let  $\tilde{V}$  be any arbitrary intuitionistic fuzzy closed set of  $Y$  thus we have  $Cl(\text{Int}(Cl(F^-(\text{Int}(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^-(\tilde{V})$  and hence  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\text{Int}(\tilde{V})) \subset F^-(\tilde{V})$  by lemma 2.1 and 2.2.

(e) $\Rightarrow$ (f). Suppose that (e) holds and let  $\tilde{V}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy set of  $Y$ . Then  $Cl(\tilde{V})$  is intuitionistic fuzzy closed set of  $Y$  therefore  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{V}))$ .

(e) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Obvious.

(f) $\Rightarrow$ (g). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy subset of  $Y$ , then  $[F^+(Int(\tilde{B}))]^c = F^-(Cl(\tilde{B}^c)) \supset \alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl(\tilde{B}^c)))) = \alpha Cl(F^-(Cl(Int(\tilde{B})))^c) = \alpha Cl(F^+(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))))^c = [\alpha Int(F^+(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))))]^c$ . Thus we obtained  $F^+(Int(\tilde{B})) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))))$

(g) $\Rightarrow$ (h). Obvious.

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (j). Let  $\tilde{A}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  then  $Cl(\tilde{A})$  is regular closed in  $Y$  and hence we have  $\alpha Cl(F^-(\tilde{A})) \subset \alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl(\tilde{A})))) \subset \alpha Cl(F^-(Cl(\tilde{A}))) \subset F^-(Cl(\tilde{A}))$ .

(j) $\Rightarrow$ (h). Let  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$ , then  $[\alpha Int(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B}))))]^c = \alpha Cl(F^+(Cl(\tilde{B})))^c = \alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl(\tilde{B})))^c) \subset F^-(Cl(Cl(\tilde{B})))^c = F^-(Cl(Int(\tilde{B}))) \subset [F^+(Int(Cl(\tilde{B})))]^c$ . Thus we obtained  $F^+(B) = F^+(Int(Cl(B))) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(Cl(B)))$ .

(h) $\Rightarrow$ (a). Let  $x$  be any point of  $X$  and  $\tilde{B}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{B}$ . Then it follows that  $x \in F^+(B) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(Cl(B))) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^+Cl(B))))$ . Thus  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$  continuous multifunction.

(j) $\Rightarrow$ (k). Let  $\tilde{V}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy subset of  $Y$ , put  $\tilde{B} = Int(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V}))$  in (j). Then because  $(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V}))$  is closed in  $Y$ , we have  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^-(Cl_\theta(\tilde{V}))$ .

(k) $\Rightarrow$ (j). Let  $\tilde{V}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy regular closed set of  $Y$ . Therefore, we have  $Cl(\tilde{V}) = Cl_\theta(\tilde{V})$  for every intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{V}$  of  $Y$ , thus  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(\tilde{V}))) = \alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl(\tilde{V})))) = \alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl_\theta(Int(\tilde{V})))) \subset F^-(Cl_\theta(Int(\tilde{V}))) = F^-(Cl(Int(\tilde{V}))) = F^-(\tilde{V}) \quad \square$

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $F$  be a fuzzy multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  into a fuzzy topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F$  is fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous;
- (b) For each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subset B$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(B)$ ;
- (c)  $F^+(G) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^+Cl(G))))$  for every fuzzy open set  $G$  of  $Y$ ;
- (d)  $Cl(Int(Cl(F^-(Int(V)))) \subset F^-(V)$  for every fuzzy closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (e)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(V))) \subset F^-(V)$  for every fuzzy closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (f)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl(B)))) \subset F^-(Cl(B))$  for every fuzzy set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (g)  $F^+(Int(B)) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(Cl(Int(B))))$ , for each fuzzy subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (h)  $F^+(V) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(Cl(V)))$ , for each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;

- (i)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(A))) \subset F^-(A)$  for every fuzzy regular closed set  $A$  of  $Y$ ;
- (j)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(B)) \subset F^-(Cl(B))$ , for each fuzzy open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 4.4.** [30] *Let  $F$  be a multifunction from a topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  into another topological space  $(Y, \zeta)$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F$  is upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous;
- (b) For each open set  $B$  of  $Y$  with  $F(x) \subset B$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha O(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(B)$ ;
- (c)  $F^+(G) \subset Int(Cl(Int(F^+Cl(G))))$  for every open set  $G$  of  $Y$ ;
- (d)  $Cl(Int(Cl(F^-(Int(V)))) \subset F^-(V)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (e)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(V))) \subset F^-(V)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (f)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(Cl(B)))) \subset F^-(Cl(B))$  for every set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (g)  $F^+(Int(B)) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(Cl(Int(B))))$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (h)  $F^+(V) \subset \alpha Int(F^+(Cl(V)))$ , for each open set  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (i)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(Int(A))) \subset F^-(A)$  for every regular closed set  $A$  of  $Y$ ;
- (j)  $\alpha Cl(F^-(B)) \subset F^-(Cl(B))$ , for each open set  $B$  of  $Y$ .

### 5. Properties of Upper(lower) Weakly $\alpha$ -Continuous Intuitionistic Fuzzy Multifunctions

**Lemma 5.1.** [21] *Let  $U$  and  $X_0$  be a subset of topological space  $X$ . The following properties hold:*

- (a) If  $A \in SO(X) \cup PO(X)$  and  $B \in \alpha(X)$ , then  $A \cap B \in \alpha(A)$ .
- (b) If  $A \subset B \subset X$ ,  $A \in \alpha(B)$  and  $B \in \alpha(X)$ , then  $A \in \alpha(X)$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *If an intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous) and  $A \in PO(X) \cup SO(X)$ , then the restriction  $F|_A : A \rightarrow Y$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous).*

*Proof.* We prove only the assertion for  $F$  intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous, the proof for  $F$  intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous being analogous. Let  $x \in X$  and  $\tilde{V}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $(F|_A)(x) \subset \tilde{V}$ . Since  $F$  intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous and

$(F|A)(x) = F(x)$ , there exists  $U \in \alpha(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(\tilde{V})$ . Set  $U_0 = U \cap A$ . Then by Lemma 5.1 we have  $x \in U_0 \in (A)$  and  $(F|A)(U_0) = F(U_0) \subset Cl(\tilde{V})$ . This shows that  $F|A : A \rightarrow Y$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** *An intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous) if for each  $x \in X$  there exists  $X_0 \in \alpha(X)$  containing  $x$  such that the restriction  $F|X_0 : X_0 \rightarrow Y$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous).*

*Proof.* We prove only the assertion for  $F$  intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous, the proof for  $F$  intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous being analogous. Let  $x \in X$  and  $\tilde{V}$  be any intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{V}$ . There exists  $X_0 \in \alpha(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $(F|X_0)(x) = F(x)$  intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous, there exists  $U_0 \in \alpha(X_0)$  containing  $x$  such that  $(F|X_0)(U_0) \subset Cl(\tilde{V})$ . Then By Lemma 5.1 we have  $x \in U_0 \in \alpha(X)$  and  $F(u) = (F|X_0)(u), \forall u \in U_0$ . This shows that  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** *If  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction, such that  $F(x)$  is closed in  $Y$  for each  $x \in X$  and  $Y$  is a normal space, then the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous.
- (b)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous.

*Proof.* (a)  $\rightarrow$  (b). Obvious.

(b)  $\rightarrow$  (a). Suppose that  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and  $\tilde{V}$  if intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{V}$ . Since  $F(x)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy closed in  $Y$ , by normality of  $Y$  there exists an intuitionistic fuzzy open set  $\tilde{W}$  of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset \tilde{W} \subset Cl(\tilde{W}) \subset \tilde{V}$ . Since  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous, there exists  $U \in \alpha(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(U) \subset Cl(\tilde{W})$ ; hence  $F(U) \subset \tilde{V}$ . This shows that  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy upper  $\alpha$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.4.** *If  $F : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Gamma)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy multifunction, such that  $F(x)$  is open in  $Y$  for each  $x \in X$ , then the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous.
- (b)  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous.

*Proof.* (a)  $\rightarrow$  (b). Obvious.

(b)  $\rightarrow$  (a). Suppose that  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and  $\tilde{V}$  if intuitionistic fuzzy open set of  $Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap \tilde{V}$ . There exists an open set  $U \in \alpha(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $F(u)qCl(\tilde{W}), \forall u \in U$ . Since  $F(u)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy open in  $Y$ , hence  $F(u)q\tilde{W}, \forall u \in U$ . This shows that  $F$  is intuitionistic fuzzy lower  $\alpha$ -continuous.  $\square$

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