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Abstract: In this paper, we first define the concepts of r -fuzzy soft α -open (semi-open and δ -open) sets on fuzzy soft topological spaces based on the article Aygünoğlu et al. (Hacet. J. Math. Stat., 43 (2014), 193-208), and the relations of these sets with each other are established. In addition, we introduce the concepts of fuzzy soft δ -closure (δ -interior) operators, and study some properties of them. Also, the concept of r -fuzzy soft δ -connected sets is introduced and studied with help of fuzzy soft δ -closure operators. Thereafter, we define the concepts of fuzzy soft α -continuous (β -continuous, semi-continuous, pre-continuous and δ -continuous) functions, which are weaker forms of fuzzy soft continuity, and some properties of these functions along with their mutual relationships are discussed. Moreover, a decomposition of fuzzy soft α -continuity and a decomposition of fuzzy soft semi-continuity is obtained. Finally, as a weaker form of a fuzzy soft continuity, the concepts of fuzzy soft almost (weakly) continuous functions are defined, and some properties are specified. Additionally, we explore the notion of continuity in a very general setting called, fuzzy soft $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O})$ -continuous functions and a historical justification is introduced.

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1. Introduction

In [1], the author initiated a novel concept of soft set theory, which is a completely new approach for modeling uncertainty and vagueness. He showed many applications of these theory in solving several practical problems in engineering, economics, and medical science, social science etc. Akdag and Ozkan [2] introduced and studied the concept of soft α -open sets on soft topological spaces. Also, the concept of soft β -open sets was introduced and studied by the authors of [3,4]. Moreover, the concepts of semi-open, somewhere dense and Q-sets were studied by the authors of [5,6]. Al-shami et al. [7] introduced the concept of weakly soft semi-open sets and specified its main properties. Also, Al-shami et al. [8] initiated the concept of weakly soft β -open sets and obtained weakly soft β -continuity. Kaur et al. [9] introduced a new approach to studying soft continuous mappings using an induced mapping based on soft sets. Al Ghour and Al-Mufarrij [10] defined two new concepts of mappings over soft topological spaces: soft somewhat- r -continuity and soft somewhat- r -openness. In recent years, many authors have contributed to soft set theory in the different fields such as topology, algebra, see e.g. [11-15].

Maji et al. [16] introduced the concept of fuzzy soft sets which combines soft sets [1] and fuzzy sets [17]. The concept of fuzzy soft topology is introduced and some of its properties such as fuzzy soft continuity, interior fuzzy soft set, closure fuzzy soft set and fuzzy soft subspace topology is obtained in [18,19] based on fuzzy topologies in Šostaks sense [20]. A new approach to studying separation and regularity axioms via fuzzy soft sets was introduced by the author of [21,22] based on the paper Aygünoğlu et al. [18]. The concept of r -fuzzy soft regularly open sets was introduced by Çetkin and

Aygün [23]. Moreover, the concepts of r -fuzzy soft β -open (resp. pre-open) sets were also introduced by Taha [24].

The organization of this paper is as follows:

- In Section 2, we define new types of fuzzy soft sets on fuzzy soft topological spaces based on the paper Aygünoglu et al. [18]. Also, the relations of these sets with each other are established with the help of some examples. Moreover, the concept of r -fuzzy soft δ -connected sets is introduced and characterized with help of fuzzy soft δ -closure operators.

- In Section 3, we introduce the concepts of fuzzy soft α -continuous (β -continuous, semi-continuous, pre-continuous and δ -continuous) functions, and the relations of these functions with each other are investigated. Also, a decomposition of fuzzy soft semi-continuity and a decomposition of fuzzy soft α -continuity is given.

- In Section 4, as a weaker form of fuzzy soft continuity [18], the concepts of fuzzy soft almost (weakly) continuous functions are introduced, and some properties are obtained. Also, we show that fuzzy soft continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft almost continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft weakly continuity, but the converse may not be true. In the end, we explore the notion of continuity in a very general setting called, fuzzy soft $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O})$ -continuous functions and a historical justification is given.

- Finally, we close this paper with some conclusions and make a plan to suggest some future works in Section 5.

Throughout this article, nonempty sets will be denoted by U, V etc. E is the set of all parameters for U and $A \subseteq E$. The family of all fuzzy sets on U is denoted by I^U (where $I_o = (0, 1]$, $I = [0, 1]$), and for $t \in I$, $\underline{t}(u) = t$, for all $u \in U$. The following definitions will be used in the next sections:

Definition 1.1. [18, 25, 26] A fuzzy soft set f_A on U is a function from E to I^U such that $f_A(e)$ is a fuzzy set on U , for each $e \in A$ and $f_A(e) = \underline{0}$, if $e \notin A$. The family of all fuzzy soft sets on U is denoted by $\widetilde{(U, E)}$.

Definition 1.2. [27] A fuzzy soft point e_{u_t} on U is a fuzzy soft set defined as follows:

$$e_{u_t}(k) = \begin{cases} u_t, & \text{if } k = e, \\ \underline{0}, & \text{if } k \in E - \{e\}, \end{cases}$$

where u_t is a fuzzy point on U . e_{u_t} is said to belong to a fuzzy soft set f_A , denoted by $e_{u_t} \tilde{\in} f_A$, if $t \leq f_A(e)(u)$. The family of all fuzzy soft points on U is denoted by $\widetilde{P_t(U)}$.

Definition 1.3. [28] A fuzzy soft point $e_{u_t} \in \widetilde{P_t(U)}$ is called a soft quasi-coincident with $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ and denoted by $e_{u_t} \tilde{q} f_A$, if $t + f_A(e)(u) > 1$. A fuzzy soft set $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ is called a soft quasi-coincident with $g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ and denoted by $f_A \tilde{q} g_B$, if there is $e \in E$ and $u \in U$ such that $f_A(e)(u) + g_B(e)(u) > 1$. If f_A is not soft quasi-coincident with g_B , $f_A \not\tilde{q} g_B$.

Definition 1.4. [18] A function $\tau : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ is called a fuzzy soft topology on U if it satisfies the following conditions for every $e \in E$,

- $\tau_e(\Phi) = \tau_e(\tilde{E}) = 1$,
- $\tau_e(f_A \sqcap g_B) \geq \tau_e(f_A) \wedge \tau_e(g_B)$, for every $f_A, g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$,
- $\tau_e(\bigsqcup_{\delta \in \Delta} (f_A)_\delta) \geq \bigwedge_{\delta \in \Delta} \tau_e((f_A)_\delta)$, for every $(f_A)_\delta \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $\delta \in \Delta$.

Then, (U, τ_E) is called a fuzzy soft topological space (briefly, FSTS) in Šostaks sense [20].

Definition 1.5. [18] Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs. A fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \rightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ is said to be a fuzzy soft continuous if, $\tau_e(\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)) \geq \tau_k^*(g_B)$ for every $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$, $e \in E$ and $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$.

Definition 1.6. [19, 23] In a FSTS (U, τ_E) , for each $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$, we define the fuzzy soft operators C_τ and $I_\tau : E \times \widetilde{(U, E)} \times I_0 \rightarrow \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows:

$$C_\tau(e, f_A, r) = \sqcap \{g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)} : f_A \sqsubseteq g_B, \tau_e(g_B^c) \geq r\}.$$

$$I_\tau(e, f_A, r) = \sqcup \{g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)} : g_B \sqsubseteq f_A, \tau_e(g_B) \geq r\}.$$

Definition 1.7. Let (U, τ_E) be a FSTS and $r \in I_0$. A fuzzy soft set $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ is said to be an r -fuzzy soft regularly open [23] (resp. pre-open [24] and β -open [24]) if, $f_A = I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$ (resp. $f_A \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$ and $f_A \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r)$) for every $e \in E$.

Lemma 1.1. [24] Every r -fuzzy soft regularly open set is r -fuzzy soft pre-open.

In general, the converse of Lemma 1.1 is not true, as shown by Example 1.1.

Example 1.1. [24] Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e, k\}$ and define $g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.2}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.2}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topology $\tau_E : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ as follows:

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcap f_E, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcup f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_k(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcap f_E, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcup f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, f_E is $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft pre-open set, but it is not $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft regularly open set.

The basic definitions and results which we need next sections are found in [18,19].

2. Some Properties of r -Fuzzy Soft δ -Open Sets

Here, we are going to give the concepts of r -fuzzy soft δ -open (semi-open and α -open) sets on fuzzy soft topological space (U, τ_E) . Some properties of these sets along with their mutual relationships are investigated with the help of some examples. Additionally, the concept of an r -fuzzy soft δ -connected set is defined and studied with help of fuzzy soft δ -closure operators.

Definition 2.1. Let (U, τ_E) be a FSTS. A fuzzy soft set $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ is said to be an r -fuzzy soft δ -open (resp. semi-open and α -open) if $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$ (resp. $f_A \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$ and $f_A \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r)$) for every $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$.

Remark 2.1. The concept of an r -fuzzy soft δ -open set and r -fuzzy soft β -open set [24] are independent concepts, as shown by Examples 2.1 and 2.2.

Example 2.1. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e, k\}$ and define $h_E, g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $h_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\})\}$, $g_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.8}, \frac{u_2}{0.7}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.8}, \frac{u_2}{0.7}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topology $\tau_E : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{(U, E)}$ as follows:

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_k(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, h_E is $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft β -open set, but it is neither $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft δ -open nor $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft semi-open.

Example 2.2. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$, $E = \{e, k\}$ and define $h_E, g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $h_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{1}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{1}\})\}$, $g_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{0}, \frac{u_3}{1}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{0}, \frac{u_3}{1}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{0}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{0}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topology $\tau_E : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{(U, E)}$ as follows:

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = h_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_k(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = h_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, h_E^c is $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft δ -open set, but it is neither $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft β -open nor $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft semi-open.

Remark 2.2. The complement of an r -fuzzy soft δ -open (resp. semi-open, α -open and β -open) set is said to be an r -fuzzy soft δ -closed (resp. semi-closed, α -closed and β -closed).

Proposition 2.1. Let (U, τ_E) be a FSTS, $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$. The following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f_A is r -fuzzy soft semi-open.
- (ii) f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -open and r -fuzzy soft β -open.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let f_A be an r -fuzzy soft semi-open, then $f_A \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r)$. This shows that f_A is r -fuzzy soft β -open. Moreover, $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r) = C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$. Therefore, f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -open.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let f_A be an r -fuzzy soft δ -open and r -fuzzy soft β -open, then $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$ and $f_A \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r)$. Thus, $f_A \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r) = C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$. This shows that f_A is r -fuzzy soft semi-open.

□

Proposition 2.2. Let (U, τ_E) be a FSTS, $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$. The following statements are equivalent:

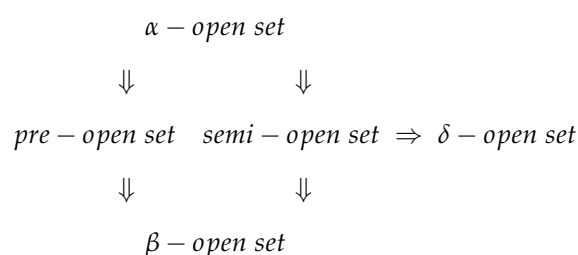
- (i) f_A is r -fuzzy soft α -open.
- (ii) f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -open and r -fuzzy soft pre-open.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) From Proposition 2.1 the proof is straightforward.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let f_A be an r -fuzzy soft pre-open and r -fuzzy soft δ -open. Then, $f_A \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r), r)$. This shows that f_A is r -fuzzy soft α -open.

□

Remark 2.3. From the previous definitions and results, we can summarize the relationships among different types of fuzzy soft sets as in the next diagram.



Remark 2.4. In general, the converses of the above relationships are not true, as shown by Examples 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

Example 2.3. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e, k\}$ and define $g_E, f_E, h_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.2}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.2}\})\}$, $h_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.7}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.7}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\})\}$.

Define fuzzy soft topology $\tau_E : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ as follows:

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcap f_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcup f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_k(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcap f_E, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcup f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, h_E is $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft semi-open set, but it is neither $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft α -open nor $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft pre-open.

Example 2.4. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$, $E = \{e, k\}$ and define $g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}, \frac{u_3}{0.2}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}, \frac{u_3}{0.2}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}, \frac{u_3}{0.8}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}, \frac{u_3}{0.8}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topology $\tau_E : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ as follows:

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_k(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, f_E is $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft β -open set, but it is not $\frac{1}{3}$ -fuzzy soft pre-open.

Example 2.5. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e, k\}$ and define $g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\}), (k, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topology $\tau_E : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ as follows:

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_k(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, f_E is $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft pre-open set, but it is neither $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft α -open nor $\frac{1}{4}$ -fuzzy soft semi-open.

Theorem 2.1. Let (U, τ_E) be a FSTS, $f_A, g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$. If f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -open set such that $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$, then g_B is also r -fuzzy soft δ -open.

Proof. Suppose that f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -open and $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$. Then, $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, g_B, r), r)$. Since $g_B \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$, $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, g_B, r), r) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, g_B, r), r)$. This shows that g_B is r -fuzzy soft δ -open. \square

Definition 2.2. In a FSTS (U, τ_E) , for each $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$, we define a fuzzy soft δ -closure operator $\delta C_\tau : E \times \widetilde{(U, E)} \times I_0 \rightarrow \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) = \sqcap \{g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)} : f_A \sqsubseteq g_B, g_B \text{ is } r\text{-fuzzy soft } \delta\text{-closed}\}$.

Theorem 2.2. In a FSTS (U, τ_E) , for each $f_A, g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$, the operator $\delta C_\tau : E \times \widetilde{(U, E)} \times I_0 \rightarrow \widetilde{(U, E)}$ satisfies the following properties.

- (1) $\delta C_\tau(e, \Phi, r) = \Phi$.
- (2) $f_A \sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$.
- (3) $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r)$ if, $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B$.
- (4) $\delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) = \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$.
- (5) $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A \sqcup g_B, r) \supseteq \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqcup \delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r)$.
- (6) $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) = f_A$ iff f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -closed.
- (7) $\delta C_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) = C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$.

Proof. (1), (2), (3) and (6) are easily proved from Definition 2.2.

(4) From (2) and (3), $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$. Now we show that $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \supseteq \delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$. Suppose that $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$ is not contain $\delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$.

Then, there is $u \in U$ and $t \in (0, 1)$ such that $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)(e)(u) < t < \delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)(e)(u)$. (A)

Since $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)(e)(u) < t$, by the definition of δC_τ , there is g_B is r -fuzzy soft δ -closed with $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B$ such that $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)(e)(u) \leq g_B(e)(u) < t$. Since $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B$, then $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq g_B$. Again, by the definition of δC_τ , we have $\delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) \sqsubseteq g_B$. Hence, $\delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)(e)(u) \leq g_B(e)(u) < t$, it is a contradiction for (A). Thus, $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsupseteq \delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r)$. Then, $\delta C_\tau(e, \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) = \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$.

(5) Since f_A and $g_B \sqsubseteq f_A \sqcup g_B$, hence by (3), $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, f_A \sqcup g_B, r)$ and $\delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r) \sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, f_A \sqcup g_B, r)$. Thus, $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A \sqcup g_B, r) \sqsupseteq \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqcup \delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r)$.

(7) From (6) and $C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$ is r -fuzzy soft δ -closed set, hence $\delta C_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) = C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$.

□

Theorem 2.3. In a FSTS (U, τ_E) , for each $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$, we define a fuzzy soft δ -interior operator $\delta I_\tau : E \times \widetilde{(U, E)} \times I_0 \rightarrow \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $\delta I_\tau(e, f_A, r) = \sqcup \{g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)} : g_B \sqsubseteq f_A, g_B \text{ is } r\text{-fuzzy soft } \delta\text{-open}\}$. Then, for each f_A and $g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, the operator δI_τ satisfies the following properties.

- (1) $\delta I_\tau(e, \widetilde{E}, r) = \widetilde{E}$.
- (2) $I_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq \delta I_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq f_A$.
- (3) $\delta I_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq \delta I_\tau(e, g_B, r)$ if, $f_A \sqsubseteq g_B$.
- (4) $\delta I_\tau(e, \delta I_\tau(e, f_A, r), r) = \delta I_\tau(e, f_A, r)$.
- (5) $\delta I_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqcap \delta I_\tau(e, g_B, r) \sqsubseteq \delta I_\tau(e, f_A \sqcap g_B, r)$.
- (6) $\delta I_\tau(e, f_A, r) = f_A$ iff f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -open.
- (7) $\delta I_\tau(e, f_A^c, r) = (\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r))^c$.

Proof. (1), (2), (3) and (6) are easily proved from the definition of δI_τ .

(4) and (5) are easily proved by a similar way in Theorem 2.2.

(7) For each $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$, $e \in E$ and $r \in I_0$, we have $\delta I_\tau(e, f_A^c, r) = \sqcup \{g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)} : g_B \sqsubseteq f_A^c, g_B \text{ is } r\text{-fuzzy soft } \delta\text{-open}\} = [\sqcap \{g_B^c \in \widetilde{(U, E)} : f_A \sqsubseteq g_B^c, g_B^c \text{ is } r\text{-fuzzy soft } \delta\text{-closed}\}]^c = (\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r))^c$.

□

Definition 2.3. Let (U, τ_E) be a FSTS, $r \in I_0$ and $f_A, g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$. Then, we have:

(1) Two fuzzy soft sets f_A and g_B are called r -fuzzy soft δ -separated iff $g_B \not\sqsupseteq \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$ and $f_A \not\sqsupseteq \delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r)$ for each $e \in E$.

(2) Any fuzzy soft set which cannot be expressed as the union of two r -fuzzy soft δ -separated sets is called an r -fuzzy soft δ -connected.

Theorem 2.4. In a FSTS (U, τ_E) , we have:

(1) If f_A and $g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated and $h_C, t_D \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ such that $h_C \sqsubseteq f_A$ and $t_D \sqsubseteq g_B$, then h_C and t_D are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated.

(2) If $f_A \not\sqsupseteq g_B$ and either both are r -fuzzy soft δ -open or both r -fuzzy soft δ -closed, then f_A and g_B are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated.

(3) If f_A and g_B are either both r -fuzzy soft δ -open or both r -fuzzy soft δ -closed, then $f_A \sqcap g_B^c$ and $g_B \sqcap f_A^c$ are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated.

Proof. (1) and (2) are obvious.

(3) Let f_A and g_B be an r -fuzzy soft δ -open. Since $f_A \sqcap g_B^c \sqsubseteq g_B^c$, $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A \sqcap g_B^c, r) \sqsubseteq g_B^c$ and hence $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A \sqcap g_B^c, r) \not\sqsupseteq g_B$. Then, $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A \sqcap g_B^c, r) \not\sqsupseteq (g_B \sqcap f_A^c)$.

Again, since $g_B \sqcap f_A^c \sqsubseteq f_A^c$, $\delta C_\tau(e, g_B \sqcap f_A^c, r) \sqsubseteq f_A^c$ and hence $\delta C_\tau(e, g_B \sqcap f_A^c, r) \not\sqsubseteq f_A$. Then, $\delta C_\tau(e, g_B \sqcap f_A^c, r) \not\sqsubseteq (f_A \sqcap g_B^c)$. Thus, $f_A \sqcap g_B^c$ and $g_B \sqcap f_A^c$ are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated. The other case follows similar lines.

□

Theorem 2.5. In a FSTS (U, τ_E) , then $f_A, g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated iff there exist two r -fuzzy soft δ -open sets h_C and t_D such that $f_A \sqsubseteq h_C$, $g_B \sqsubseteq t_D$, $f_A \not\sqsubseteq t_D$ and $g_B \not\sqsubseteq h_C$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Let f_A and $g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ be an r -fuzzy soft δ -separated, $f_A \sqsubseteq (\delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r))^c = h_C$ and $g_B \sqsubseteq (\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r))^c = t_D$, where t_D and h_C are r -fuzzy soft δ -open, then $t_D \not\sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r)$ and $h_C \not\sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r)$. Thus, $g_B \not\sqsubseteq h_C$ and $f_A \not\sqsubseteq t_D$. Hence, we obtain the required result.

(\Leftarrow) Let h_C and t_D be an r -fuzzy soft δ -open such that $g_B \sqsubseteq t_D$, $f_A \sqsubseteq h_C$, $g_B \not\sqsubseteq h_C$ and $f_A \not\sqsubseteq t_D$. Then, $g_B \sqsubseteq h_C^c$ and $f_A \sqsubseteq t_D^c$. Hence, $\delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r) \sqsubseteq h_C^c$ and $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \sqsubseteq t_D^c$. Then, $\delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r) \not\sqsubseteq f_A$ and $\delta C_\tau(e, f_A, r) \not\sqsubseteq g_B$. Thus, f_A and g_B are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated. Hence, we obtain the required result.

□

Theorem 2.6. In a FSTS (U, τ_E) , if $g_B \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ is r -fuzzy soft δ -connected such that $g_B \sqsubseteq f_A \sqsubseteq \delta C_\tau(e, g_B, r)$, then f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -connected.

Proof. Suppose that f_A is not r -fuzzy soft δ -connected, then there is r -fuzzy soft δ -separated sets h_C^* and $t_D^* \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ such that $f_A = h_C^* \sqcup t_D^*$. Let $h_C = g_B \sqcap h_C^*$ and $t_D = g_B \sqcap t_D^*$, then $g_B = t_D \sqcup h_C$. Since $h_C \sqsubseteq h_C^*$ and $t_D \sqsubseteq t_D^*$, hence by Theorem 2.4(1), h_C and t_D are r -fuzzy soft δ -separated, it is a contradiction. Thus, f_A is r -fuzzy soft δ -connected, as required.

□

3. New Types of Fuzzy Soft Continuity

Here, we introduce the concepts of fuzzy soft δ -continuous (β -continuous, semi-continuous, pre-continuous and α -continuous) functions, which are weaker forms of fuzzy soft continuity on fuzzy soft topological spaces in Šostaks sense. Also, we study several relationships related to fuzzy soft δ -continuity with the help of some problems. In addition, a decomposition of fuzzy soft semi-continuity and a decomposition of fuzzy soft α -continuity is obtained.

Definition 3.1. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs. A fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \rightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ is said to be a fuzzy soft δ -continuous (resp. β -continuous, semi-continuous, pre-continuous, α -continuous) if, $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)$ is r -fuzzy soft δ -open (resp. β -open, semi-open, pre-open, α -open) set for every $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$, $e \in E$, $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$ and $r \in I_0$.

Remark 3.1. Fuzzy soft δ -continuity and fuzzy soft β -continuity are independent concepts, as shown by Examples 3.1 and 3.2.

Example 3.1. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and define $h_E, g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $h_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\})\}$, $g_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.8}, \frac{u_2}{0.7}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.8}, \frac{u_2}{0.7}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topologies $\tau_E, \tau_E^* : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{(U, E)}$ as follows: $\forall e \in E$,

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_e^*(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = h_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, the identity fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : (U, \tau_E) \longrightarrow (U, \tau_E^*)$ is fuzzy soft β -continuous, but it is neither fuzzy soft δ -continuous nor fuzzy soft semi-continuous.

Example 3.2. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and define $h_E, g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $h_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{1}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{1}\})\}$, $g_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{0}, \frac{u_3}{1}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{0}, \frac{u_3}{1}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{0}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0}, \frac{u_2}{1}, \frac{u_3}{0}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topologies $\tau_E, \tau_E^* : E \longrightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ as follows: $\forall e \in E$,

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = h_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_e^*(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = h_E^c, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, the identity fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : (U, \tau_E) \longrightarrow (U, \tau_E^*)$ is fuzzy soft δ -continuous, but it is neither fuzzy soft β -continuous nor fuzzy soft semi-continuous.

Now, we have the following decomposition of fuzzy soft semi-continuity and decomposition of fuzzy soft α -continuity, according to Propositions 2.1 and 2.2.

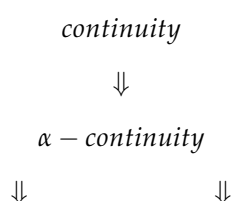
Proposition 3.1. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs. $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \longrightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ is fuzzy soft semi-continuous function iff it is both fuzzy soft δ -continuous and fuzzy soft β -continuous.

Proof. The proof is obvious by Proposition 2.1. \square

Proposition 3.2. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs. $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \longrightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ is fuzzy soft α -continuous function iff it is both fuzzy soft δ -continuous and fuzzy soft pre-continuous.

Proof. The proof is obvious by Proposition 2.2. \square

Remark 3.2. From the previous definitions and results, we can summarize the relationships among different types of fuzzy soft continuity as in the next diagram.



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{pre-continuity} & \text{semi-continuity} & \Rightarrow \delta\text{-continuity} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 & \beta\text{-continuity} &
 \end{array}$$

Remark 3.3. In general, the converses of the above relationships are not true, as shown by Examples 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5.

Example 3.3. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and define $g_E, f_E, h_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.2}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.2}\})\}$, $h_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.7}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.7}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topologies $\tau_E, \tau_E^* : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{(U, E)}$ as follows: $\forall e \in E$,

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcap f_E, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E \sqcup f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_e^*(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = h_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, the identity fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : (U, \tau_E) \rightarrow (U, \tau_E^*)$ is fuzzy soft semi-continuous, but it is neither fuzzy soft α -continuous nor fuzzy soft pre-continuous.

Example 3.4. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and define $g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}, \frac{u_3}{0.2}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.2}, \frac{u_2}{0.3}, \frac{u_3}{0.2}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}, \frac{u_3}{0.8}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}, \frac{u_3}{0.8}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topologies $\tau_E, \tau_E^* : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{(U, E)}$ as follows: $\forall e \in E$,

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_e^*(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, the identity fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : (U, \tau_E) \rightarrow (U, \tau_E^*)$ is fuzzy soft β -continuous, but it is not fuzzy soft pre-continuous.

Example 3.5. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and define $g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topologies $\tau_E, \tau_E^* : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{(U, E)}$ as follows: $\forall e \in E$,

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_e^*(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, the identity fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : (U, \tau_E) \longrightarrow (U, \tau_E^*)$ is fuzzy soft pre-continuous, but it is neither fuzzy soft α -continuous nor fuzzy soft semi-continuous.

Theorem 3.1. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs, and $\varphi_\psi : (\widetilde{U}, E) \longrightarrow (\widetilde{V}, F)$ be a fuzzy soft function. The following statements are equivalent for every $g_B \in (\widetilde{V}, F)$, $e \in E$, $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$ and $r \in I_o$.

- (i) φ_ψ is fuzzy soft β -continuous.
- (ii) $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r) \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)$, if $\tau_k^*(g_B^c) \geq r$.
- (iii) $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r) \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r))$.
- (iv) $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r)$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let $g_B \in (\widetilde{V}, F)$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B^c) \geq r$. Then by Definition 3.1,

$$(\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B))^c = \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B^c) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B^c), r), r), r) = (I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r))^c. \text{ Thus, } I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r) \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B).$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) Obvious.

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv) Since $(I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r))^c = C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B^c), r), r), r)$ and $(\varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)))^c = \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B^c, r))$. Then, $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r)$, for each $g_B \in (\widetilde{V}, F)$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (i) Let $g_B \in (\widetilde{V}, F)$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Then by (iv) and $g_B = I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)$, $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r)$. Thus, φ_ψ is fuzzy soft β -continuous.

The following theorem is similarly proved as in Theorem 3.1. \square

Theorem 3.2. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs, and $\varphi_\psi : (\widetilde{U}, E) \longrightarrow (\widetilde{V}, F)$ be a fuzzy soft function. The following statements are equivalent for every $g_B \in (\widetilde{V}, F)$, $e \in E$, $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$ and $r \in I_o$.

- (i) φ_ψ is fuzzy soft δ -continuous.
- (ii) $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r)$, if $\tau_k^*(g_B^c) \geq r$.
- (iii) $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r), r)$
- (iv) $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r)$.

Proposition 3.3. Let (U, τ_E) , (V, τ_F^*) and (W, γ_H) be a FSTSs, and $\varphi_\psi : (\widetilde{U}, E) \longrightarrow (\widetilde{V}, F)$, $\varphi_{\psi^*}^* : (\widetilde{V}, F) \longrightarrow (\widetilde{W}, H)$ be two fuzzy soft functions. Then, the composition $\varphi_{\psi^*}^* \circ \varphi_\psi$ is fuzzy soft δ -continuous (resp. β -continuous) if, φ_ψ is fuzzy soft δ -continuous (resp. β -continuous) and $\varphi_{\psi^*}^*$ is fuzzy soft continuous.

Proof. Obvious. \square

4. Some Weaker Forms of Fuzzy Soft Continuity

Here, as a weaker form of fuzzy soft continuity [18], the concepts of fuzzy soft almost (weakly) continuous functions are introduced, and some properties are obtained. Furthermore, we show that fuzzy soft continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft almost continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft weakly continuity, but the converse may not be true. Finally, we introduce the notion of continuity in a very general setting called, fuzzy soft $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O})$ -continuous functions.

Definition 4.1. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs. A fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \longrightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ is said to be a fuzzy soft almost (resp. weakly) continuous if, for each $e_{u_i} \in \widetilde{P_i(U)}$ and each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$ containing $\varphi_\psi(e_{u_i})$, there is $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ with $\tau_e(f_A) \geq r$ containing e_{u_i} such that $\varphi_\psi(f_A) \sqsubseteq I_{\tau^*}(k, C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)$ (resp. $\varphi_\psi(f_A) \sqsubseteq C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)$).

Theorem 4.1. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs, and $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \longrightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ be a fuzzy soft function. Suppose that one of the following holds for every $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$, $e \in E$, $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$ and $r \in I_0$:

- (i) If $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$, $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)), r)$.
- (ii) $C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)), r) \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)$, if $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$.

Then, φ_ψ is fuzzy soft almost continuous.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. From (i), it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) &\sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)), r) = I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}((C_{\tau^*}(k, I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r))^c), r) \\ &= I_\tau(e, (\varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)))^c, r) = (C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)), r))^c. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)), r) \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)$. Similarly, we get (ii) \Rightarrow (i).

Suppose that (i) holds. Let $e_{u_i} \in \widetilde{P_i(U)}$ and $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$ containing $\varphi_\psi(e_{u_i})$. Then, by (i), $e_{u_i} \in I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)), r)$, and so there is $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ with $\tau_e(f_A) \geq r$ containing e_{u_i} such that $f_A \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r))$. Hence, $\varphi_\psi(f_A) \sqsubseteq I_{\tau^*}(k, C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r), r)$. Then, φ_ψ is fuzzy soft almost continuous. \square

Lemma 4.1. Every fuzzy soft continuous function [18] is fuzzy soft almost continuous.

Proof. It follows from Definitions 1.4 and 4.1. \square

Remark 4.1. In general, the converse of Lemma 4.1 is not true, as shown by Example 4.1.

Example 4.1. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and define $g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.4}, \frac{u_2}{0.5}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0.4}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topologies $\tau_E, \tau_E^* : E \longrightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ as follows: $\forall e \in E$,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_e(m_E) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ \tau_e^*(m_E) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \tilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } m_E \in \{f_E, g_E\}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, the identity fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : (U, \tau_E) \longrightarrow (U, \tau_E^*)$ is fuzzy soft almost continuous, but it is not fuzzy soft continuous.

Theorem 4.2. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs, and $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \longrightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ be a fuzzy soft function. Suppose that one of the following holds for every $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$, $e \in E$, $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$ and $r \in I_0$:

- (i) $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r)$, if $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$.
- (ii) $C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r) \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)$, if $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$.

Then, φ_ψ is fuzzy soft weakly continuous.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B^c) \geq r$. From (i), it follows

$$\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B^c) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r) = I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}((I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r))^c), r) = I_\tau(e, (\varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)))^c, r) = (C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r))^c.$$

Hence, $C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r) \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)$. Similarly, we get (ii) \Rightarrow (i).

Suppose that (i) holds. Let $e_{u_t} \in \widetilde{P_t(U)}$ and $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$ containing $\varphi_\psi(e_{u_t})$. Then, by (i), $e_{u_t} \in I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)), r)$, and so there is $f_A \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ with $\tau_e(f_A) \geq r$ containing e_{u_t} such that $f_A \sqsubseteq \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r))$. Thus, $\varphi_\psi(f_A) \sqsubseteq C_{\tau^*}(k, g_B, r)$. Hence, φ_ψ is fuzzy soft weakly continuous. \square

Lemma 4.2. Every fuzzy soft almost continuous function is fuzzy soft weakly continuous.

Proof. It follows from Definition 4.1. \square

Remark 4.2. In general, the converse of Lemma 4.2 is not true, as shown by Example 4.2.

Example 4.2. Let $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and define $g_E, f_E \in \widetilde{(U, E)}$ as follows: $g_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.6}, \frac{u_3}{0.5}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.6}, \frac{u_2}{0.6}, \frac{u_3}{0.5}\})\}$, $f_E = \{(e_1, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0}, \frac{u_3}{0.5}\}), (e_2, \{\frac{u_1}{0.3}, \frac{u_2}{0}, \frac{u_3}{0.5}\})\}$. Define fuzzy soft topologies $\tau_E, \tau_E^* : E \rightarrow [0, 1]^{\widetilde{(U, E)}}$ as follows: $\forall e \in E$,

$$\tau_e(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \widetilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = g_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_e^*(m_E) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_E \in \{\Phi, \widetilde{E}\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } m_E = f_E, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, the identity fuzzy soft function $\varphi_\psi : (U, \tau_E) \rightarrow (U, \tau_E^*)$ is fuzzy soft weakly continuous, but it is not fuzzy soft almost continuous.

Remark 4.3. From the previous results, we have: Fuzzy soft continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft almost continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft weakly continuity.

In [29], the difference between f_A and g_B is a fuzzy soft set defined as follows:

$$(f_A \sqcap g_B)(e) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f_A(e) \leq g_B(e), \\ f_A(e) \wedge (g_B(e))^c, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \forall e \in E.$$

Let \mathcal{L} and $\mathcal{M} : E \times \widetilde{(U, E)} \times I_o \rightarrow \widetilde{(U, E)}$ be operators on $\widetilde{(U, E)}$, and \mathcal{N} and $\mathcal{O} : F \times \widetilde{(V, F)} \times I_o \rightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ be operators on $\widetilde{(V, F)}$.

Definition 4.2. Let (U, τ_E) and (V, τ_F^*) be a FSTSs. $\varphi_\psi : \widetilde{(U, E)} \rightarrow \widetilde{(V, F)}$ is said to be a fuzzy soft $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O})$ -continuous function if, $\mathcal{L}[e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}(k, g_B, r)), r] \sqcap \mathcal{M}[e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(\mathcal{N}(k, g_B, r)), r] = \Phi$ for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$, $e \in E$ and $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$.

In (2014), Aygünoğlu et al. [18] defined the concept of fuzzy soft continuous functions: $\tau_e(\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B)) \geq \tau_k^*(g_B)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$, $e \in E$ and $(k = \psi(e)) \in F$. We can see that Definition 4.2 generalizes the concept of fuzzy soft continuous functions, when we choose \mathcal{L} = identity operator, \mathcal{M} = interior operator, \mathcal{N} = identity operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

A historical justification of Definition 4.2:

(1) In Section 3, we introduced the concept of fuzzy soft δ -continuous functions: $I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Here, \mathcal{L} = interior closure operator, \mathcal{M} = closure interior operator, \mathcal{N} = identity operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

(2) In Section 3, we introduced the concept of fuzzy soft β -continuous functions: $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Here, \mathcal{L} = identity operator, \mathcal{M} = closure interior closure operator, \mathcal{N} = identity operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

(3) In Section 3, we introduced the concept of fuzzy soft semi-continuous functions: $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Here, \mathcal{L} = identity operator, \mathcal{M} = closure interior operator, \mathcal{N} = identity operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

(4) In Section 3, we introduced the concept of fuzzy soft pre-continuous functions: $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Here, \mathcal{L} = identity operator, \mathcal{M} = interior closure operator, \mathcal{N} = identity operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

(5) In Section 3, we introduced the concept of fuzzy soft α -continuous functions: $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, C_\tau(e, I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B), r), r), r)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Here, \mathcal{L} = identity operator, \mathcal{M} = interior closure interior operator, \mathcal{N} = identity operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

(6) In Section 4, we introduced the concept of fuzzy soft almost continuous functions: $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(I_\tau^*(k, C_\tau^*(k, g_B, r), r)), r)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Here, \mathcal{L} = identity operator, \mathcal{M} = interior operator, \mathcal{N} = interior closure operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

(7) In Section 4, we introduced the concept of fuzzy soft weakly continuous functions: $\varphi_\psi^{-1}(g_B) \sqsubseteq I_\tau(e, \varphi_\psi^{-1}(C_\tau^*(k, g_B, r)), r)$, for each $g_B \in \widetilde{(V, F)}$ with $\tau_k^*(g_B) \geq r$. Here, \mathcal{L} = identity operator, \mathcal{M} = interior operator, \mathcal{N} = closure operator and \mathcal{O} = identity operator.

5. Conclusion and Future Work

This article is lay out as follows:

(1) In Section 2, some new types of a fuzzy soft set called an r -fuzzy soft δ -open (semi-open and α -open) set are introduced on fuzzy soft topological space based on the paper Aygünoğlu et al. [18]. Also, we have the following relationships, but the converses are not true.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \alpha - \text{open set} & & \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 \text{pre} - \text{open set} & \text{semi} - \text{open set} \Rightarrow & \delta - \text{open set} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 \beta - \text{open set} & &
 \end{array}$$

(2) In Section 3, we introduce the concepts of fuzzy soft δ -continuous (β -continuous, semi-continuous, pre-continuous and α -continuous) functions, and the relations of these functions with each other are investigated with the help of some illustrative examples. Moreover, a decomposition of fuzzy soft semi-continuity and a decomposition of fuzzy soft α -continuity is given.

(3) In Section 4, as a weaker form of fuzzy soft continuity [18], the concepts of fuzzy soft almost (weakly) continuous functions are introduced, and some properties are obtained. Also, we show that fuzzy soft continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft almost continuity \Rightarrow fuzzy soft weakly continuity, but the converse may not be true. Finally, we explore the notion of continuity in a very general setting namely, fuzzy soft $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O})$ -continuous functions. Then, we have the following results:

- Fuzzy soft $(id_U, I_\tau, id_V, id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft continuous function [18].
- Fuzzy soft $(I_\tau(C_\tau), C_\tau(I_\tau), id_V, id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft δ -continuous function.

- Fuzzy soft $(id_U, C_\tau(I_\tau(C_\tau)), id_V, id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft β -continuous function.
- Fuzzy soft $(id_U, C_\tau(I_\tau), id_V, id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft semi-continuous function.
- Fuzzy soft $(id_U, I_\tau(C_\tau), id_V, id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft pre-continuous function.
- Fuzzy soft $(id_U, I_\tau(C_\tau(I_\tau)), id_V, id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft α -continuous function.
- Fuzzy soft $(id_U, I_\tau, I_{\tau^*}(C_{\tau^*}), id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft almost continuous function.
- Fuzzy soft $(id_U, I_\tau, C_{\tau^*}, id_V)$ -continuous function is a fuzzy soft weakly continuous function.

In upcoming articles, we will use the r -fuzzy soft δ -open sets to introduce some new separation axioms and to define the concept of δ -compact spaces on fuzzy soft topological space based on the paper Aygünoğlu et al. [18].

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