### ([r, s], [t, u])-INTERVAL-VALUED INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY ALPHA GENERALIZED CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized closed and open sets in the interval-valued intuitionistic smooth topological space and ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized continuous mappings and then investigate some of their properties.

### 1. Introduction

After Zadeh [16] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets, there have been various generalizations of the concept of fuzzy sets. Chang [4] introduced the concept of fuzzy topology on a set X by axiomatizing a collection T of fuzzy subsets of X and Coker [6] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy topology on a set by axiomatizing a collection T of intuitionistic fuzzy subsets of X. Chattopadhyay, Hazra and Samanta [5,7] introduced the concept of gradation of openness of fuzzy subsets. Zadeh [17] introduced the concept of interval-valued fuzzy sets and Atanassov [1] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Atanassov and Gargov [2] introduced the concept of interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets

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which is a generalization of both interval-valued fuzzy sets and intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Mondal and Samanta [9,15] introduced the concept of intuitionistic gradation of openness and defined an intuitionistic fuzzy topological space. Jeon, Jun and Park [8] introduced the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy alpha closed sets and intuitionistic fuzzy alpha continuous mappings. Sakthivel [14] introduced the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized closed sets and intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized continuous mappings.

In this paper, we introduce the concepts of ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized closed and open sets in the interval-valued intuitionistic smooth topological space and ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized continuous mappings and then investigate some of their properties.

### 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, let X be a nonempty set, I = [0, 1],  $I_0 = (0, 1]$  and  $I_1 = [0, 1)$ . The family of all fuzzy sets of X will be denoted by  $I^X$ . By  $0_X$  and  $1_X$  we denote the characteristic functions of  $\phi$  and X, respectively. For any  $A \in I^X$ ,  $A^c$  denotes the complement of A, i.e.,  $A^c = 1_X - A$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. [3,5,13]. A gradation of openness (for short, GO) on X, which is also called a *smooth topology* on X, is a mapping  $\tau: I^X \to I$  satisfying the following conditions:

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(GO1) \tau(0_X) = \tau(1_X) = 1,

(GO2) \tau(A \cap B) \ge \tau(A) \wedge \tau(B) for each A, B \in I^X,

(GO3) \tau(\cup_{i \in \Gamma} A_i) \ge \wedge_{i \in \Gamma} \tau(A_i) for each subfamily \{A_i : i \in \Gamma\} \subseteq I^X.

The pair (X, \tau) is called a smooth topological space (for short, STS).
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DEFINITION 2.2. [9]. An intuitionistic gradation of openness (for short, IGO) on X, which is also called an intuitionistic smooth topology on X, is an ordered pair  $(\tau, \tau^*)$  of mappings from  $I^X$  to I satisfying the following conditions:

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(IGO1) \tau(A) + \tau^*(A) \leq 1 for each A \in I^X,

(IGO2) \tau(0_X) = \tau(1_X) = 1 and \tau^*(0_X) = \tau^*(1_X) = 0,

(IGO3) \tau(A \cap B) \geq \tau(A) \wedge \tau(B) and \tau^*(A \cap B) \leq \tau^*(A) \vee \tau^*(B) for each A, B \in I^X,
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(IGO4)  $\tau(\bigcup_{i\in\Gamma} A_i) \ge \bigwedge_{i\in\Gamma} \tau(A_i)$  and  $\tau^*(\bigcup_{i\in\Gamma} A_i) \le \bigvee_{i\in\Gamma} \tau^*(A_i)$  for each subfamily  $\{A_i : i \in \Gamma\} \subseteq I^X$ .

The triple  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  is called an *intuitionistic smooth topological space* (for short, ISTS).  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  may be interpreted as gradation of openness and gradation of nonopenness, respectively.

Let D(I) be the set of all closed subintervals of the unit interval I. The elements of D(I) are generally denoted by capital letters  $M, N, \cdots$  and  $M = [M^L, M^U]$ , where  $M^L$  and  $M^U$  are respectively the lower and the upper end points. Especially, we denote  $\mathbf{r} = [r, r]$  for each  $r \in I$ . The complement of M, denoted by  $M^c$ , is defined by  $M^c = 1 - M = [1 - M^U, 1 - M^L]$ . Note that M = N iff  $M^L = N^L$  and  $M^U = N^U$  and that  $M \leq N$  iff  $M^L \leq N^L$  and  $M^U \leq N^U$ .

DEFINITION 2.3. [17]. A mapping  $A = [A^L, A^U] : X \to D(I)$  is called an *interval-valued fuzzy set* (for short, IVFS) on X, where  $A(x) = [A^L(x), A^U(x)]$  for each  $x \in X$ .  $A^L(x)$  and  $A^U(x)$  are called the *lower* and *upper end points* of A(x), respectively.

DEFINITION 2.4. [10]. Let A and B be IVFSs on X.

- (i) A = B iff  $A^L(x) = B^L(x)$  and  $A^U(x) = B^U(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (ii)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $A^{L}(x) \leq B^{L}(x)$  and  $A^{U}(x) \leq B^{U}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (iii) The complement  $A^c$  of A is defined by  $A^c(x) = [1 A^U(x), 1 A^L(x)]$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (iv) For a family of IVFSs  $\{A_i : i \in \Gamma\}$ , the union  $\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} A_i$  and the intersection  $\bigcap_{i \in \Gamma} A_i$  are respectively defined by

$$\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} A_i(x) = [\bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i^L(x), \bigvee_{i \in \Gamma} A_i^U(x)], 
\cap_{i \in \Gamma} A_i(x) = [\bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} A_i^L(x), \bigwedge_{i \in \Gamma} A_i^U(x)]$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

DEFINITION 2.5. [2]. A mapping  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A) : X \to D(I) \times D(I)$  is called an *interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy set* (for short, IVIFS) on X, where  $\mu_A : X \to D(I)$  and  $\nu_A : X \to D(I)$  are interval-valued fuzzy sets on X with the condition  $\sup_{x \in X} \mu_A^U(x) + \sup_{x \in X} \nu_A^U(x) \leq 1$ . The intervals  $\mu_A(x) = [\mu_A^L(x), \mu_A^U(x)]$  and  $\nu_A(x) = [\nu_A^L(x), \nu_A^U(x)]$  denote the degree of belongingness and the degree of nonbelongingness of the element x to the set A, respectively.

DEFINITION 2.6. [11]. Let  $A = (\mu_A, \nu_A)$  and  $B = (\mu_B, \nu_B)$  be IVIFSs on X.

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  iff  $\mu_A^L(x) \le \mu_B^L(x)$ ,  $\mu_A^U(x) \le \mu_B^U(x)$  and  $\nu_A^L(x) \ge \nu_B^L(x)$ ,  $\nu_A^U(x) \ge \nu_B^U(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
  - (ii) A = B iff  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .
- (iii) The complement  $A^c$  of A is defined by  $\mu_{A^c}(x) = \nu_A(x)$  and  $\nu_{A^c}(x) = \mu_A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (iv) For a family of IVIFSs  $\{A_i : i \in \Gamma\}$ , the union  $\bigcup_{i \in \Gamma} A_i$  and the intersection  $\cap_{i \in \Gamma} A_i$  are respectively defined by

$$\mu_{\cup_{i\in\Gamma}A_i}(x) = \cup_{i\in\Gamma}\mu_{A_i}(x), \nu_{\cup_{i\in\Gamma}A_i}(x) = \cap_{i\in\Gamma}\nu_{A_i}(x),$$
  
$$\mu_{\cap_{i\in\Gamma}A_i}(x) = \cap_{i\in\Gamma}\mu_{A_i}(x), \nu_{\cap_{i\in\Gamma}A_i}(x) = \cup_{i\in\Gamma}\nu_{A_i}(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

### 3. ([r,s],[t,u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha closed and open sets

Definition 3.1. [12]. An interval-valued intuitionistic gradation of openness (for short, IVIGO) on X, which is also called an intervalvalued intuitionistic smooth topology on X, is an ordered pair  $(\tau, \tau^*)$  of mappings  $\tau = [\tau^L, \tau^U] : I^X \to D(I)$  and  $\tau^* = [\tau^{*L}, \tau^{*U}] : I^X \to D(I)$ satisfying the following conditions:

(IVIGO1)  $\tau^L(A) \leq \tau^U(A), \ \tau^{*L}(A) \leq \tau^{*U}(A) \text{ and } \tau^U(A) + \tau^{*U}(A) \leq 1$ for each  $A \in I^X$ .

(IVIGO2)  $\tau(0_X) = \tau(1_X) = \mathbf{1}$  and  $\tau^*(0_X) = \tau^*(1_X) = \mathbf{0}$ , (IVIGO3)  $\tau^L(A \cap B) \ge \tau^L(A) \wedge \tau^L(B)$ ,  $\tau^U(A \cap B) \ge \tau^U(A) \wedge \tau^U(B)$ and  $\tau^{*L}(A \cap B) \le \tau^{*L}(A) \vee \tau^{*L}(B)$ ,  $\tau^{*U}(A \cap B) \le \tau^{*U}(A) \vee \tau^{*U}(B)$  for each  $A, B \in I^{X}$ 

(IVIGO4)  $\tau^L(\cup_{i\in\Gamma} A_i) \geq \wedge_{i\in\Gamma} \tau^L(A_i), \ \tau^U(\cup_{i\in\Gamma} A_i) \geq \wedge_{i\in\Gamma} \tau^U(A_i)$ and  $\tau^{*L}(\cup_{i\in\Gamma} A_i) \leq \vee_{i\in\Gamma} \tau^{*L}(A_i), \ \tau^{*U}(\cup_{i\in\Gamma} A_i) \leq \vee_{i\in\Gamma} \tau^{*U}(A_i)$  for each subfamily  $\{A_i : i \in \Gamma\} \subset I^X$ .

The triple  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  is called an interval-valued intuitionistic smooth topological space (for short, IVISTS).  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  may be interpreted as interval-valued gradation of openness and interval-valued gradation of nonopenness, respectively.

DEFINITION 3.2. [12]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0), [t, u] \in D(I_1) \text{ with } s + u \le 1.$ 

(i) A is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy open set (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS) if  $\tau(A) \geq [r, s]$  and  $\tau^*(A) \leq [t, u]$ .

(ii) A is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy closed set (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS) if  $\tau(A^c) \geq [r, s]$  and  $\tau^*(A^c) \leq [t, u]$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. [12]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$ . The ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy closure and ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy interior of A are defined by

 $cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) = \cap \{K \in I^X : A \subseteq K, K \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIFCS}\},\ int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) = \cup \{G \in I^X : G \subseteq A, G \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIFOS}\}.$ 

DEFINITION 3.4. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$ .

- (i) A is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closed set (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS) if  $cl_{[r, s], [t, u]}(int_{[r, s], [t, u]}(cl_{[r, s], [t, u]}(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (ii) A is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ open set (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS) if  $A^c$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS,
  or equivalently,  $A \subseteq int_{[r, s], [t, u]}(cl_{[r, s], [t, u]}(int_{[r, s], [t, u]}(A)))$ .

Note that if A is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS then A is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS and that if A is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS.

EXAMPLE 3.5. Every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS and every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS

Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ . Define  $F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 \in I^X$  as follows:  $F_1 = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.4)\}, F_2 = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.6)\}, F_3 = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.4)\},$  $F_4 = \{(a, 0.6), (b, 0.6)\}.$ 

Define  $\tau, \tau^*: I^X \to D(I)$  as follows:

$$\tau(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.7, 0.8] & \text{if } A = F_2, \\ [0.4, 0.5] & \text{if } A = F_1, \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau^*(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.1, 0.2] & \text{if } A = F_2, \\ [0.3, 0.4] & \text{if } A = F_1, \\ \mathbf{1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let [r, s] = [0.5, 0.6] and [t, u] = [0.2, 0.3]. Then  $F_1$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS, but  $F_1$  is not an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS. Also  $F_4$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS, but  $F_4$  is not an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS.

REMARK 3.6. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$ . Then

- (i) Any intersection of ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CSs is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS.
- (ii) Any union of ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OSs is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS.

DEFINITION 3.7. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$ . The ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -closure and ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -interior of A are defined by

$$\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) = \bigcap \{ K \in I^X : A \subseteq K, K \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha \text{CS} \},$$
  
$$\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) = \bigcup \{ G \in I^X : G \subseteq A, G \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha \text{OS} \}.$$

Note that  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ .

THEOREM 3.8. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A, B \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$ . Then

- (i)  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(0_X) = 0_X$ .
- (ii)  $A \subseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)$  if  $A \subseteq B$ .
- (iv)  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cup B) \supseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cup \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B),$  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cap B) \subseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cap \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B).$
- (v)  $A = \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$  if and only if A is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha CS$ .
- (vi)  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) = \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A).$
- (vii)  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A^c) = (\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))^c$ .

Proof. (i), (ii) and (iii) follow directly from Definition 3.7.

- (iv) It follows directly from (iii).
- (v) It follows directly from Definition 3.7 and Remark 3.6.
- (vi) By Definition 3.7 and Remark 3.6,  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS. By (v),  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) = \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ .

(vii) By Definition 3.7, we have

$$\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A^c)$$

$$= \bigcap \{ K \in I^X : A^c \subseteq K, K \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha CS \}$$

$$= \bigcap \{ G^c \in I^X : A^c \subseteq G^c, G^c \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha CS \}$$

$$= (\bigcup \{ G \in I^X : G \subseteq A, G \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha OS \})^c$$

$$= (\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))^c.$$

THEOREM 3.9. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A, B \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$ . Then

- (i)  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(1_X) = 1_X$ .
- (ii)  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)$  if  $A \subseteq B$ .
- (iv)  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cup B) \supseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cup \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B),$  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cap B) \subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cap \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B).$
- (v)  $A = \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$  if and only if A is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS.
- (vi)  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) = \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A).$
- (vii)  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A^c) = (\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))^c$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to Theorem 3.8.

# 4. ([r,s],[t,u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha continuous mappings

DEFINITION 4.1. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be two IVISTSs and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$  and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping. f is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -continuous mapping (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping) if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS of X for each ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS B of Y.

Note that  $f: X \to Y$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS of X for each ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS B of Y.

THEOREM 4.2. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be two IVISTSs and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$  and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent.

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- (i) f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.
- (ii)  $cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .
- (iii)  $f(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)))) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Let  $B \in I^Y$ . Then  $cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFCS of Y. Since f is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS of X. Hence

$$f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) \supseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)))))$$
  
$$\supseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))).$$

(ii)
$$\Rightarrow$$
(iii). Let  $A \in I^X$ . Then  $f(A) \in I^Y$ . By (ii),

$$f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))) \supseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(f(A)))))$$
  
$$\supseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))).$$

Hence

$$cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)) \supseteq f(f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))))$$
  
$$\supseteq f(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)))).$$

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Let B be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS of Y. Then  $cl_{[r, s], [t, u]}(B) = B$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \in I^X$ . By (iii),

$$f(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))))) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(f^{-1}(B)))$$
  
$$\subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B) = B.$$

Hence

$$cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))))$$

$$\subseteq f^{-1}(f(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))))))$$

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

Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS of X. Hence f is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.

THEOREM 4.3. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be two IVISTSs and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$  and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.
- (ii)  $f(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .

(iv) 
$$f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) \subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))$$
 for each  $B \in I^Y$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Let  $A \in I^X$ . Then  $cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFCS of Y. Since f is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)))$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS of X. By Theorem 3.8,

$$\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(f(A)))$$

$$\subseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))))$$

$$= f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))).$$

Hence

$$f(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))))$$
  
 $\subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)).$ 

(ii)
$$\Rightarrow$$
(iii). Let  $B \in I^Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B) \in I^X$ . By (ii),

$$f(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B).$$

Hence

$$\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)).$$

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv). Let  $B \in I^Y$ . By (iii) and Theorem 3.8,

$$(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))^{c} = \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B^{c}))$$

$$\subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B^{c}))$$

$$= (f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)))^{c}.$$

Hence  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) \subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)).$ 

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Let B be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS of Y. Then  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B) = B$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \in I^X$ . By (iv),

$$f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) \subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B).$$

Thus  $f^{-1}(B) = \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))$ . By Theorem 3.8,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS of X. Hence f is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.

THEOREM 4.4. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be two IVISTSs and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$  and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a bijective mapping. Then f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping if and only if  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .

*Proof.* Let f be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping and let  $A \in I^X$ . Then  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS of Y. Since f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)))$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS of X. By Theorem 3.8 and injectivity of f,

$$f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))) = \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))))$$

$$\subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(f(A)))$$

$$= \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A).$$

By surjectivity of f,

$$int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)) = f(f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)))) \subseteq f(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)).$$

Conversely, let B be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS of Y. Then  $int_{[r, s], [t, u]}(B) = B$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \in I^X$ . By hypothesis and surjectivity of f,

$$B = int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B) = int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(f^{-1}(B)))$$

$$\subseteq f(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))$$

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

Thus  $B = f(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))$ . By injectivity of f,

$$f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(f(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))) = \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)).$$

By Theorem 3.8,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS of X. Hence f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.

From Theorem 4.3 and Theorem 4.4, we can obtain the following corollary.

COROLLARY 4.5. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be two IVISTSs and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$  and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a bijective mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.
- (ii)  $f(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .
- (iv)  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) \subseteq \alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .
- (v)  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .

## 5. ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized closed and open sets

DEFINITION 5.1. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$ .

- (i) A is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -generalized closed set (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS) if  $\alpha cl_{([r, s], [t, u])}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS.
- (ii) A is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -generalized open set (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS) if  $A^c$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS, or equivalently,  $U \subseteq \alpha int_{[r, s], [t, u]}(A)$  whenever  $U \subseteq A$  and U is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS.

Note that if A is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS then A is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS and that if A is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS then A is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS.

EXAMPLE 5.2. Every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS and every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ . Define  $F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 \in I^X$  as follows:

$$F_1 = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.4)\}, F_2 = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.6)\}, F_3 = \{(a, 0.6), (b, 0.6)\},$$
  
 $F_4 = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.4)\}.$ 

Define  $\tau, \tau^* : I^X \to D(I)$  as follows:

$$\tau(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.7, 0.8] & \text{if } A = F_1, \\ [0.4, 0.5] & \text{if } A = F_2, \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau^*(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.1, 0.2] & \text{if } A = F_1, \\ [0.3, 0.4] & \text{if } A = F_2, \\ \mathbf{1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let [r, s] = [0.5, 0.6] and [t, u] = [0.2, 0.3]. Then  $F_2$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS, but  $F_2$  is not an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS. Also  $F_4$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS, but  $F_4$  is not an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS.

EXAMPLE 5.3. The intersection of two ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCSs need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS and the union of two ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOSs need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS.

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . Define  $G_1, G_2, G_3 \in I^X$  as follows:

$$G_1 = \{(a, 1), (b, 0), (c, 0)\}, G_2 = \{(a, 1), (b, 1), (c, 0)\},\$$
  
 $G_3 = \{(a, 1), (b, 0), (c, 1)\}.$ 

Define  $\tau, \tau^*: I^X \to D(I)$  as follows:

$$\tau(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.7, 0.8] & \text{if } A = G_1, \\ [0.5, 0.6] & \text{if } A = G_2, \\ [0.3, 0.4] & \text{if } A = G_3, \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau^*(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.1, 0.2] & \text{if } A = G_1, \\ [0.3, 0.4] & \text{if } A = G_2, \\ [0.5, 0.6] & \text{if } A = G_3, \\ \mathbf{1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let [r,s]=[0.6,0.7] and [t,u]=[0.2,0.3]. Then the only ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFOSs are  $0_X$ ,  $1_X$  and  $G_1$  and the only ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFCSs are  $0_X$ ,  $1_X$  and  $G_1^c$ . Also  $G_1\subseteq G_2$  and  $G_1\subseteq G_3$ . Let  $G_2\subseteq U$  and let U be an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFOS. Then  $U=1_X$  and so  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(G_2)\subseteq 1_X=U$ . Hence  $G_2$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS. Similarly,  $G_3$  is also an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS. Now  $G_2\cap G_3=G_1$ .  $cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(G_1)))=cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(1_X))=cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(1_X)=1_X\nsubseteq G_1$ . Hence  $G_1$  is not an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS. Let  $G_1\subseteq U$  and let U be an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFOS. Then  $U=G_1$  or  $U=1_X$ . In the case  $U=G_1$ , by Theorem 3.8(v)  $G_1\neq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(G_1)$  since  $G_1$  is not an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS. Thus  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(G_1)\supsetneq G_1$ . Hence  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(G_1)\nsubseteq G_1=U$ . Thus  $G_1$  is not an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS.

By taking the complementation in the above example, the union of two ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOSs need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS.

DEFINITION 5.4. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$ . The ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued

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intuitionistic fuzzy \alpha-generalized closure and ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy \alpha-generalized interior of A are defined by
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$$\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) = \bigcap \{K \in I^X : A \subseteq K, K \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha GCS\}, \\ \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) = \bigcup \{G \in I^X : G \subseteq A, G \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha GOS\}.$$

Note that  $\alpha int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ .

THEOREM 5.5. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A, B \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$ . Then

- (i)  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(0_X) = 0_X$ .
- (ii)  $A \subseteq \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)$  if  $A \subseteq B$ .
- (iv)  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cup B) \supseteq \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cup \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B),$  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cap B) \subseteq \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cap \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B).$
- (v)  $A = \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$  if A is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha GCS$ .
- $(vi) \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) = \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A).$
- (vii)  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A^c) = (\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))^c$ .

*Proof.* (i), (ii) and (iii) follow directly from Definition 5.4.

- (iv) It follows directly from (iii).
- (v) It follows directly from Definition 5.4.
- (vi) By (ii) and (iii),  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))$ . Suppose that  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \nsubseteq \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))(x) < (\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)))(x)$ . Choose  $a \in (0,1)$  with  $(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))(x) < a < (\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)))(x)$ . Since  $(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))(x) < a$ , by Definition 5.4 there exists an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS K such that  $A \subseteq K$  and K(x) < a. Since K is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS with  $A \subseteq K$ ,  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq K$  and also  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \subseteq K$ . Hence  $(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))$  (A)) $(x) \le K(x) < a$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) = \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ . Therefore  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) = \alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$ .
  - (vii) By Definition 5.4, we have

$$\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A^c)$$

- $= \cap \{K \in I^X : A^c \subseteq K, K \text{ is an } ([r, s], [t, u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha GCS\}$
- $= \cap \{G^c \in I^X : A^c \subseteq G^c, \ G^c \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha \text{GCS}\}$
- $= (\cup \{G \in I^X : G \subseteq A, \ G \text{ is an } ([r,s],[t,u])\text{-IVIF}\alpha GOS\})^c$
- $= (\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))^c.$

THEOREM 5.6. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an IVISTS,  $A, B \in I^X$  and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \le 1$ . Then

- (i)  $\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(1_X) = 1_X$ .
- (ii)  $\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)$  if  $A \subseteq B$ .
- (iv)  $\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cup B) \supseteq \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cup \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B),$  $\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A \cap B) \subseteq \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \cap \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B).$
- (v)  $A = \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$  if A is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha GOS$ .
- (vi)  $\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) = \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A).$
- (vii)  $\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A^c) = (\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A))^c$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to Theorem 5.5.

## 6. ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy alpha generalized continuous mappings

DEFINITION 6.1. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be two IVISTSs and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$  and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping. f is called an ([r, s], [t, u])-interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy  $\alpha$ -generalized continuous mapping (for short, ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping) if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS of X for each ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS B of Y.

Note that  $f: X \to Y$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping if and only if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS of X for each ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS B of Y and that if  $f: X \to Y$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping then  $f: X \to Y$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping.

EXAMPLE 6.2. Every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping need not be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.

Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $Y = \{c, d\}$ . Define  $F_1, F_2, F_3 \in I^X$  and  $G_1, G_2 \in I^Y$  as follows:

$$F_1 = \{(a, 0.4), (b, 0.4)\}, F_2 = \{(a, 0.5), (b, 0.6)\}, F_3 = \{(a, 0.6), (b, 0.6)\},$$
  
 $G_1 = \{(c, 0.5), (d, 0.4)\}, G_2 = \{(c, 0.5), (d, 0.6)\}.$ 

Define  $\tau, \tau^* : I^X \to D(I), \ \eta, \eta^* : I^Y \to D(I)$  as follows:

$$\tau(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.7, 0.8] & \text{if } A = F_1, \\ [0.4, 0.5] & \text{if } A = F_2, \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau^*(A) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & \text{if } A \in \{0_X, 1_X\}, \\ [0.1, 0.2] & \text{if } A = F_1, \\ [0.3, 0.4] & \text{if } A = F_2, \\ \mathbf{1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\eta(B) = \begin{cases}
\mathbf{1} & \text{if } B \in \{0_Y, 1_Y\}, \\
[0.8, 0.9] & \text{if } B = G_1, \\
\mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise.} 
\end{cases}$$

$$\eta^*(B) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & \text{if } B \in \{0_Y, 1_Y\}, \\ [0.1, 0.2] & \text{if } B = G_1, \\ \mathbf{1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define the mapping  $f:(X,\tau,\tau^*)\to (Y,\eta,\eta^*)$  by f(a)=c,f(b)=d and let [r,s]=[0.5,0.6] and [t,u]=[0.2,0.3]. Then f is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping, but f is not an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ -continuous mapping.

DEFINITION 6.3. An IVISTS  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  is called an *interval-valued* intuitionistic fuzzy alpha  $T^*_{1/2}$  space (for short, IVIF $\alpha T^*_{1/2}$  space) if for each  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$ , every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS in X is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS in X.

THEOREM 6.4. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an  $IVIF\alpha T^*_{1/2}$  space and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  an IVISTS and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$  and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha G$  continuous mapping.
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) \subseteq int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Let  $B \in I^Y$ . Then  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFOS of Y. Since f is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS of X. Since X is an

IVIF $\alpha T_{1/2}^*$  space,  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFOS of X. Hence

$$f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) = int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)))$$

$$\subseteq int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))))$$

$$= int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)))))$$

$$\subseteq int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))).$$

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Let B be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS of Y. Then  $B^c$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS of Y and so  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B^c) = B^c$ . By hypothesis,

$$f^{-1}(B^c) = f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B^c)) \subseteq int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B^c)))).$$

Thus  $f^{-1}(B^c)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS of X. Since every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ OS is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS,  $f^{-1}(B^c)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GOS of X. Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS of X. Therefore f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping.

By taking the complement of the set  $B \in I^Y$  in Theorem 6.4, we obtain the following corollary.

COROLLARY 6.5. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an  $IVIF\alpha T^*_{1/2}$  space and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  an IVISTS and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$  and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha G$  continuous mapping.
- (ii)  $cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .

DEFINITION 6.6. An IVISTS  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  is called an *interval-valued* intuitionistic fuzzy alpha  $T_{1/2}$  space (for short, IVIF $\alpha T_{1/2}$  space) if for each  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$ , every ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS in X is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ CS in X.

THEOREM 6.7. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an  $IVIF\alpha T_{1/2}$  space and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  an IVISTS and  $[r, s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t, u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s + u \leq 1$  and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha G$  continuous mapping.
- (ii)  $f(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in I^X$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .
- (iv)  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)) \subseteq \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))$  for each  $B \in I^Y$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Let  $A \in I^X$ . Then  $cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIFCS of Y. Since f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping,  $f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)))$  is an ([r,s],[t,u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS of X. Since  $A\subseteq$  $f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)))$ , by Definition 5.3  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)))$ . Hence  $f(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)))) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A)).$ (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii). Let  $B \in I^Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B) \in I^X$ . By (ii),

$$f(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(f^{-1}(B)))$$
  
 $\subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B).$ 

Hence

$$\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))))$$
  
 $\subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)).$ 

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv). Let  $B \in I^Y$ . By (iii),  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B^c)) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B^c))$ . Thus  $(\alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))^c \subseteq (f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B)))^c$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B))^c$ (B))  $\subseteq \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)).$ 

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Let B be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFCS of Y. Then  $f^{-1}(B) \in I^X$ and  $B^c$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS of Y and so  $int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B^c) = B^c$ . Let  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$  and let U be an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIFOS of X. By (iv),

$$(f^{-1}(B))^{c} = f^{-1}(B^{c}) = f^{-1}(int_{[r,s],[t,u]}(B^{c}))$$

$$\subseteq \alpha gint_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B^{c}))$$

$$= (\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)))^{c}.$$

Hence  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$  and so  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(B)$ . Since  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  is an IVIF $\alpha T_{1/2}$  space,  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) = \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B))$  $(f^{-1}(B))$ . Hence  $\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ GCS of X. Therefore f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha$ G continuous mapping.

Since  $\alpha gcl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A) = \alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)$  for each  $A \in I^X$  in an IVIF $\alpha T_{1/2}$ space X, we obtain the following corollary from Theorem 6.7.

COROLLARY 6.8. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be an  $IVIF\alpha T_{1/2}$  space and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$ an IVISTS and  $[r,s] \in D(I_0)$ ,  $[t,u] \in D(I_1)$  with  $s+u \leq 1$  and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping. Then f is an ([r, s], [t, u])-IVIF $\alpha G$  continuous mapping if and only if  $f(\alpha cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(A)) \subseteq cl_{[r,s],[t,u]}(f(A))$  for each  $A \in$  $I^X$ .

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