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# A note on the length of maximal arithmetic progressions in random subsets

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**Abstract** Let  $U^{(n)}$  denote the maximal length arithmetic progression in a non-uniform random subset of  $\{0, 1\}^n$ , where 1 appears with probability  $p_n$ . By using dependency graph and Stein-Chen method, we show that  $U^{(n)} - c_n \ln n$  converges in law to an extreme type distribution with  $\ln p_n = -2/c_n$ . Similar result holds for  $W^{(n)}$ , the maximal length aperiodic arithmetic progression (mod  $n$ ).

**Keywords** Arithmetic progression, random subset, Stein-Chen method.

## §1. Introduction

An arithmetic progression is a sequence of numbers such that the difference of any two successive members of the sequence is a constant. A celebrated result of Szemerédi [5] says that any subset of integers of positive upper density contains arbitrarily long arithmetic progressions. The recent work [6] reviews some extremal problems closely related with arithmetic progressions and prime sequences, under the name of the Erdős-Turán conjectures, which are known to be notoriously difficult to solve.

Let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n$  be a uniformly chosen random word in  $\{0, 1\}^n$  and  $\Xi_n$  be the random set consisting elements  $i$  such that  $\xi_i = 1$ . Benjamini et al. [3] studies the length of maximal arithmetic progressions in  $\Xi_n$ . Denote by  $U^{(n)}$  the maximal length arithmetic progression in  $\Xi_n$  and  $W^{(n)}$  the maximal length aperiodic arithmetic progression (mod  $n$ ) in  $\Xi_n$ . They show, among others, that the expectation of  $U^{(n)}$  and  $W^{(n)}$  is roughly  $2 \ln n / \ln 2$ .

In view of the random graph theory [4], a natural extension of [3] is to consider non-uniform random subset of  $\{0, 1\}^n$ , which is the main interest of this note. Let  $\xi_i = 1$  with probability  $p_n$  and  $\xi_i = 0$  with probability  $1 - p_n$ , where  $p_n \in [0, 1]$  is a function of  $n$ . Following [3], the key to our work is to construct proper dependency graph and apply the Stein-Chen method of Poisson approximation (see e.g. [1, 4]). Our result implies that, in the non-uniform scenarios, the expectation of  $U^{(n)}$  and  $W^{(n)}$  is roughly  $c_n \ln n$ , with  $\ln p_n = -2/c_n$ . Obviously, taking  $p_n \equiv 1/2$  and  $c_n \equiv 2/\ln 2$ , we then recover the main result of Benjamini et al..

The rest of the note is organized as follows. We present the main results in Section 2. Section 3 is devoted to the proofs.

## §2. Results

Let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots$  be i. i. d. random variables with  $P(\xi_i = 1) = p_n$  and  $P(\xi_i = 0) = 1 - p_n$ . For integers  $1 \leq s, t \leq n$ , define

$$W_{s,t}^{(n)} := \max \left\{ 1 \leq k \leq n : \xi_s = 0, \prod_{i=1}^k \xi_{s+it \pmod n} = 1 \right\}. \quad (1)$$

Therefore,  $W_{s,t}^{(n)}$  is the length of the longest arithmetic progression (mod  $n$ ) in  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  starting at  $s$  with difference  $t$ . Moreover, set  $W^{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq s, t \leq n} W_{s,t}^{(n)}$ . Similarly, define

$$U_{s,t}^{(n)} := \max \left\{ 1 \leq k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-s}{t} \right\rfloor : \xi_s = 0, \prod_{i=1}^k \xi_{s+it} = 1 \right\}, \quad (2)$$

and  $U^{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq s, t \leq n} U_{s,t}^{(n)}$ , where  $[a]$  is the integer part of  $a$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Suppose that  $\ln p_n = -2/c_n$  and  $\alpha < c_n = o(\ln n)$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $c_n \ln n + x_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $n$ , and  $\inf_n x_n \geq \beta$  for some  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\lambda(x_n)} P(W^{(n)} \leq c_n \ln n + x_n) = 1, \quad (3)$$

where  $\lambda(x) = p_n^{x+2}$ . In particular,  $W^{(n)}/c_n \ln n$  converges to 1 in probability, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Suppose that  $\ln p_n = -2/c_n$  and  $\alpha < c_n = o(\ln n)$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ . Let  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $c_n \ln n - \ln(2c_n \ln n) + y_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $n$ , and  $\inf_n y_n \geq \beta$  for some  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\lambda(y_n)} P(U^{(n)} \leq c_n \ln n - \ln(2c_n \ln n) + y_n) = 1, \quad (4)$$

where  $\lambda(x) = p_n^{x+2}$ . In particular,  $U^{(n)}/c_n \ln n$  converges to 1 in probability, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The relationship between  $p_n$  and  $c_n$  is depicted in Fig. 1. We observe that the probability  $p_n$ , by our assumptions, should within the regime  $e^{-2/\alpha} < p_n = e^{-2/o(\ln n)}$  for  $\alpha > 0$ . For the case  $p_n = o(1)$  (i.e.,  $c_n = o(1)$ ), by letting  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , we can infer that  $W^{(n)} \ll \ln n$  and  $U^{(n)} \ll \ln n$  whp.

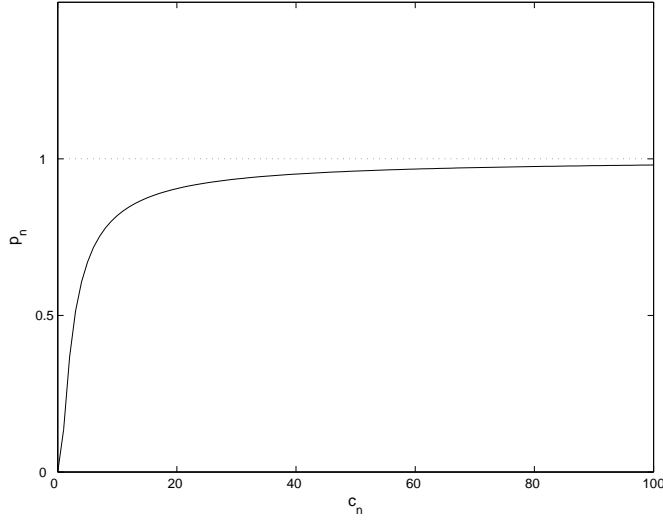
## §3. Proofs

In this section, we will only consider Theorem 2.1 since the proofs are very similar. Theorem 2.1 will be proved through a series of lemmas by similar reasoning to [3] with some modifications.

For a collection of random variables  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , a graph  $G$  of order  $n$  is called a dependency graph [4] of  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  if for any vertex  $i$ ,  $X_i$  is independent of the set  $\{X_j : \text{vertices } i \text{ and } j \text{ are not adjacent}\}$ . The following is a result of Arratia et al. [2], which is an instrumental version of the Stein-Chen method in numerous probabilistic combinatorial problems [1].

**Lemma 3.1.** [2] Let  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be  $n$  Bernoulli random variables with  $EX_i = p_i > 0$ . Let  $G$  be a dependency graph of  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ . Set  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and  $\lambda = ES_n = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$ . Define

$$B_1(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j: j \sim i} EX_i EX_j. \quad (5)$$

Figure 1: The probability  $p_n$  versus  $c_n$ .

and

$$B_2(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i: j \sim i} E(X_i X_j). \quad (6)$$

Let  $Z$  be a Poisson random variable with  $EZ = \lambda$ . For any  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$|P(S_n \in A) - P(Z \in A)| \leq B_1(G) + B_2(G). \quad (7)$$

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and set  $m = \lfloor (c_n + \varepsilon) \ln n \rfloor$ . Define the truncated version

$$W'_{s,t}(n) := \max \left\{ 1 \leq k \leq m : \xi_s = 0, \prod_{i=1}^k \xi_{s+it \pmod n} = 1 \right\} \quad (8)$$

and  $W'^{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq s, t \leq n} W'_{s,t}(n)$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  define the indicator variable

$$I_{s,t}(x) = 1_{\{W'_{s,t}(n) > c_n \ln n + x\}} \quad \text{and} \quad S(x) = \sum_{1 \leq s, t \leq n} I_{s,t}(x). \quad (9)$$

By definition, it is clear that  $W'^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x$  if and only if  $S(x) > 0$ . Set  $A(s, t) = \{s + it\}_{i=0}^m$ . Fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x < \varepsilon \ln n$ . Hence, as in [3], we can construct a dependency graph  $G$  of random variables  $\{I_{s,t}(x)\}_{s,t=1}^n$  by setting the vertex set  $\{(s, t)\}_{s,t=1}^n$  and edges  $(s_1, t_1) \sim (s_2, t_2)$  if and only if  $A(s_1, t_1) \cap A(s_2, t_2) \neq \emptyset$ .

The following combinatorial lemma is useful.

**Lemma 3.2.**<sup>[3]</sup> Let  $D_{s,t}(k)$  be the number of pairs  $(s_1, t_1)$  such that  $t \neq t_1$  and  $|A(s, t) \cap A(s_1, t_1)| = k$ . Then we have

$$D_{s,t}(k) \leq \begin{cases} (m+1)^2 n, & k = 1, \\ (m+1)^2 m^2, & 2 \leq k \leq \frac{m}{2} + 1, \\ 0, & k > \frac{m}{2} + 1. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Recall the definitions (5) and (6). Let

$$B_1(x, G) = \sum_{s_1, t_1} \sum_{\substack{s_2, t_2 \\ (s_1, t_1) \sim (s_2, t_2)}} EI_{s_1, t_1}(x) EI_{s_2, t_2}(x) \quad (11)$$

and

$$B_1(x, G) = \sum_{s_1, t_1} \sum_{\substack{(s_1, t_1) \neq (s_2, t_2) \\ (s_1, t_1) \sim (s_2, t_2)}} E[I_{s_1, t_1}(x) I_{s_2, t_2}(x)]. \quad (12)$$

**Lemma 3.3.** For all  $x < \varepsilon \ln n$  and  $\delta > 0$ , we have

$$B_1(x, G) + B_2(x, G) = O(p_n^{2(x+1)} n^{\delta-1}). \quad (13)$$

**Proof.** From (9), we have  $EI_{s,t}(x) = P(W_{s,t}^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x) \leq p_n^{c_n \ln n + x + 1}$ . Since for fixed  $s$  and  $t$ , the number of pairs  $(s_1, t_1)$  such that  $|A(s, t) \cap A(s_1, t_1)| = k$  is at most  $D_{s,t}(k) + 1$ , we obtain by Lemma 3.2

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(x, G) &\leq \sum_{s,t} \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} (D_{s,t}(k) + 1) p_n^{2(c_n \ln n + x + 1)} \\ &\leq p_n^{2(x+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{s,t} \left( (m+1)^2 n + 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{m/2+1} ((m+1)^2 m^2 + 1) \right) \\ &= p_n^{2(x+1)} \cdot O\left(\frac{m^2 n + m^6}{n^2}\right) \\ &= O(p_n^{2(x+1)} n^{\delta-1}), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

for all  $\delta > 0$ , where the last equality holds using the assumption  $c_n = o(\ln n)$ .

Next, we have  $E(I_{s,t}(x) I_{s_1, t_1}(x)) \leq p_n^{2(c_n \ln n + x + 1) - k}$  when  $|A(s, t) \cap A(s_1, t_1)| = k$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.2

$$\begin{aligned} B_2(x, G) &\leq \sum_{s,t} \sum_{k=1}^m D_{s,t}(k) p_n^{2(c_n \ln n + x + 1) - k} \\ &\leq p_n^{2(x+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{s,t} \left( 2(m+1)^2 n + (m+1)^2 m^2 \sum_{k=2}^{m/2+1} p_n^{-k} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Since  $c_n > \alpha > 0$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{k=2}^{m/2+1} p_n^{-k} = O(p_n^{-\frac{m}{2}}) = O(n^{\frac{c_n + \varepsilon}{c_n}}). \quad (16)$$

Combining (15), (16) and the assumption  $c_n = o(\ln n)$ , we derive

$$\begin{aligned} B_2(x, G) &= p_n^{2(x+1)} \cdot O\left(\frac{m^2 n + m^4 n^{\frac{c_n + \varepsilon}{c_n}}}{n^2}\right) \\ &= O(p_n^{2(x+1)} n^{\delta-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

for all  $\delta > 0$ .

The following lemma is a simplified version of Theorem 2.1.

**Lemma 3.4.**  $W^{(n)}/c_n \ln n$  converges to 1 in probability, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; i.e., for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \left| \frac{W^{(n)}}{c_n \ln n} - 1 \right| > \delta \right) = 0. \quad (18)$$

**Proof.** Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$P(W_{s,t}^{(n)} > (c_n + \varepsilon) \ln n) \leq p_n^{(c_n + \varepsilon) \ln n + 1}. \quad (19)$$

Since  $c_n = o(\ln n)$ , it follows that

$$P(W^{(n)} > (c_n + \varepsilon) \ln n) \leq n^2 p_n^{(c_n + \varepsilon) \ln n + 1} \leq e^{-\frac{2\varepsilon \ln n}{c_n}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (20)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Next, let  $x = -\varepsilon \ln n$  and  $Z(x)$  be a Poisson random variable with

$$EZ(x) = \lambda(x) = ES(x) = n^2 p_n^{\lfloor c_n \ln n + x + 2 \rfloor} \geq e^{\frac{2\varepsilon \ln n - 4}{c_n}}. \quad (21)$$

Note that  $\{W^{(n)} \leq (c_n - \varepsilon) \ln n\}$  implies that  $\{W'^{(n)} \leq (c_n - \varepsilon) \ln n\}$ . By Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.3,

$$\begin{aligned} P(W^{(n)} \leq (c_n - \varepsilon) \ln n) &\leq P(S(x) = 0) \\ &\leq B_1(x, G) + B_2(x, G) + P(Z(x) = 0) \\ &= O(p_n^{2(x+1)} n^{\delta-1} + e^{-e^{\frac{2\varepsilon \ln n - 4}{c_n}}}) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $\delta > 0$  and  $\varepsilon < \alpha/5$ . Thus, by (20) and (22), it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \left| \frac{W^{(n)}}{c_n \ln n} - 1 \right| > \delta \right) = 0. \quad (23)$$

for any  $0 < \delta < 1/5$ .

To prove of Theorem 2.1, we need to further refine the proof of Lemma 3.4.

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** As in the proof of Lemma 3.4, let  $Z(x)$  be a Poisson random variable with

$$EZ(x) = \lambda(x) = ES(x) = n^2 p_n^{\lfloor c_n \ln n + x + 2 \rfloor}. \quad (24)$$

If  $c_n \ln n + x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\lambda(x) = p_n^{x+2}$ . Recall that  $W'^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x$  if and only if  $S(x) > 0$ . Thus, by Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.3

$$\begin{aligned} |P(W'^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x) - P(Z(x) \neq 0)| &= |P(S(x) > 0) - P(Z(x) > 0)| \\ &\leq B_1(x, G) + B_2(x, G) \\ &= O(p_n^{2(x+1)} n^{\delta-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Note that  $x < \varepsilon \ln n$ , and then we have

$$\{W^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x\} = \{W^{(n)} > (c + \varepsilon) \ln n\} \cup \{W'^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x\}. \quad (26)$$

Hence, by (20), (25) and (26), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
|P(W^{(n)} \leq c_n \ln n + x) - e^{-\lambda(x)}| &= |P(W^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x) - P(Z(x) \neq 0)| \\
&\leq P(W^{(n)} > (c_n + \varepsilon) \ln n) \\
&\quad + |P(W'^{(n)} > c_n \ln n + x) - P(Z(x) \neq 0)| \\
&\leq e^{-\frac{2\varepsilon \ln n}{c_n}} + O(p_n^{2(x+1)} n^{\delta-1}), \tag{27}
\end{aligned}$$

for  $0 < \delta < 1$ , where the first item on the right-hand side of (27) tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $c_n \ln n + x_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $n$ . If  $\inf_n x_n \geq \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $p_n^{2(x_n+1)} n^{\delta-1} \rightarrow 0$  and  $e^{\lambda(x_n)}$  is a bounded sequence. Thus, from (27) it follows that

$$|e^{\lambda(x_n)} P(W^{(n)} \leq c_n \ln n + x_n) - 1| = O\left(e^{-\frac{2\varepsilon \ln n}{c_n}} + p_n^{2(x_n+1)} n^{\delta-1}\right) \rightarrow 0, \tag{28}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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# Continuities on minimal space via ideals

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**Abstract** This paper will discuss about decompositions of continuity on minimal spaces with the help of ideals.

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

Generalization of topological space is not a new concept in literature. But A. Csaszar gives a new dimension generalizing this concept through generalized topology ( $GT$ )<sup>[1,2,3]</sup> on 1997. One of the important generalization of topology is minimal structure<sup>[5]</sup>. Min and Kim<sup>[6,7,8,9]</sup> Popa and Noiri<sup>[12,13]</sup> have defined different types of continuities on minimal spaces and discussed their properties. On 2009, Ozbakir and Yildirim<sup>[11]</sup> have introduced ideal<sup>[4]</sup> on minimal space and they defined ideal minimal spaces.

In this we considered  $m$ -continuity<sup>[13]</sup>,  $m$ -precontinuity<sup>[9]</sup>,  $m$ -semicontinuity<sup>[7]</sup> and  $\alpha m$ -continuity and characterized them. We have also give some decompositions of the above continuities. For do this we shall define two continuities on ideal minimal spaces and discuss their relations.

Now we shall discuss some definitions and results for preparing of this paper.

**Definition 1.1.**<sup>[5]</sup> A subfamily  $m_X$  of the power set  $P(X)$  of a nonempty set  $X$  is called a minimal structure on  $X$  if  $\phi \in m_X$  and  $X \in m_X$ . By  $(X, m_X)$ , we denote a nonempty set  $X$  with a minimal structure  $m_X$  on  $X$ . Simply we call  $(X, m_X)$  a minimal space. Set  $M(x) = \{U \in m_X : x \in U\}$ .

**Definition 1.2.**<sup>[12,13]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal space. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are defined as the following:

- (1)  $mint(A) = \cup\{U : U \subseteq A, U \in m_X\}$ .
- (2)  $mcl(A) = \cap\{F : A \subseteq F, X - F \in m_X\}$ .

**Definition 1.3.**<sup>[13]</sup> Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function with a minimal space  $(X, m_X)$  and a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be  $m$ -continuous if for each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $m$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Definition 1.4.**<sup>[9]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then a set  $A$  is called an

$m$ -preopen set in  $X$  if  $A \subseteq \text{mint}(mcl(A))$ . A set  $A$  is called an  $m$ -preclosed if the complement of  $A$  is  $m$ -preopen.

The family of all  $m$ -preopen sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $MPO(X)$ .

**Definition 1.5.**<sup>[9]</sup> Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function between a minimal space  $(X, m_X)$  and a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be minimal precontinuous (briefly,  $m$ -precontinuous) if for each  $x$  and for each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $m$ -preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

From Theorem 3.3 of [9], we get following results.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function between a space  $X$  with a minimal structure  $m_X$  and a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$ . Then  $f$  is  $m$ -precontinuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $m$ -preopen for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.6.**<sup>[6]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called an  $\alpha m$ -open set if  $A \subseteq \text{mint}(mcl(\text{mint}(A)))$ . The complement of an  $\alpha m$ -open set is called an  $\alpha m$ -closed set. The family of all  $\alpha m$ -open sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $\alpha M(X)$ .

Here we mention a theorem from [6]:

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal structure. Any union of  $\alpha m$ -open sets is  $\alpha m$ -open.

**Definition 1.7.**<sup>[7]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal space and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $A$  is called an  $m$ -semiopen set if  $A \subseteq mcl(\text{mint}(A))$ .

The complement of an  $m$ -semiopen set is called  $m$ -semiclosed set. The family of all  $m$ -semiopen sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $MSO(X)$ .

**Theorem 1.3.**<sup>[7]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal structure. Any union of  $m$ -semiopen sets is  $m$ -semiopen.

From Theorem 3.3 of [7], we get following result:

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function between a space  $X$  with a minimal structure  $m_X$  and a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$ . Then  $f$  is  $m$ -semicontinuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $m$ -semiopen for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

Let  $I$  be an ideal <sup>[4]</sup> on  $X$  and  $m_X$  be a minimal structure on  $X$ , then  $(X, m_X, I)$  is called an ideal minimal space <sup>[12]</sup>.

**Definition 1.8.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal minimal structure and  $(.)_*$  be a set operator from  $P(X)$  to  $P(X)$ . For a subset  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A_*(I, m_X) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin I, \text{ for every } U \in M(x)\}$  is called minimal local function of  $A$  with respect to  $I$  and  $m_X$ . We will simply write  $A_*$  for  $A_*(I, m_X)$ .

**Definition 1.9.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal minimal space. Then the set operator  $m-cl^*$  is called a minimal  $*$ -closure and is defined as  $m-cl^*(A) = A \cup A_*$  for  $A \subseteq X$ . We will denote by  $m_X^*(I, m_X)$  the minimal structure generated by  $m-cl^*$ , that is,

$$m_X^*(I, m_X) = \{U \subseteq X : m-cl^*(X - U) = X - U\}.$$

$m_X^*(I, m_X)$  is called  $*$ -minimal structure which is finer than  $m_X$ . The elements of  $m_X^*(I, m_X)$  are called minimal  $*$ -open (briefly,  $m^*$ -open) and the complement of an  $m^*$ -open set is called minimal  $*$ -closed (briefly,  $m^*$ -closed).

Throughout the paper we write simply  $m_X^*$  for  $m_X^*(I, m_X)$ .

**Definition 1.10.**<sup>[11]</sup> A subset  $A$  of an ideal minimal space  $(X, m_X, I)$  is  $m^*$ -dense in itself (resp.  $m^*$ -perfect) if  $A \subseteq A_*$  (resp.  $A_* = A$ ).

**Remark 1.1.**<sup>[11]</sup> A subset  $A$  of an ideal minimal space  $(X, m_X, I)$  is  $m^*$ -closed if and only if  $A_* \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 1.11.**<sup>[10]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $A$  is called  $m$ - $I$ -open if  $A \subset \text{mint}((A)_*)$ .

The family of all  $m$ - $I$ -open sets in  $(X, m_X, I)$  will be denoted by  $MIO(X)$ .

**Definition 1.12.**<sup>[10]</sup> Let  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function between an ideal minimal space and a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be  $m$ - $I$ -continuous if for each  $x$  and each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $m$ - $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Theorem 1.5.**<sup>[10]</sup> A function  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  is  $m$ - $I$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $m$ - $I$ -open, for each open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \tau)$ .

**Definition 1.13.**<sup>[10]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $A$  is called  $M$ - $I$ -open if  $A \subset (\text{mint}(A))_*$ .

The family of all  $M$ - $I$ -open sets in  $(X, m_X, I)$  will be denoted by  $MMIO(X)$ .

**Theorem 1.6.**<sup>[10]</sup> Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A_i \in MMIO(X)$  for all  $i$ . Then  $\cup_i(A_i) \in MMIO(X)$ .

## §2. Continuities on minimal spaces

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function between a minimal space  $(X, m_X)$  and a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be  $\alpha m$ -continuous if for each  $x$  and for each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $\alpha m$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** A function  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  is  $\alpha m$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha m$ -open, for each open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be  $\alpha m$ -continuous. Then for any open set  $V$  in  $Y$  and for each  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ , there exists an  $\alpha m$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . This implies  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  for each  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Since any union of  $\alpha m$ -open sets is  $\alpha m$ -open<sup>[6]</sup>,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha m$ -open.

Converse part: Let  $x \in X$  and for each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ ,  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{mint}(\text{mcl}(\text{mint}(f^{-1}(V))))$ . So there exists an  $\alpha m$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ , i.e.,  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha m$ -continuous.

Now we mention a Result from [9]:

**Result 2.1.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be  $m$ -continuous map, then it is  $m$ -precontinuous.

Again Min and Kim<sup>[9]</sup> have shown by an example that the reverse part of the above result need hold in general.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be  $m$ -continuous map. Then  $f$  is  $\alpha m$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Proof is obvious from Lemma 3.3 of [6].

Again from Example 3.6 of [6], we have that the reverse part of the Theorem 2.2 need not hold in general.

Now we shall discuss two results on minimal space for further discussion.

**Result 2.2.** Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal space. Then every  $\alpha m$ -open set is a  $m$ -semiopen set.

**Proof.** Proof is obvious from definitions.

**Result 2.3.** Let  $(X, m_X)$  be a minimal space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $A$  be  $m$ -preopen and  $m$ -semiopen then  $A$  is  $\alpha m$ -open.

**Proof.** Proof is obvious from definitions.

Using these two results, we get following theorems:

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be  $\alpha m$ -continuous map. Then  $f$  is  $m$ -semicontinuous.

Proof of this theorem is obvious from the fact that  $\alpha M(X) \subseteq MSO(X)$ . But reverse inclusion need not hold in general.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $m_X = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{d\}, X\}$ . Then  $m$ -closed sets are:  $\emptyset, \{a, b, c\}, \{c, d\}, X$ . Consider the set  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , then  $A \subset mcl(mint(A))$ , but  $A$  is not a subset of  $mint(mcl(mint(A)))$ . So,  $A \in MSO(X)$  but  $A \notin \alpha M(X)$ . Hence we have that the reverse part of the Theorem 2.3 need not hold in general.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a map. Then  $f$  is  $m$ -precontinuous and  $m$ -semicontinuous if and only if  $f$  is  $\alpha m$ -continuous.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a map. Then  $f$  is  $m$ - $I$ -continuous and  $m$ -semicontinuous if and only if  $f$  is  $\alpha m$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Proof is obvious from the fact that every  $m$ - $I$ -continuous function is a  $m$ -precontinuous function.

For further discussion, we shall prove some results regarding  $M$ - $I$ -open sets in ideal minimal space.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal minimal space. Then every  $M$ - $I$ -open set is a  $m$ -semiopen set.

Hence we have  $MMIO(X) \subseteq MSO(X)$ , but converse need not hold in general.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $m_X = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Consider  $A = \{a, c\}$ , then  $A \subset mcl(mint(A))$ , but  $(mint(A))_* = \emptyset$ . So  $A \in MSO(X)$  but  $A \notin MMIO(X)$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal minimal space and  $A \subset X$ . If  $A$  is a  $M$ - $I$ -open then  $A$  is  $m^*$ -dense in it self.

**Proof.** Proof is obvious.

Following example shows that the reverse part of the above theorem need not hold in general.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $m_X = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{d\}, X\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Consider  $A = \{a, c, d\}$ . Then  $A_* = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , so  $A \subseteq A_*$ . Again  $(mint(A))_* = \{d\}_* = \{c, d\}$  and  $A$  is not a subset of  $(mint(A))_*$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function between an ideal minimal space and a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous if for each  $x$  and each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $M$ - $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** A function  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  is  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $M$ - $I$ -open, for each open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous. Then for any open set  $V$  in  $Y$  and for each  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ , there exists an  $M$ - $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . This implies  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  for each  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Since any union of  $M$ - $I$ -open sets is  $M$ - $I$ -open [9],  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $M$ - $I$ -open.

Converse part: Let  $x \in X$  and for each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ ,  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq (mint(f^{-1}(V)))_*$ . So there exists an  $M$ - $I$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ , i.e.,  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Hence  $f$  is  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous function. Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $*$ -dense in it self for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous function, then  $f$  is a  $m$ -semicontinuous function.

From Example 2.2, we get that every  $m$ -semicontinuous function need be a  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous function in general.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, m_X, I)$  be an ideal minimal space and  $A \subset X$ . If  $A$  is  $M$ - $I$ -open and  $m$ -preopen then  $A$  is  $\alpha m$ -open.

**Proof.** Proof is obvious.

Since concept of  $M$ - $I$ -open set and  $\alpha m$ -open set are independent, then reverse part of this Theorem need not hold in general. Further we get following corollary:

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $f : (X, m_X, I) \rightarrow (Y, \tau)$  be a function. If  $f$  is  $m$ -precontinuous and  $mM$ - $I$ -continuous then  $f$  is  $\alpha m$ -continuous.

As the conclusion, we get following diagram:

$$\begin{aligned} m\text{-continuity} &\implies \alpha m\text{-continuity} \implies m\text{-semicontinuity.} \\ m\text{-precontinuity} + m\text{-semicontinuity} &\iff \alpha m\text{-continuity.} \\ m\text{-}I\text{-continuity} + m\text{-semicontinuity} &\iff \alpha m\text{-continuity.} \\ mM\text{-}I\text{-continuity} &\implies m\text{-semicontinuity} \iff m\text{-continuity.} \\ mM\text{-}I\text{-continuity} + m\text{-precontinuity} &\implies \alpha m\text{-continuity.} \end{aligned}$$

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## On Sophie Germain's identity

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**Abstract** A characterization of  $SS$ -elements of a ring by employing Sophie Germain's identity is given. Further, it is proved that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of  $SS$ -elements of a ring and the set of Sophie Germain's identities over that ring.

**Keywords** Ring,  $SS$ -element,  $SS$ -ring, factorization, one-to-one correspondence.

### §1. Introduction

Marie-Sophie Germain, a French mathematician has contributed notably to the study of number theory and elasticity. Sophie Germain's identity states that for any integers  $x, y$ ;  $x^4 + 4y^4 = (x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2)(x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2)$ . It is first appeared on everything [7]. Knowing how to express an object as a sum usually tells us nothing about how to express it as a product; finding clever factorizations is therefore helpful in number theory. One such enlightening identity is Sophie Germain's identity.

In the theory of rings, it is quite natural and interesting to observe that there are elements of a ring satisfying the condition  $a^2 = a + a$ . These elements are called  $SS$ -elements of the ring. The concept of  $SS$ -element of a ring was first initiated by W. B. V. K. Samy in [8]. In a ring (with unit), we can always find two  $SS$ -elements 0 (additive identity) and  $2 = (1 + 1)$ , which are trivial  $SS$ -elements of the ring. An  $SS$ -element of a ring other than 0 and 2 is said to be a nontrivial  $SS$ -element. A ring is called an  $SS$ -ring if it contains at least one non-trivial  $SS$ -element. Examples of  $SS$ -rings can be easily found in the literature. It was proved that the  $SS$ -ring contains (always) nonzero divisors of zero [8]. It was also proved in [1] that if  $a$  is a non-trivial  $SS$ -element of a ring then it satisfies the condition  $a^2 \neq a$ . Consequently, the idempotent elements of a ring cannot be non-trivial  $SS$ -elements and the Boolean algebra can be regarded as a ring (Boolean ring) but it is not an  $SS$ -ring. In [6] we have obtained characterizations of  $SS$ -elements of a ring besides some applications of them.

In this paper, we present another characterization of  $SS$ -elements of a ring by employing Sophie Germain's identity. Further it is also proved that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of  $SS$ -elements of an  $SS$ -ring and the set of Sophie Germain's identities over that ring. For basic definitions and concepts, the reader can refer to Jacobson [5], A. K. S. C. S Rao [6] and W. B. V. K Samy [8].

## §2. Proof of the theorem

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity. An element  $a \in R$  is an  $SS$ -element of the ring  $R$  if and only if the Sophie Germain's identity,  $x^4 + a^2y^4 = (x^2 + axy + ay^2)(x^2 - axy + ay^2)$  holds in  $R$ .

**Proof.** If  $a$  is an  $SS$ -element then  $a + a = a^2$ , now

$$\begin{aligned} & (x^2 + axy + ay^2)(x^2 - axy + ay^2) \\ = & x^4 - x^2axy + x^2ay^2 + axyx^2 - axyaxy + axyay^2 + ay^2x^2 - ay^2axy + ay^2ay^2 \\ = & x^4 + (a + a)y^2x^2 - a^2x^2y^2 + a^2y^4 \\ = & x^4 + a^2y^4. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, assume that  $x^4 + a^2y^4 = (x^2 + axy + ay^2)(x^2 - axy + ay^2)$  holds in  $R$ . In contrary, if  $a$  is not an  $SS$ -element then Sophie Germain's identity  $x^4 + a^2y^4 = (x^2 + axy + ay^2)(x^2 - axy + ay^2)$  cannot hold in  $R$ . Therefore,  $a$  is an  $SS$ -element of  $R$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of  $SS$ -elements of an  $SS$ -ring and the set of Sophie Germain's identities over that ring.

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be the set of  $SS$ -elemetns of an  $SS$ -ring  $R$  and  $I$  be the set of Sophie Germain's identities over the ring  $R$ .

The mapping  $a \rightarrow (x^4 + a^2y^4) = (x^2 + axy + ay^2)(x^2 - axy + ay^2), \forall a \in S$ . In view of the Theorem 2.1 it is evident that the mapping is a one-to-one and onto mapping. This completes the proof.

## §3. Examples

**Example 3.1.**  $Z_8 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  is an  $SS$ -ring under the operations  $+_8, X_8$ . The  $SS$ -elements of the  $SS$ -ring  $Z_8$  are 0, 2, 4, 6. The one-to-one correspondance is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \rightarrow x^4 + 0y^4 = (x^2 + 0xy + 0y^2)(x^2 - 0xy + 0y^2), \\ 2 & \rightarrow x^4 + 4y^4 = (x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2)(x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2), \\ 4 & \rightarrow x^4 + 16y^4 = (x^2 + 4xy + 4y^2)(x^2 - 4xy + 4y^2), \\ 6 & \rightarrow x^4 + 36y^4 = (x^2 + 6xy + 6y^2)(x^2 - 6xy + 6y^2). \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.2.** Let  $Q = \{q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k\}$ , where  $q_i = 0$  or  $1, i^2 = 1, j^2 = 1, k^2 = 1, ij = ji = ik = ki = j$  and  $jk = kj = i$ . Then  $Q$  forms a commutative ring (with unit) with respect to the operations addition and multiplication as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k) + (q_1^1 + q_2^1i + q_3^1j + q_4^1k) &= (q_1 + q_1^1) + (q_2 + q_2^1)i + (q_3 + q_3^1)j + (q_4 + q_4^1)k, \\ (q_1 + q_2i + q_3j + q_4k)(q_1^1 + q_2^1i + q_3^1j + q_4^1k) &= q_1q_1^1 + q_1q_2^1i + q_1q_3^1j + q_1q_4^1k + q_2q_1^1i + q_2q_2^1i^2 \\ &\quad + q_2q_3^1ij + q_2q_4^1ik + q_3q_1^1j + q_3q_2^1ji + q_3q_3^1j^2 \\ &\quad + q_3q_4^1jk + q_4q_1^1k + q_4q_2^1ki + q_4q_3^1kj + q_4q_4^1k^2. \end{aligned}$$

The non-trivial  $SS$ -elements of the ring  $Q$  are  $1+i, 1+j, 1+k, i+j+k, i+k, j+k, 1+i+j+k$ .

Thus  $Q$  is an  $SS$ -ring. The one-to-one correspondence is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1+i &\rightarrow x^4 + (1+i)^2 y^4 = (x^2 + (1+i)xy + (1+i)y^2)(x^2 - (1+i)xy + (1+i)y^2), \\
 1+j &\rightarrow x^4 + (1+j)^2 y^4 = (x^2 + (1+j)xy + (1+j)y^2)(x^2 - (1+j)xy + (1+j)y^2), \\
 1+k &\rightarrow x^4 + (1+k)^2 y^4 = (x^2 + (1+k)xy + (1+k)y^2)(x^2 - (1+k)xy + (1+k)y^2), \\
 i+j &\rightarrow x^4 + (i+j)^2 y^4 = (x^2 + (i+j)xy + (i+j)y^2)(x^2 - (i+j)xy + (i+j)y^2), \\
 i+k &\rightarrow x^4 + (i+k)^2 y^4 = (x^2 + (i+k)xy + (i+k)y^2)(x^2 - (i+k)xy + (i+k)y^2), \\
 j+k &\rightarrow x^4 + (j+k)^2 y^4 = (x^2 + (j+k)xy + (j+k)y^2)(x^2 - (j+k)xy + (j+k)y^2), \\
 1+i+j+k &\rightarrow x^4 + (1+i+j+k)^2 y^4 = (x^2 + (1+i+j+k)xy + (1+i+j+k)y^2)(x^2 - \\
 &\quad (1+i+j+k)xy + (1+i+j+k)y^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

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# On the circulant solutions of the matrix equations $AX = C$ and $AXB = C$

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**Abstract** In this paper, we present the sufficient and necessary conditions for the matrix equations  $AX = C$  and  $AXB = C$  for them to have circulant solutions. Moreover, we also present a possible extension of this problem.

**Keywords** Matrix equation, circulant matrix, left circulant matrix, right circulant matrix, skew-left circulant matrix, skew-right circulant matrix.

## §1. Introduction

Given any sequence of complex numbers  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}$ , a circulant matrix can be formed. Circulant matrices have four types namely right circulant, left circulant, skew-right circulant and skew-left circulant and they take the following forms, respectively.

$$C_R(\vec{c}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} \\ c_{n-1} & c_0 & c_1 & \cdots & c_{n-3} & c_{n-2} \\ c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} & c_0 & \cdots & c_{n-4} & c_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & \cdots & c_0 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \cdots & c_{n-1} & c_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$C_L(\vec{c}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \cdots & c_{n-1} & c_0 \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & \cdots & c_0 & c_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} & c_0 & \cdots & c_{n-4} & c_{n-3} \\ c_{n-1} & c_0 & c_1 & \cdots & c_{n-3} & c_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$S_R(\vec{c}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} \\ -c_{n-1} & c_0 & c_1 & \cdots & c_{n-3} & c_{n-2} \\ -c_{n-2} & -c_{n-1} & c_0 & \cdots & c_{n-4} & c_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -c_2 & -c_3 & -c_4 & \cdots & c_0 & c_1 \\ -c_1 & -c_2 & -c_3 & \cdots & -c_{n-1} & c_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$S_L(\vec{c}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \cdots & c_{n-1} & -c_0 \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & \cdots & -c_0 & -c_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{n-2} & c_{n-1} & -c_0 & \cdots & -c_{n-4} & -c_{n-3} \\ c_{n-1} & -c_0 & -c_1 & \cdots & -c_{n-3} & -c_{n-2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

In each circulant matrix, the first row  $\vec{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is called the circulant vector. It determines the circulant matrix.

## §2. Preliminary results

In this section, we shall use  $\text{diag}(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$  to denote the diagonal matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & c_{n-2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & c_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\text{adiag}(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$  to denote the anti diagonal matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & c_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & c_{n-2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ c_{n-1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that these matrices are not necessarily circulant.

For the rest of the paper, we shall also use the following notations:

- $C_R(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of  $n \times n$  complex right circulant matrices,
- $C_L(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of  $n \times n$  complex left circulant matrices,
- $S_R(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of  $n \times n$  complex skew-right circulant matrices,
- $S_L(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of  $n \times n$  complex skew-left circulant matrices.

Now, we define the Fourier matrix to establish the relationship of the circulant matrices.

**Definition 2.1.** The unitary matrix  $F_n$  given by

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 & \cdots & \omega^{n-2} & \omega^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \cdots & \omega^{2(n-2)} & \omega^{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{n-2} & \omega^{2(n-2)} & \cdots & \omega^{(n-2)(n-2)} & \omega^{(n-1)(n-2)} \\ 1 & \omega^{n-1} & \omega^{2(n-1)} & \cdots & \omega^{(n-2)(n-1)} & \omega^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$  is called the Fourier matrix.

The circulant matrices are related by the following equations:

$$C_R(\vec{c}) = F_n D F_n^{-1}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\vec{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$  and  $D = \text{diag}(d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})$ .

$$C_L(\vec{c}) = \Pi C_R(\vec{c}) = \Pi F_n D F_n^{-1}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\vec{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$ ,  $D = \text{diag}(d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})$ ,  $\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbb{O}_1 \\ \mathbb{O}_1^T & \tilde{I}_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$  (an  $n \times n$  matrix),  $\tilde{I}_{n-1} = \text{adiag}(1, 1, \dots, 1, 1)$  (an  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix),  $\mathbb{O}_1 = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 0)$  (an  $(n-1) \times 1$  matrix).

$$S_R(\vec{c}) = \Delta F_n D (\Delta F_n)^* = \Delta F_n D F_n^{-1} \Delta^*, \quad (8)$$

where  $\vec{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$ ,  $D = \text{diag}(d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1})$ ,  $\Delta = \text{diag}(1, \theta, \dots, \theta^{n-1})$ , and  $\theta = e^{i\pi/n}$ .

$$S_L(\vec{c}) = \Sigma S R C I R C_n(\vec{c}) = \Sigma \Delta F_n D (\Delta F_n)^*, \quad (9)$$

where  $\vec{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$ ,  $\Delta = \text{diag}(1, \theta, \dots, \theta^{n-1})$ ,  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbb{O}_1 \\ \mathbb{O}_1^T & -\tilde{I}_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$  (an  $n \times n$  matrix),  $\tilde{I}_{n-1} = \text{adiag}(1, 1, \dots, 1, 1)$  (an  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix),  $\mathbb{O}_1 = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 0)$ .

**Remark 2.1.** The matrices  $\Pi$  and  $\Sigma$  are orthonormal  $\Pi = \Pi^T = \Pi^{-1}$  and  $\Sigma = \Sigma^T = \Sigma^{-1}$ .

**Properties of circulant matrices regarding inverses.**

- $C_R^{-1}(\vec{a}) \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,

- $C_L^{-1}(\vec{a}) \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $S_R^{-1}(\vec{a}) \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $S_L^{-1}(\vec{a}) \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$ .

The above properties show that circulant matrices are closed under matrix inverse.

Now we introduce the following notations for invertible circulant matrices which will also be used for the rest of the paper.

- $CL_R(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of invertible  $n \times n$  complex right circulant matrices,
- $CL_L(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of invertible  $n \times n$  complex left circulant matrices,
- $SL_R(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of invertible  $n \times n$  complex skew-right circulant matrices,
- $SL_L(\mathbb{C}) :=$  the set of invertible  $n \times n$  complex skew-left circulant matrices.

### §3. Preliminary results

The following lemmas will be used to prove the main results.

**Lemma 3.1.**  $C_R(\vec{a})\Pi = C_L(\vec{\gamma}) \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$  where  $\vec{\gamma} = (c_0, c_{n-1}, c_{n-2}, \dots, c_1)$ .

**Proof.** Note that  $\Pi$  is a permutation matrix and right multiplication with a permutation matrix switches the columns. In  $\Pi$  the column  $C_1$  is fixed while  $C_2$  and  $C_{n-1}$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_{n-2}$  etc are switched. This means that after right multiplication with  $\Pi$ , we have

$$S_L(\vec{\gamma}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_{n-1} & c_{n-2} & \cdots & c_2 & c_1 \\ c_{n-1} & c_{n-2} & c_{n-3} & \cdots & c_1 & c_0 \\ c_{n-2} & c_{n-3} & c_{n-4} & \cdots & c_0 & c_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_2 & c_1 & c_0 & \cdots & c_4 & c_3 \\ c_1 & c_0 & c_{n-1} & \cdots & c_3 & c_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which is left circulant.

**Lemma 3.2.**  $S_R(\vec{a})\Sigma = S_L(\vec{\rho}) \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$  where  $\vec{\rho} = (c_0, -c_{n-1}, -c_{n-2}, \dots, -c_1)$ .

**Proof.**  $\Sigma$  has the same effect as  $\Pi$  but once the columns are switched, they will become negative of the original. Hence, after right multiplication we have

$$S_L(\vec{\rho}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & -c_{n-1} & -c_{n-2} & \cdots & -c_2 & -c_1 \\ -c_{n-1} & -c_{n-2} & -c_{n-3} & \cdots & -c_1 & -c_0 \\ -c_{n-2} & -c_{n-3} & -c_{n-4} & \cdots & -c_0 & c_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -c_2 & -c_1 & -c_0 & \cdots & c_4 & c_3 \\ -c_1 & -c_0 & c_{n-1} & \cdots & c_3 & c_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which is skew-left circulant.

**Lemma 3.3.**  $C_R(\vec{a})C_R(\vec{b}) \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} C_R(\vec{a})C_R(\vec{b}) &= (FD_1F^{-1})(FD_2F^{-1}) \\ &= FD_1D_2F^{-1} \in C_R(\mathbb{C}). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.4.**  $C_R(\vec{a})C_L(\vec{b})$  and  $C_L(\vec{b})C_R(\vec{a}) \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} C_R(\vec{a})C_L(\vec{b}) &= C_R(\vec{a})\Pi C_R(\vec{b}) \\ &= C_L(\vec{\alpha})C_R(\vec{b}) \\ &= \Pi C_R(\vec{\alpha})C_R(\vec{b}) \in C_L(\mathbb{C}), \end{aligned}$$

$$C_L(\vec{b})C_R(\vec{a}) = \Pi C_R(\vec{b})C_R(\vec{a}) \in C_L(\mathbb{C}),$$

where  $\vec{\alpha} = (a, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1)$ .

**Lemma 3.5.**  $S_R(\vec{a})S_R(\vec{b}) \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} S_R(\vec{a})S_R(\vec{b}) &= (\Delta F D_1 (\Delta F)^*)(\Delta F D_2 (\Delta F)^*) \\ &= \Delta F D_1 D_2 (\Delta F)^* \in S_R(\mathbb{C}). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.6.**  $S_L(\vec{a})S_R(\vec{b})$  and  $S_R(\vec{b})S_L(\vec{a}) \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Proof.**

$$S_L(\vec{a})S_R(\vec{b}) = \Sigma S_R(\vec{a})S_R(\vec{b}) \in S_L(\mathbb{C}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_R(\vec{b})S_L(\vec{a}) &= S_R(\vec{b})\Sigma S_R(\vec{a}) \\ &= S_L(\vec{\beta})S_R(\vec{a}) \\ &= \Sigma S_R(\vec{\beta})S_R(\vec{a}) \in S_L(\mathbb{C}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{\beta} = (b_0, -b_{n-1}, \dots, -b_1)$ .

## §4. Main results

The following are results on the circulant solutions of the matrix equations  $AX = C$  and  $AXB = C$ . All of them are provable using combinations of some lemmas which were proven in the previous section.

**Theorem 4.1.**  $AX = C$  has a right circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,

- $A \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 4.2.**  $AX = C$  has a left circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 4.3.**  $AX = C$  has a skew-right circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 4.4.**  $AX = C$  has a skew-left circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 4.5.**  $AXB = C$  has right circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A, B \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A, B \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $B \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $A \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 4.6.**  $AXB = C$  has left circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A, B \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A, B \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in C_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in CL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in C_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B \in CL_R(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 4.7.**  $AXB = C$  has skew-right circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A, B \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A, B \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,

- $B \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $A \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Theorem 4.8.**  $AXB = C$  has skew-left circulant solution if and only if one of the following is satisfied

- $A, B \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A, B \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in S_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- $A \in SL_L(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $C \in S_R(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B \in SL_R(\mathbb{C})$ .

## §5. Conclusion

In summary, we have provided the sufficient and necessary conditions for the matrix equations  $AX = C$  and  $AXB = C$  for them to have right circulant, left circulant, skew-right circulant and skew-left circulant solutions.

## §6. Recommendation

A possible extension on this paper is considering matrices of dimension  $m \times n$ . That is, to find the circulant solutions of the following:

- $AX = C$ , where  $A$  and  $C$  are both  $m \times n$  matrices,
- $AXB = C$ , where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are  $m \times n$ ,  $n \times p$ , and  $m \times p$  matrices, respectively.

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# Coefficient bounds for certain subclasses of analytic functions

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**Abstract** In this paper, we introduce some subclasses of analytic functions and determine the sharp upper bounds of the functional  $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2|$  for the functions of the form  $f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  belonging to these classes in the unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ .

**Keywords** Analytic functions, starlike functions, convex functions, alpha-convex functions, functions whose derivative has a positive real part, Bazilevic functions, Hankel determinant.

## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $A$  be the class of analytic functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (1)$$

in the unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ .

Let  $S$  be the class of functions  $f(z) \in A$  and univalent in  $E$ .

Let  $M_{\alpha}(\alpha \geq 0)$  be the class of functions in  $A$  which satisfy the conditions

$$\frac{f(z)f'(z)}{z} \neq 0$$

and

$$Re \left[ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \right] > 0. \quad (2)$$

The class  $M_{\alpha}$  was introduced by Mocanu<sup>[15]</sup> and functions of this class are called  $\alpha$ -convex functions. Obviously  $M_0 \equiv S^*$ , the class of starlike functions and  $M_1 \equiv K$ , the class of convex functions. Miller, Mocanu and Reade<sup>[14]</sup> have shown that  $\alpha$ -convex functions are starlike in  $E$ , and for  $\alpha \geq 1$ , all  $\alpha$ -convex functions are convex in  $E$ . Therefore  $\alpha$ -convex functions are also called  $\alpha$ -starlike functions. Concept of  $\alpha$ -convex functions gives a continuous parametrization between starlike functions and convex functions.

$H_{\alpha}(\alpha \geq 0)$  be the class of functions in  $A$  which satisfy the condition

$$Re \left[ (1 - \alpha)f'(z) + \alpha \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} \right] > 0. \quad (3)$$

This class was introduced by Al-Amiri and Reade <sup>[1]</sup>. In particular  $H_0 \equiv R$ , the class of functions whose derivative has a positive real part and studied by Macgregor <sup>[12]</sup>. Also  $H_1 \equiv K$ .  $B_\alpha (\alpha \geq 0)$  is the class of functions in  $A$  which satisfy the condition

$$Re \left[ f'(z) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\alpha-1} \right] > 0. \quad (4)$$

The class  $B_\alpha$  was introduced by Singh <sup>[19]</sup> and studied further by Thomas <sup>[21]</sup> and El-Ashwah and Thomas <sup>[3]</sup>. Functions of this class are called Bazilevic functions. Particularly  $B_0 \equiv S^*$  and  $B_1 \equiv R$ .

In 1976, Noonan and Thomas <sup>[16]</sup> stated the  $q$ th Hankel determinant for  $q \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 1$  as

$$H_q(n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n+1} & \cdots & a_{n+q-1} \\ a_{n+1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n+q-1} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{n+2q-2} \end{vmatrix}.$$

This determinant has also been considered by several authors. For example, Noor <sup>[17]</sup> determined the rate of growth of  $H_q(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for functions given by Eq. (1) with bounded boundary. Ehrenborg <sup>[2]</sup> studied the Hankel determinant of exponential polynomials and the Hankel transform of an integer sequence is defined and some of its properties discussed by Layman <sup>[9]</sup>. Also Hankel determinant for different classes was studied by various authors including Hayman <sup>[5]</sup>, Pommerenke <sup>[18]</sup>, Janteng et al. <sup>([6],[7],[8])</sup> and recently by Mehrok and Singh <sup>[13]</sup>.

Easily, one can observe that the Fekete-Szegő functional is  $H_2(1)$ . Fekete and Szegő <sup>[4]</sup> then further generalised the estimate of  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  where  $\mu$  is real and  $f \in S$ . For our discussion in this paper, we consider the Hankel determinant in the case of  $q = 2$  and  $n = 2$ ,

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{vmatrix}.$$

For  $\mu$  complex, Szynal <sup>[21]</sup> obtained the estimates for  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  for the class  $M_\alpha$ . Al-Amiri and Reade <sup>[1]</sup> obtained the estimates for  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  for the class  $H_\alpha$  and Singh <sup>[19]</sup> obtained the estimates for  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  for the class  $B_\alpha$ .

In this paper, we seek upper bound of the functional  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$  for the functions belonging to the classes  $M_\alpha$ ,  $H_\alpha$  and  $B_\alpha$ . Results due to various authors follows as special cases.

## §2. Main result

Let  $P$  be the family of all functions  $p$  analytic in  $E$  for which  $Re(p(z)) > 0 (z \in E)$  and

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots \quad (5)$$

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $p \in P$ , then  $|p_k| \leq 2 (k = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ .

This result is due to Pommerenke <sup>[18]</sup>.

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $p \in P$ , then

$$2p_2 = p_1^2 + (4 - p_1^2)x,$$

$$4p_3 = p_1^3 + 2p_1(4 - p_1^2)x - p_1(4 - p_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - p_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z,$$

for some  $x$  and  $z$  satisfying  $|x| \leq 1$ ,  $|z| \leq 1$  and  $p_1 \in [0, 2]$ .

This result was proved by Libera and Zlotkiewicz <sup>([10],[11])</sup>.

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $f \in M_\alpha$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{(1+2\alpha)^2} \left[ \frac{3\alpha(1+\alpha)^3}{(1+3\alpha)(2+15\alpha+24\alpha^2+7\alpha^3)} + 1 \right]. \quad (6)$$

**Proof.** As  $f \in M_\alpha$ , so from (2)

$$(1-\alpha)\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha\frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} = p(z). \quad (7)$$

On expanding and equating the coefficients of  $z$ ,  $z^2$  and  $z^3$  in (7), we obtain

$$a_2 = \frac{p_1}{1+\alpha}, \quad (8)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{p_2}{2(1+2\alpha)} + \frac{(1+3\alpha)p_1^2}{2(1+2\alpha)(1+\alpha)^2} \quad (9)$$

and

$$a_4 = \frac{p_3}{3(1+3\alpha)} + \frac{(1+5\alpha)p_1p_2}{2(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)(1+3\alpha)} + \frac{(4+6\alpha+17\alpha^2)p_1^3}{6(1+2\alpha)(1+3\alpha)(1+\alpha)^3}. \quad (10)$$

Using (8), (9) and (10), it yields

$$\begin{aligned} & |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \\ &= \frac{1}{C(\alpha)} \left| \begin{aligned} & 4(1+2\alpha)^2(1+\alpha)^3p_1(4p_3) + 12(1+2\alpha)(1+5\alpha)(1+\alpha)^2p_1^2(2p_2) \\ & + 8(1+2\alpha)(1+6\alpha+17\alpha^2)^2p_1^4 - 3(1+3\alpha)((1+\alpha)^2(2p_2) + 2(1+3\alpha)p_1^2)^2 \end{aligned} \right| \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

where  $C(\alpha) = 48(1+3\alpha)(1+2\alpha)^2(1+\alpha)^4$ .

Using Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 in (11) and replacing  $p_1$  by  $p$ , it can be easily established that

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{C(\alpha)} \left[ \begin{aligned} & [-4(1+2\alpha)(1+\alpha)^2 - 12(1+2\alpha)(1+5\alpha)(1+\alpha)^2 - 8(1+2\alpha)(1+6\alpha+17\alpha^2) \\ & + 3(1+3\alpha)(3+8\alpha+\alpha^2)]p^4 + [8(1+2\alpha)^2(1+\alpha)^3 + 12(1+2\alpha)(1+5\alpha) \\ & - 6(1+3\alpha)(3+8\alpha+\alpha^2)(1+\alpha)^2]p^2(4-p^2)\delta + (1+\alpha)^3(2-p)[6(1+\alpha)(1+3\alpha) \\ & - (1+4\alpha+7\alpha^2)](4-p^2)p^2\delta^2 + 8(1+2\alpha)^2(1+\alpha)^3p(4-p^2) \end{aligned} \right]$$

where  $\delta = |x| \leq 1$ .

Therefore

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{C(\alpha)} F(\delta),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F(\delta) = & [-4(1+2\alpha)(1+\alpha)^2 - 12(1+2\alpha)(1+5\alpha)(1+\alpha)^2 - 8(1+2\alpha)(1+6\alpha+17\alpha^2) \\ & + 3(1+3\alpha)(3+8\alpha+\alpha^2)]p^4 + [8(1+2\alpha)^2(1+\alpha)^3 + 12(1+2\alpha)(1+5\alpha) \\ & - 6(1+3\alpha)(3+8\alpha+\alpha^2)(1+\alpha)^2]p^2(4-p^2)\delta + (1+\alpha)^3(2-p)[6(1+\alpha)(1+3\alpha) \\ & - (1+4\alpha+7\alpha^2)](4-p^2)p^2\delta^2 + 8(1+2\alpha)^2(1+\alpha)^3p(4-p^2). \end{aligned}$$

As  $F'(\delta) > 0$ , so  $F(\delta)$  is an increasing function in  $[0, 1]$  and therefore  $\text{Max}F(\delta) = F(1)$ .

Consequently

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{C(\alpha)}G(p), \quad (12)$$

where  $G(p) = F(1)$ .

So

$$G(p) = -A(\alpha)p^4 + B(\alpha)p^2 + 48(1+3\alpha)(1+\alpha)^4,$$

where

$$A(\alpha) = 4\alpha(1+\alpha)(2+15\alpha+24\alpha^2+7\alpha^3) \text{ and } B(\alpha) = 48\alpha(1+\alpha)^4.$$

$$\text{Now } G'(p) = -4A(\alpha)p^3 + 2B(\alpha)p \text{ and } G''(p) = -12A(\alpha)p^2 + 2B(\alpha).$$

$$G'(p) = 0 \text{ gives } p[2A(\alpha)p^2 - B(\alpha)] = 0.$$

$$G''(p) \text{ is negative at } p = \sqrt{\frac{6(1+\alpha)^3}{(2+15\alpha+24\alpha^2+7\alpha^3)}} = p'.$$

$$\text{So } \text{Max}G(p) = G(p').$$

Hence from (12), we obtain (6).

The result is sharp for  $p_1 = p'$ ,  $p_2 = p_1^2 - 2$  and  $p_3 = p_1(2 - p_1^2)$ .

For  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = 1$  respectively, Theorem 2.1 gives the following results due to Janteng et al. [8].

**Corollary 2.1.** If  $f(z) \in S^*$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1.$$

**Corollary 2.2.** If  $f(z) \in K$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8}.$$

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $f \in H_\alpha$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{4}{9(1+\alpha)^2} & \text{if } 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{5}{17}, \\ \frac{(17\alpha-5)^2}{144(1+2\alpha)(1+20\alpha+7\alpha^2-4\alpha^3)} + \frac{4}{9(1+\alpha)^2} & \text{if } \frac{5}{17} \leq \alpha \leq 1. \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

**Proof.** Since  $f \in H_\alpha$ , so from (3)

$$(1-\alpha)f'(z) + \alpha \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} = p(z). \quad (14)$$

On expanding and equating the coefficients of  $z$ ,  $z^2$  and  $z^3$  in (14), we obtain

$$a_2 = \frac{p_1}{2}, \quad (15)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{p_2 + \alpha p_1^2}{3(1 + \alpha)}, \quad (16)$$

and

$$a_4 = \frac{p_3}{4(1 + 2\alpha)} + \frac{3\alpha p_1 p_2}{4(1 + \alpha)(1 + 2\alpha)} + \frac{\alpha(2\alpha - 1)p_1^3}{4(1 + \alpha)(1 + 2\alpha)}. \quad (17)$$

Using (15), (16) and (17), it yields

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| = \frac{1}{C(\alpha)} \left| \begin{aligned} &9(1 + \alpha)^3 p_1 (4p_3) + 54(1 + \alpha) p_1^2 (2p_2) \\ &+ 36\alpha(2\alpha - 1)(1 + \alpha) p_1^4 - 8(1 + 2\alpha)(2p_2 + 2\alpha p_1^2)^2 \end{aligned} \right| \quad (18)$$

where  $C(\alpha) = 288(1 + 3\alpha)(1 + 2\alpha)(1 + \alpha)^2$ .

Using Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 in (18) and replacing  $p_1$  by  $p$ , we obtain

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{C(\alpha)} \left[ \begin{aligned} &(1 - 12\alpha + 3\alpha^2 + 8\alpha^3)p^4 + 2(1 + 13\alpha + 4\alpha^2)p^2(4 - p^2)\delta \\ &+ (2 - p)[16(1 + 2\alpha) - (1 + 2\alpha + 9\alpha^2)p^2](4 - p^2)\delta^2 + 18(1 + \alpha)^2 p(4 - p^2) \end{aligned} \right]$$

where  $\delta = |x| \leq 1$ .

Therefore

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{C(\alpha)} F(\delta),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F(\delta) = &(1 - 12\alpha + 3\alpha^2 + 8\alpha^3)p^4 + 2(1 + 13\alpha + 4\alpha^2)p^2(4 - p^2)\delta \\ &+ (2 - p)[16(1 + 2\alpha) - (1 + 2\alpha + 9\alpha^2)p^2](4 - p^2)\delta^2 + 18(1 + \alpha)^2 p(4 - p^2) \end{aligned}$$

is an increasing function.

Therefore  $\text{Max} F(\delta) = F(1)$ .

Consequently

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{C(\alpha)} G(p), \quad (19)$$

where  $G(p) = F(1)$ .

So

$$G(p) = -A(\alpha)p^4 + B(\alpha)p^2 + 128(1 + 2\alpha),$$

where  $A(\alpha) = 2(1 + 20\alpha + 17\alpha^2 - 4\alpha^3)$  and  $B(\alpha) = 4(1 + \alpha)(17\alpha - 5)$ .

**Case I.** For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{5}{17}$ ,  $B(\alpha) < 0$ .

So  $G(p)$  is maximum at  $p = 0$  and it follows the first result of (13).

In this case, the result is sharp for  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $p_2 = -2$  and  $p_3 = 0$ .

**Case II.** For  $\frac{5}{17} \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , as in Theorem 2.1,  $G(p)$  is maximum for  $p = \sqrt{\frac{(1+\alpha)(17\alpha-5)}{(1+20\alpha+7\alpha^2-4\alpha^3)}} = p'$ .

So  $\text{Max} G(p) = G(p')$ .

In this case, the result is sharp for  $p_1 = p'$ ,  $p_2 = p_1^2 - 2$  and  $p_3 = p_1(p_1^2 - 3)$ .

Hence the theorem.

For  $\alpha = 0$  in Theorem 2.2, we obtain the following results due to Janteng et al. [6].

**Corollary 2.3.** If  $f(z) \in R$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9}.$$

Putting  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 2.2, we get the following results due to Janteng et al. [8].

**Corollary 2.4.** If  $f(z) \in K$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8}.$$

On the same lines, we can easily prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $f \in B_\alpha$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{(2+\alpha)^2}.$$

The result is sharp for  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $p_2 = -2$  and  $p_3 = 0$ .

For  $\alpha = 0$ , Theorem 2.3 gives the following result due to Janteng et al. [8].

**Corollary 2.5.** If  $f(z) \in S^*$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1.$$

For  $\alpha = 0$ , Theorem 2.3 gives the following result due to Janteng et al. [6].

**Corollary 2.6.** If  $f(z) \in R$ , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9}.$$

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# An intuitionistic $\mathcal{B}$ -generalized closed symmetric member in intuitionistic uniform structure spaces

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**Abstract** The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concepts of intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed symmetric member and intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}g$ -closed symmetric member. Besides providing some interesting properties, interrelations among the intuitionistic symmetric members are introduced and discussed. The concepts of intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -continuity, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuity, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{C}g$ -continuity, frontier of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -symmetric member, exterior of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -symmetric member, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -connected spaces and intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -compact spaces are introduced and studied.

**Keywords** Intuitionistic symmetric member, intuitionistic uniform structure, intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}g$ -closed symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed symmetric member, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -continuity, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuity, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{C}g$ -continuity, frontier of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -symmetric member, exterior of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -symmetric member, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -connected spaces and intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -compact spaces.

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

The concept of intuitionistic sets in topological spaces was introduced by Çoker in [3]. He studied topology on intuitionistic sets in [4]. In 1937, Andre Weil <sup>[10]</sup> formulated the concept of uniform space which is a generalization of a metric space. J. Tong <sup>[9]</sup> introduced the concept of  $\mathcal{B}$ -set in topological space. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concepts of intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member, intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed symmetric member and intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}g$ -closed

symmetric member. Besides providing some interesting properties, interrelations among the intuitionistic symmetric members are introduced and discussed. The concepts of intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{AB}$ -continuity, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}$ -continuity, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{C}$ -continuity, frontier of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -symmetric member, exterior of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -symmetric member, intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}$ -connected spaces and intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}$ -compact spaces are introduced and studied.

**Definition 1.1.**<sup>[1]</sup> Let  $X$  be a non empty set. An intuitionistic set ( $IS$  for short)  $A$  is an object having the form  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$ , where  $A^1$  and  $A^2$  are subsets of  $X$  satisfying  $A^1 \cap A^2 = \emptyset$ . The set  $A^1$  is called the set of members of  $A$ , while  $A^2$  is called the set of nonmembers of  $A$ . Every crisp set  $A$  on a nonempty set  $X$  is obviously an intuitionistic set having the form  $\langle x, A, A^c \rangle$ .

**Definition 1.2.**<sup>[1]</sup> Let  $X$  be a non empty set and let the intuitionistic sets  $A$  and  $B$  be in the form  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$ , respectively. Furthermore, let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be an arbitrary family of intuitionistic sets in  $X$ , where  $A_i = \langle x, A_i^1, A_i^2 \rangle$ . Then

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A^1 \subseteq B^1$  and  $A^2 \supseteq B^2$ .
- (ii)  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $\overline{A} = \langle x, A^2, A^1 \rangle$ .
- (iv)  $\cup A_i = \langle x, \cup A_i^1, \cap A_i^2 \rangle$ .
- (v)  $\cap A_i = \langle x, \cap A_i^1, \cup A_i^2 \rangle$ .
- (vi)  $\emptyset_\sim = \langle x, \emptyset, X \rangle$ ;  $X_\sim = \langle x, X, \emptyset \rangle$ .

**Definition 1.3.**<sup>[2]</sup> An intuitionistic topology ( $IT$  for short) on a nonempty set  $X$  is a family  $T$  of intuitionistic sets in  $X$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (i)  $\emptyset_\sim, X_\sim \in T$ .
- (ii)  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in T$  for any  $G_1, G_2 \in T$ .
- (iii)  $\cup G_i \in T$  for any arbitrary family  $\{G_i : i \in J\} \subseteq T$ .

In this case the pair  $(X, T)$  is called an intuitionistic topological space ( $ITS$  for short) and any intuitionistic set in  $T$  is called an intuitionistic open set ( $IOS$  for short) in  $X$ . The complement  $\overline{A}$  of an intuitionistic open set  $A$  is called an intuitionistic closed set ( $ICS$  for short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.4.**<sup>[2]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic set in  $X$ . Then the closure of  $A$  are defined by

$$cl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an intuitionistic closed set in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}.$$

It can be also shown that  $cl(A)$  is an intuitionistic closed set in  $X$ , and  $A$  is an intuitionistic closed set in  $X$  if  $cl(A) = A$ .

**Definition 1.5.**<sup>[2]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic set in  $X$ . Then the interior of  $A$  are defined by

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

It can be also shown that  $int(A)$  is an intuitionistic open set in  $X$ , and  $A$  is an intuitionistic open set in  $X$  if  $int(A) = A$ .

**Definition 1.6.**<sup>[1]</sup> Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $p \in X$  a fixed element in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic set  $\tilde{p}$  defined by  $\tilde{p} = \langle x, \{p\}, \{p\}^c \rangle$  is called an intuitionistic point (*IP* for short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.7.**<sup>[1]</sup> (i) If  $B = \langle y, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  is an intuitionistic set in  $Y$ , then the preimage of  $B$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is the intuitionistic set in  $X$  defined by  $f^{-1}(B) = \langle x, f^{-1}(B^1), f^{-1}(B^2) \rangle$ .

(ii) If  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  is an intuitionistic set in  $X$ , then the image of  $A$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f(A)$ , is the intuitionistic set in  $Y$  defined by  $f(A) = \langle y, f(A^1), \underline{f}(A^2) \rangle$  where  $\underline{f}(A^2) = Y - (f(X - A^2))$ .

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space. A subset  $S$  in  $X$  is said to be a

- (i) semi-open set <sup>[8]</sup> if  $S \subseteq cl(int(S))$  and semi-closed set <sup>[1]</sup> if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (ii) semi regular <sup>[5]</sup> if it is both semi-open and semi-closed.
- (iii)  $\mathcal{AB}$ -set <sup>[6]</sup> if  $S = U \cap A$ , where  $U$  is an open and  $A$  is semi regular.
- (iv)  $t$ -set <sup>[9]</sup> if  $intcl(S) = int(S)$ .
- (v)  $\mathcal{B}$ -set <sup>[9]</sup> if  $S = U \cap A$ , where  $U$  is an open and  $A$  is  $t$ -set.
- (vi)  $\alpha^*$ -open set <sup>[7]</sup> if  $int(A) = int(cl(int(A)))$ .
- (vii)  $\mathcal{C}$ -set <sup>[7]</sup> if  $S = U \cap A$ , where  $U$  is an open and  $A$  is  $\alpha^*$ -open set.

**Definition 1.9.**<sup>[2]</sup> A uniform space  $X$  with uniformity  $\xi$  is a set  $X$  with a nonempty collection  $\xi$  of subsets containing the diagonal  $\Delta_x$  in  $X \times X$  satisfying the following properties:

- (i) If  $E, F \in \xi$ , then  $E \cap F \in \xi$ .
- (ii) If  $F \subset E$  and  $E \in \xi$  then  $F \in \xi$ .
- (iii) If  $E \in \xi$  then  $E^t = \{(x, y) : (y, x) \in E\} \in \xi$ .
- (iv) For any  $E \in \xi$  there is some  $F \in \xi$  such that  $F^2 \subset E$ .

## §2. An intuitionistic $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member in intuitionistic uniform structure spaces

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X \times X$  be a non empty set. An intuitionistic symmetric member (*ISM* for short)  $A$  is an object having the form  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$ , where  $A^1$  and  $A^2$  are subsets of  $X \times X$  satisfying  $A^1 \cap A^2 = \Delta$ . The set  $A^1$  is called the set of members of  $A$ , while  $A^2$  is called the set of nonmembers of  $A$ .

**Notation 2.1.** Let  $(X \times X, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and it is simply denoted by  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$ .

**Notation 2.2** Let  $X \times X$  be a non empty set.

- (i)  $\Delta_\sim = \langle x, \Delta, \mathbb{X} \rangle$ .
- (ii)  $\mathbb{X}_\sim = \langle x, \mathbb{X}, \Delta \rangle$ .

**Definition 2.2.** An intuitionistic uniform structure (*IUS* for short) on a non-empty set  $\mathbb{X}$  is a collection  $\xi$  of subsets in  $\mathbb{X}$  which satisfies the following axioms

- (i)  $\Delta_\sim, \mathbb{X}_\sim \in \xi$ .
- (ii)  $E_1 \cap E_2 \in \xi$  for any  $E_1, E_2 \in \xi$ .
- (iii)  $\cup E_i \in \xi$  for any arbitrary family  $\{E_i : i \in J\} \subseteq \xi$ .
- (iv) If  $E_1 \subset E_2$  and  $E_1 \in \xi$  then  $E_2 \in \xi$ .

(v) If  $E_1 \in \xi$  then  $E_1^t = \{(x, y) : (y, x) \in E_1\} \in \xi$ .

(vi) For any  $E_1 \in \xi$  there is some  $E_2 \in \xi$  such that  $E_2^2 \subset E_1$ .

In this case the pair  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is called an intuitionistic uniform structure space (*IUSS* for short) and any intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\xi$  is called an intuitionistic open symmetric member (*IOSM* for short) in  $\mathbb{X}$ . The complement  $\bar{E}$  of an intuitionistic open symmetric member  $E$  is called an intuitionistic closed symmetric member (*ICSM* for short) in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the intuitionistic uniform closure (*IUcl* for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$IUcl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an intuitionistic closed symmetric member in } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}.$$

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the intuitionistic uniform interior (*IUint* for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$IUint(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an intuitionistic open symmetric member in } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}.$$

**Remark 2.1.** (i) Finite intersection of intuitionistic open symmetric member is an intuitionistic open symmetric member.

(ii) Finite union of intuitionistic closed symmetric member is an intuitionistic closed symmetric member.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space. For any two intuitionistic symmetric member  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  the following statements are valid.

- (i)  $A \subseteq IUcl(A)$ .
- (ii)  $IUcl(A \cap B) \subseteq IUcl(A) \cap IUcl(B)$ .
- (iii)  $IUcl(A \cup B) = IUcl(A) \cup IUcl(B)$ .
- (iv)  $IUint(A) \subseteq A$ .
- (v)  $IUint(A \cap B) = IUint(A) \cap IUint(B)$ .
- (vi)  $IUint(A \cup B) \supseteq IUint(A) \cup IUint(B)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $S = \langle x, S^1, S^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member if  $IUint(IUcl(S)) = IUint(S)$ . The complement of an intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member  $S$  is called an intuitionistic  $t$ -closed symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** (i) Finite intersection of intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member.

(ii) Finite union of intuitionistic  $t$ -closed symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $t$ -closed symmetric member.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $S = \langle x, S^1, S^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member if there is a  $U \in \xi$  and an intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member  $A$  in  $\mathbb{X}$  such that  $S = U \cap A$ . The complement of an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member  $S$  is called an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -closed symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** (i) Finite intersection of intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member.

(ii) Finite union of intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -closed symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -closed symmetric member.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -closure ( $IUBcl$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$IUBcl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an intuitionistic } \mathcal{B}\text{-closed symmetric member in } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}.$$

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space. For any two intuitionistic symmetric member  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  the following statements are valid.

- (i)  $IUBcl(\Delta_{\sim}) = \Delta_{\sim}$ .
- (ii)  $IUBcl(A) \supseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow IUBcl(A) \subseteq IUBcl(B)$ .
- (iv)  $IUBcl(IUBcl(A)) = IUBcl(A)$ .
- (v)  $IUBcl(A \cap B) \subseteq IUBcl(A) \cap IUBcl(B)$ .
- (vi)  $IUBcl(A \cup B) = IUBcl(A) \cup IUBcl(B)$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -interior ( $IUBint$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$IUBint(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an intuitionistic } \mathcal{B}\text{-open symmetric member in } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}.$$

**Proposition 2.5.** For any intuitionistic symmetric member  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  of an intuitionistic uniform structure space  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$ .

- (i)  $IUBcl(\overline{A}) = \overline{IUBint(A)}$ .
- (ii)  $IUBint(\overline{A}) = \overline{IUBcl(A)}$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space. For any two intuitionistic symmetric member  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  the following statements are valid.

- (i)  $IUBint(A) \subseteq A$ .
- (ii)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow IUBint(A) \subseteq IUBint(B)$ .
- (iii)  $IUBint(IUBint(A)) = IUBint(A)$ .
- (iv)  $IUBint(A \cap B) = IUBint(A) \cap IUBint(B)$ .
- (v)  $IUBint(A \cup B) \supseteq IUBint(A) \cup IUBint(B)$ .
- (vi)  $IUBint(\mathbb{X}_{\sim}) = \mathbb{X}_{\sim}$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space.

- (i) If  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member then  $A = IUBint(A)$ .
- (ii) If  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -closed symmetric member then  $A = IUBcl(A)$ .
- (iii)  $IUBint(A) \subseteq A \subseteq IUBcl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$  is said to be an intuitionistic semi-open symmetric member if  $A \subseteq IUBcl(IUBint(A))$ . The complement of an intuitionistic semi-open symmetric member is an intuitionistic semi-closed symmetric member.

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $S = \langle x, S^1, S^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$  is said to be an intuitionistic semi-regular symmetric

member if it is both intuitionistic semi-open symmetric member and intuitionistic semi-closed symmetric member.

**Proposition 2.7.** Every intuitionistic semi-regular symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member.

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $S = \langle x, S^1, S^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member if there is a  $U \in \xi$  and an intuitionistic semi-regular symmetric member  $A$  in  $\mathbb{X}$  such that  $S = U \cap A$ . The complement of an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member  $S$  is called an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -closed symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** Every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member.

**Remark 2.3.** The converse of Proposition (2.8) need not be true as shown in the Example (2.1).

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $\xi = \{\Delta_\sim, P, Q, R, \mathbb{X}_\sim\}$  where

$$\Delta_\sim = \langle \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2)\}, \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)\} \rangle,$$

$$P = \langle \{\Delta, (1, 0)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)\} \rangle,$$

$$Q = \langle \{\Delta, (0, 1)\}, \{\Delta, (1, 0), (0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)\} \rangle,$$

$$R = \langle \{\Delta, (1, 0), (0, 1)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)\} \rangle.$$

Clearly  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Let  $A = \langle \{\Delta, (2, 1)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 2), (2, 0)\} \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member. Here,  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member but it is not intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member.

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $S = \langle x, S^1, S^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $\alpha^*$ -open symmetric member if  $IUint(A) = IUcl(IUcl(IUint(A)))$ . The complement of an intuitionistic  $\alpha^*$ -open symmetric member  $S$  is called an intuitionistic  $\alpha^*$ -closed symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** Every intuitionistic  $t$ -open symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $\alpha^*$ -open symmetric member.

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $S = \langle x, S^1, S^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member if there is a  $U \in \xi$  and an intuitionistic  $\alpha^*$ -open symmetric member  $A$  in  $\mathbb{X}$  such that  $S = U \cap A$ . The complement of an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member  $S$  is called an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -closed symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** Every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member.

**Remark 2.4.** The converse of Proposition (2.10) need not be true as shown in the Example (2.2).

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $\xi = \{\Delta_\sim, P, Q, R, \mathbb{X}_\sim\}$  where

$$\Delta_\sim = \langle \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2)\}, \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)\} \rangle,$$

$$P = \langle \{\Delta, (1, 2), (2, 0)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 1), (1, 0), (0, 2), (2, 1)\} \rangle,$$

$$Q = \langle \{\Delta, (2, 1), (0, 2)\}, \{\Delta, (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0)\} \rangle,$$

$$R = \langle \{\Delta, (0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)\}, \{\Delta, (1, 0), (0, 1)\}, \rangle.$$

Clearly  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Let  $A = \langle \{\Delta, (0, 2), (2, 0)\}, \{\Delta,$

$(0, 1)(1, 0), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member. Here,  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member but it is not intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member.

**Remark 2.5.** Clearly the following implication diagram holds.

$$\text{intuitionistic } \mathcal{AB}\text{-open} \Rightarrow \text{intuitionistic } \mathcal{B}\text{-open} \Rightarrow \text{intuitionistic } \mathcal{C}\text{-open}.$$

### §3. An intuitionistic $\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member in intuitionistic uniform structure spaces

**Definition 3.1.** An intuitionistic symmetric member  $A$  of an intuitionistic uniform structure space  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is called an intuitionistic generalized closed symmetric member (brief  $Ig$ -closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is an intuitionistic open symmetric member. A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{X}$  is called  $Ig$ -open if and only if its complement is  $Ig$ -closed.

**Definition 3.2.** An intuitionistic symmetric member  $A$  of an intuitionistic uniform structure space  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is called an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -generalized closed symmetric member (brief  $I\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open symmetric member. A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{X}$  is called  $I\mathcal{AB}g$ -open if and only if its complement is  $I\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed.

**Definition 3.3.** An intuitionistic symmetric member  $A$  of an intuitionistic uniform structure space  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is called an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -generalized closed symmetric member (brief  $I\mathcal{B}g$ -closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -open symmetric member. A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{X}$  is called  $I\mathcal{B}g$ -open if and only if its complement is  $I\mathcal{B}g$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.1.** Every  $I\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed symmetric member is an  $I\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member.

**Remark 3.1.** The converse of the above Proposition (3.1) need not be true as shown in Example (3.1).

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $\xi = \{\Delta_\sim, P, Q, R, \mathbb{X}_\sim\}$  where

$$\Delta_\sim = \langle \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2)\}, \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)\} \rangle,$$

$$P = \langle \{\Delta, (2, 1)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 1), (2, 0), (1, 0), (0, 2), (2, 1)\} \rangle,$$

$$Q = \langle \{\Delta, (1, 2)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 2), (0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 1), (2, 0)\} \rangle,$$

$$R = \langle \{\Delta, (1, 2), (2, 1)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 0), (0, 2)\}, \rangle.$$

Clearly  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Let  $A = \langle \{\Delta, (0, 1), (2, 0)\}, \{\Delta, (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 2), (2, 1)\} \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member.

Here,  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member but it is not an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed symmetric member.

**Definition 3.4.** An intuitionistic symmetric member  $A$  of an intuitionistic uniform structure space  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is called an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -generalized closed symmetric member (brief  $ICg$ -closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}$ -open symmetric member. A set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{X}$  is called  $ICg$ -open if and only if its complement is  $ICg$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.2.** Every  $I\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member is an  $ICg$ -closed symmetric member.

**Remark 3.2.** The converse of the above Proposition (3.2) need not be true as shown in Example (3.2).

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $\xi = \{\Delta_\sim, P, Q, R, \mathbb{X}_\sim\}$  where

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\sim} &= \langle \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,2)\}, \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (0,1), (0,2), (1,0), (1,2), (2,0), (2,1)\} \rangle, \\ P &= \langle \{\Delta, (0,1), (1,2)\}, \{\Delta, (2,0), (1,0), (0,2), (2,1)\} \rangle, \\ Q &= \langle \{\Delta, (1,0), (2,1)\}, \{\Delta, (0,2), (0,1), (1,2), (2,0)\} \rangle, \\ R &= \langle \{\Delta, (0,1), (1,2), (1,0), (2,1)\}, \{\Delta, (2,0), (0,2)\} \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Let  $A = \langle \{\Delta, (0,1), (2,0)\}, \{\Delta, (0,2), (1,0), (1,2), (2,1)\} \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member. Here,  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{C}g$ -closed symmetric member but it is not an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}g$ -closed symmetric member.

**Remark 3.3.** Clearly the following implication diagram holds.

$$\text{intuitionistic } \mathcal{AB}g\text{-closed} \Rightarrow \text{intuitionistic } \mathcal{B}g\text{-closed} \Rightarrow \text{intuitionistic } \mathcal{C}g\text{-closed}.$$

## §4. An intuitionistic uniformly $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuous functions in intuitionistic uniform structure spaces

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$  and  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure spaces. A function  $f : (\mathbb{X}, \xi_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  is said to be an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -continuous if for each intuitionistic open (resp.intuitionistic closed) symmetric member  $A$  of  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an  $I\mathcal{AB}g$ -open ( $I\mathcal{AB}g$ -closed) symmetric member in  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$  and  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure spaces. A function  $f : (\mathbb{X}, \xi_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  is said to be an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuous if for each intuitionistic open (resp.intuitionistic closed) symmetric member  $A$  of  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an  $I\mathcal{B}g$ -open ( $I\mathcal{B}g$ -closed) symmetric member in  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** Every intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -continuous function is an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuous function.

**Remark 4.1.** The converse of the above Proposition (4.1) need not be true as shown in Example (4.1).

**Example 4.1.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space as in Example (4.1). Let  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\xi_2 = \{\Delta_{\sim}, A, \mathbb{Y}_{\sim}\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\sim} &= \langle \{(a,a), (b,b), (c,c)\}, \{(a,a), (b,b), (c,c), (a,b), (a,c), (b,a), (b,c), (c,a), (c,b)\} \rangle, \\ A &= \langle \{\Delta, (a,b), (b,a), (b,c), (c,b)\}, \{\Delta, (c,a), (a,c)\} \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  is an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Let  $f : (\mathbb{X}, \xi_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  be a function defined by  $f(0) = a$ ,  $f(1) = b$ ,  $f(2) = c$ . Now,  $f$  is an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuous function but not an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{AB}g$ -continuous function.

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$  and  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure spaces. A function  $f : (\mathbb{X}, \xi_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  is said to be an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{C}g$ -continuous if for each intuitionistic open (resp.intuitionistic closed) symmetric member  $A$  of  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an  $I\mathcal{C}g$ -open ( $I\mathcal{C}g$ -closed) symmetric member in  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** Every intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuous function is an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{C}g$ -continuous function.

**Remark 4.2.** The converse of the above Proposition (4.2) need not be true as shown in Example (4.2).

**Example 4.2.** Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $\xi = \{\Delta_{\sim}, P, Q, R, \mathbb{X}_{\sim}\}$  where

$$\Delta_{\sim} = \langle \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,2)\}, \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (0,1), (0,2), (1,0), (1,2), (2,0), (2,1)\} \rangle,$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \langle \{\Delta, (0, 1), (1, 0)\}, \{\Delta, (2, 1), (2, 0), (0, 2), (1, 2)\} \rangle, \\ B &= \langle \{\Delta, (0, 2), (2, 0)\}, \{\Delta, (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\} \rangle, \\ C &= \langle \{\Delta, (0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 0), (0, 2)\}, \{\Delta, (1, 2), (2, 1)\} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Let  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\xi_2 = \{\Delta_\sim, A, \mathbb{Y}_\sim\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_\sim &= \langle \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c)\}, \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (a, b), (a, c), (b, a), (b, c), (c, a), (c, b)\} \rangle, \\ A &= \langle \{\Delta, (a, b), (b, a), (b, c), (c, b)\}, \{\Delta, (c, a), (a, c)\} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  is an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Let  $f : (\mathbb{X}, \xi_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  be a function defined by  $f(0) = a, f(1) = b, f(2) = c$ . Now,  $f$  is an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{C}g$ -continuous function but not an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuous function.

**Remark 4.3.** Clearly the following implication diagram holds.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{intuitionistic uniformly } \mathcal{AB}g\text{-continuity} \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{intuitionistic uniformly } \mathcal{B}g\text{-continuity} \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{intuitionistic uniformly } \mathcal{C}g\text{-continuity} \end{array}$$

## §5. An intuitionistic uniform $\mathcal{B}g$ -connected spaces in intuitionistic uniform structure spaces

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized closure ( $IUB_gcl$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$IUB_gcl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an intuitionistic } \mathcal{B} \text{ generalized closed in } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}.$$

**Definition 5.2.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized interior ( $IUB_gint$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by  $IUB_gint(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an intuitionistic } \mathcal{B} \text{ generalized open in } \mathbb{X} \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}$ .

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the frontier of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized symmetric member ( $Fr_{IUB_g}$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$Fr_{IUB_g}(A) = IUB_gcl(A) \setminus IUB_gint(A) = IUB_gcl(A) \cap IUB_gcl(\overline{A}).$$

**Proposition 5.1.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ .  $A$  is intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized closed if and only if  $Fr_{IUB_g}(A) \subseteq A$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Assume that  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized closed symmetric member. Thus  $\langle x, IUB_gcl(A^1), IUB_gcl(A^2) \rangle = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Fr_{IUB_g}(A) \cap \overline{A} &= \langle x, Fr_{IUB_g}(A^1) \cap \overline{A^1}, Fr_{IUB_g}(A^2) \cup \overline{A^2} \rangle \\ &= \langle x, IUB_gcl(A^1) \cap IUB_gcl(\overline{A^1}) \cap \overline{A^1}, IUB_gint(A^2) \cup IUB_gint(\overline{A^2}) \cup \overline{A^2} \rangle \\ &= \langle x, A^1 \cap IUB_gcl(\overline{A^1}) \cap \overline{A^1}, A^2 \cup IUB_gint(\overline{A^2}) \cup \overline{A^2} \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \Delta, \mathbb{X} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) \subseteq A$ .

Assume that  $Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) \subseteq A$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) \cap \bar{A} &= \langle x, Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A^1) \cap \bar{A}^1, Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A^2) \cup \bar{A}^2 \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \Delta, \mathbb{X} \rangle, \text{ and also} \\ I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A) \cap \bar{A} &= \langle x, I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A^1) \cap \bar{A}^1, I\mathcal{B}_g int(A^2) \cup \bar{A}^2 \rangle \\ &= \langle x, I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A^1) \cap [I\mathcal{B}_g cl(\bar{A}^1) \cap \bar{A}^1], I\mathcal{B}_g int(A^2) \cup [I\mathcal{B}_g int(\bar{A}^2) \cup \bar{A}^2] \rangle \\ &= \langle x, Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A^1) \cap \bar{A}^1, Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A^2) \cup \bar{A}^2 \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \Delta, \mathbb{X} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A) \subseteq A$ . But  $A \subseteq I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A)$ .

Consequently,  $\langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle = \langle x, I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A^1), I\mathcal{B}_g int(A^2) \rangle$ . Hence  $A$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized closed symmetric member.

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ .  $A$  is intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized open if and only if  $Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) \subseteq \bar{A}$ .

**Definition 5.4.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic symmetric member in  $\mathbb{X}$ . Then the exterior of intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -generalized symmetric member ( $Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) = \mathbb{X} \setminus I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A).$$

**Proposition 5.3.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ .  $A$  is intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized closed if and only if  $Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) \cup Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(B) = Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A \cap B)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized closed symmetric member. Thus  $\langle x, I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A^1), I\mathcal{B}_g int(A^2) \rangle = \langle A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $\langle x, I\mathcal{B}_g cl(B^1), I\mathcal{B}_g int(B^2) \rangle = \langle B^1, B^2 \rangle$ . Then  $A \cap B = \langle x, A^1 \cap B^1, A^2 \cup B^2 \rangle$  is also an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$  generalized closed symmetric member.

$$\begin{aligned} Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A \cap B) &= \langle x, Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A^1 \cap B^1), Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A^2 \cup B^2) \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \mathbb{X} \setminus I\mathcal{B}_g cl(A^1 \cap B^1), \mathbb{X} \setminus I\mathcal{B}_g int(A^2 \cup B^2) \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \mathbb{X} \setminus (A^1 \cap B^1), \mathbb{X} \setminus (A^2 \cup B^2) \rangle \\ &= \langle x, (\mathbb{X} \setminus A^1), (\mathbb{X} \setminus A^2) \rangle \cup \langle x, (\mathbb{X} \setminus B^1), (\mathbb{X} \setminus B^2) \rangle \\ &= Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) \cup Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(B). \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 5.4.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$ .

- (i) If  $A$  is intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -closed then  $Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(\mathbb{X} \setminus Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A)) = Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A)$ .
- (ii) If  $A$  is intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}$ -closed then  $Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(\mathbb{X} \setminus Ext_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A)) \cap Fr_{I\mathcal{B}_g}(A) = \langle x, \Delta, \mathbb{X} \rangle$ .

**Definition 5.5.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Then  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is said to be an intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -disconnected space if there exist non-empty intuitionistic symmetric member  $A$  and  $B$  containing  $\Delta$  such that  $A \cup B = \mathbb{X}_\sim$  and  $A \cap B = \Delta_\sim$ .

**Definition 5.6.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space.  $\mathbb{X}$  is called intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -connected, if  $\mathbb{X}$  is not intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}$ -disconnected.

**Proposition 5.5.** Let  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  be an intuitionistic uniform structure space. Then  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is an intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -connected space if it has no non-zero intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}g$ -open symmetric member  $P = \langle x, P^1, P^2 \rangle$  and  $Q = \langle x, Q^1, Q^2 \rangle$  such that  $P \cup Q = \mathbb{X}_\sim$ .

**Definition 5.7.** An intuitionistic uniform structure space  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi)$  is called an intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -compact space if  $\cup_{i \in I} (P_i) = \mathbb{X}_\sim$ , for each intuitionistic  $\mathcal{B}g$ -open symmetric member  $P_i, i \in I$ , there is a finite subset  $J$  of  $I$  with  $\cup_{j \in J} (P_j) = \mathbb{X}_\sim$ .

**Proposition 5.6.** If  $f : (\mathbb{X}, \xi_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  is an intuitionistic uniformly  $\mathcal{B}g$ -continuous bijective function and  $(\mathbb{X}, \xi_1)$  is an intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -compact space then  $(\mathbb{Y}, \xi_2)$  is an intuitionistic uniform  $\mathcal{B}g$ -compact space.

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# On intuitionistic dimension functions

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**Abstract** In this paper, the concepts of intuitionistic small inductive dimension, intuitionistic  $AB$  open set, intuitionistic partitions are introduced and studied. The concept of intuitionistic large inductive dimension, intuitionistic addition theorem and intuitionistic product theorem are introduced and studied.

**Keywords** Intuitionistic small inductive dimension, intuitionistic large inductive dimension, intuitionistic addition theorem and intuitionistic product theorem.

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## §1. Introduction

The concept of intuitionistic sets was introduced by çoker <sup>[1]</sup>. In 1998, J. Donchev <sup>[5]</sup> introduced the concept of  $AB$ -sets and decomposition of continuity. In this paper, the concepts of intuitionistic small inductive dimension, intuitionistic  $AB$  open set, intuitionistic partitions are introduced and studied. The concepts of intuitionistic large inductive dimension, intuitionistic addition theorem and intuitionistic product theorem are introduced and studied.

## §2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.**<sup>[1]</sup> Let  $X$  be a non empty set. An intuitionistic set ( $IS$  for short)  $A$  is an object having the form  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  for  $x \in X$ , where  $A^1$  and  $A^2$  are subsets of  $X$  satisfying  $A^1 \cap A^2 = \emptyset$ . The set  $A^1$  is called the set of members of  $A$ , while  $A^2$  is called the set of nonmembers of  $A$ . Every crisp set  $A$  on a nonempty set  $X$  is obviously an intuitionistic set having the form  $\langle X, A, A^c \rangle$ .

**Definition 2.2.**<sup>[2]</sup> Let  $X$  be a non empty set and let the intuitionistic sets  $A$  and  $B$  be in the form  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$ , respectively. Furthermore, let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be an arbitrary family of intuitionistic sets in  $X$ , where  $A_i = \langle x, A_i^1, A_i^2 \rangle$ . Then

(i)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A^1 \subseteq B^1$  and  $A^2 \supseteq B^2$ .

(ii)  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .

(iii)  $\overline{A} = \langle x, A^2, A^1 \rangle$ .

(iv)  $\bigcup A_i = \langle x, \bigcup A_i^1, \bigcap A_i^2 \rangle$ .

(v)  $\bigcap A_i = \langle x, \bigcap A_i^1, \bigcup A_i^2 \rangle$ .

(vi)  $\emptyset_{\sim} = \langle x, \emptyset, X \rangle$ ;  $X_{\sim} = \langle x, X, \emptyset \rangle$ .

**Definition 2.3.**<sup>[3]</sup> An intuitionistic topology ( $IT$  for short) on a nonempty set  $X$  is a family  $T$  of intuitionistic set in  $X$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (i)  $\emptyset, X \in T$ .
- (ii)  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in T$  for any  $G_1, G_2 \in T$ .
- (iii)  $\cup G_i \in T$  for any arbitrary family  $\{G_i : i \in J\} \subseteq T$ .

In this case the pair  $(X, T)$  is called an intuitionistic topological space ( $ITS$  for short) and any intuitionistic set in  $T$  is called an intuitionistic open set ( $IOS$  for short) in  $X$ . The complement  $\bar{A}$  of an intuitionistic open set  $A$  is called an intuitionistic closed set ( $ICS$  for short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4.**<sup>[2]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic set in  $X$ . Then the closure and interior of  $A$  are defined by

$$Icl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an intuitionistic closed set in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\},$$

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

It can be also shown that  $Icl(A)$  is an intuitionistic closed set and  $Int(A)$  is an intuitionistic open set in  $X$ , and  $A$  is an intuitionistic closed set in  $X$  if  $Icl(A) = A$ ; and  $A$  is an intuitionistic open set in  $X$  if  $Int(A) = A$ .

**Definition 2.5.**<sup>[2]</sup> Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $p \in X$  a fixed element in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic set  $\tilde{p}$  defined by  $\tilde{p} = \langle x, \{p\}, \{p\}^c \rangle$  is called an intuitionistic point ( $IP$  for short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.6.**<sup>[7]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be **semi-open** if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$ .

**Definition 2.7.**<sup>[7]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be **semi-closed** if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.8.**<sup>[4]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space. A subset  $S$  in  $X$  is said to be **semi-regular** if both semi-open and semi-closed.

**Definition 2.9.**<sup>[5]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be an **AB-set** if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U \in T$  and  $V$  is semi-regular. The family of all **AB-sets** of a space  $X$  will be denoted by  $AB(X)$ .

**Definition 2.10.**<sup>[6]</sup> Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological spaces. An boundary of a subset  $V$  in  $X$  is denoted and defined as  $\partial V = cl(V) \cap cl(\bar{V})$ .

**Definition 2.11.**<sup>[6]</sup> The small inductive dimension of  $X$  is notated  $ind(X)$ , and is defined as follows:

- (i) We say that the dimension of a space  $X$  ( $ind(X)$ ) is  $-1$  if  $X = \phi$ .
- (ii)  $ind(X) \leq n$  if for every point  $x \in X$  and for every open set  $U$  exists an open  $V$ ,  $x \in V$  such that  $\bar{V} \subseteq U$ , and  $ind(\partial V) \leq n - 1$ . Where  $\partial V$  is the boundary of  $V$ .
- (iii)  $ind(X) = n$  if (ii) is true for  $n$ , but false for  $n - 1$ .
- (iv)  $ind(X) = \infty$  if for every  $n$ ,  $ind(X) \leq n$  is false.

**Definition 2.12.**<sup>[6]</sup> A partition  $L$  on between  $A$  and  $B$  exists, if there are open sets  $U, W$ ,  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq W$  such that  $W \cap U = \phi$  and  $L = U^c \cap W^c$ .

**Definition 2.13.**<sup>[6]</sup> The large inductive dimension of normal space  $X$  is notated  $Ind(X)$ , and is defined as follows:

- (i) We say that the dimension of a space  $X$  ( $Ind(X)$ ) is  $-1$  if  $X = \phi$ .

(ii)  $Ind(X) \leq n$  if for every closed set  $C \subseteq X$  and for every open set  $U$  exists an open  $V$ ,  $C \subseteq V$  such that  $\bar{V} \subseteq U$ , and  $ind(\partial V) \leq n - 1$ . Where  $\partial V$  is the boundary of  $V$ .

(iii)  $Ind(X) = n$  if (ii) is true for  $n$ , but false for  $n - 1$ .

(iv)  $Ind(X) = \infty$  if for every  $n$ ,  $Ind(X) \leq n$  is false.

### §3. Intuitionistic small inductive dimension

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space. A subset  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  in  $X$  is said to be intuitionistic semi-open if  $A \subseteq Icl(Int(A))$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space. A subset  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  in  $X$  is said to be intuitionistic semi-closed if  $Int(Icl(A)) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space. A subset  $S = \langle x, S^1, S^2 \rangle$  in  $X$  is said to be intuitionistic semi-regular if both intuitionistic semi-open and intuitionistic semi-closed.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space. A subset  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  in  $X$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -set if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle \in T$  and  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$  is an intuitionistic semi-regular. The family of all intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -sets of a space  $X$  will be denoted by  $I\mathcal{AB}(X)$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic set in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  interior ( $I\mathcal{AB}int$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$I\mathcal{AB}int(A) = \cup \{G = \langle x, G^1, G^2 \rangle : G \text{ is an intuitionistic } \mathcal{AB} \text{ open set in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}.$$

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic set in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closure ( $I\mathcal{AB}cl$  for short) of  $A$  are defined by

$$I\mathcal{AB}cl(A) = \cap \{K = \langle x, K^1, K^2 \rangle : K \text{ is an intuitionistic } \mathcal{AB} \text{ closed set in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}.$$

**Notation 3.1.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space and  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle$  be an intuitionistic set,  $x \in U$  denotes  $x \in U^1$  and  $x \notin U^2$

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological spaces. An intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  boundary of a subset  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$  in  $X$  is denoted and defined as

$$I\mathcal{AB}\partial V = I\mathcal{AB}cl(V) \cap I\mathcal{AB}cl(\bar{V}).$$

**Definition 3.8.** The intuitionistic small inductive dimension of  $X$  is notated  $I - ind(X)$ , and is defined as follows:

(i) We say that the intuitionistic dimension of a space  $X$ ,  $I - ind(X)$  is  $-1$  iff  $X = \phi_{\sim}$ .

(ii)  $I - ind(X) \leq n$  if for every point  $x \in X$  and for every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open set  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle$  exists an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -open  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$ ,  $x \in V$  such that  $I\mathcal{AB}cl V \subseteq U$  and  $I - ind(I\mathcal{AB}\partial V) \leq n - 1$ . Where  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial V$  is the intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  boundary of  $V$ .

(iii)  $I - ind(X) = n$  if (ii) is true for  $n$ , but false for  $n - 1$ .

(iv)  $I - ind(X) = \infty$  if for every  $n$ ,  $I - ind(X) \leq n$  is false.

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space. A subset  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  in  $X$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  neighborhood of  $x$  if there exists an intuitionistic open set  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq A$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $Y \subseteq X$  then  $I - ind(Y) \leq I - ind(X)$ .

**Proof.** By induction, it is true for  $I - ind(X) = -1$ . if  $I - ind(X) = n$ , for every point  $y \in X$  there is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  neighborhood  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$ , with an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open set  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle \subseteq V$  such that  $I - ind(\mathcal{AB}\partial V) \leq n - 1$ . Note that  $V_Y = Y \cap V$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  neighborhood in  $Y$  and  $U_Y$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open in  $Y$ . By induction, it is enough to show that  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial U_Y \subseteq I\mathcal{AB}\partial U$ . Because now  $I - ind(I\mathcal{AB}\partial U_Y) \leq n - 1$ , and therefore  $I - ind(Y) \leq n = I - ind(X)$  (By Definition 3.8). And indeed  $I\mathcal{AB}cl(U_y) \subseteq I\mathcal{AB}cl(U)$ ,  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial U_y = I\mathcal{AB}cl(U_y)/I\mathcal{AB}cl(U) \subseteq I\mathcal{AB}cl(U)/U = I\mathcal{AB}\partial U$ .

**Definition 3.10.** An intuitionistic partition  $L$  on between  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  exists, if there are intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open sets  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle$ ,  $W = \langle x, W^1, W^2 \rangle$ ,  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq W$  such that  $W \cap U = \phi_{\sim}$  and  $L = \overline{U} \cap \overline{W}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.**  $I - ind(X) \leq n \iff$  for every point  $x$  and every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed set  $B$  there is an intuitionistic partition  $L$ , such that  $I - ind(L) \leq n - 1$ .

**Proof.** If  $x \in X$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed, then there is an intuitionistic set  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$  such that  $I\mathcal{AB}cl(V) \cap B = \phi_{\sim}$ . By definition of  $I - ind$ , there is a  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle \subseteq V, x \in U$ ,  $I - ind(\mathcal{AB}\partial V) \leq n - 1$ . now, let  $W = I\mathcal{AB}cl(U)$  and  $L = I\mathcal{AB}\partial V$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  neighbourhood of  $x$ . An intuitionistic set  $B = I\mathcal{AB}cl(V)$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed, and therefore there are  $U = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$ ,  $W = \langle x, W^1, W^2 \rangle$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $B \subseteq W$ . Note that by definition of  $B$ ,  $U \subseteq V$ . Now  $\overline{W}$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed, therefore  $I\mathcal{AB}cl(U) \subseteq \overline{W}$ , and obviously  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial U \subseteq I\mathcal{AB}cl(U) \subseteq \overline{W}$  and by definition  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial U = I\mathcal{AB}cl(U)/U = I\mathcal{AB}cl(U)/U \subseteq \overline{U}$ . Therefore  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial U \subseteq \overline{U} \cap \overline{W} = L$ .  $I - ind(U) \leq n - 1$ .

**Proposition 3.3. (an intuitionistic separation theorem)** For every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of an intuitionistic separable metric space  $X$ ,  $I - ind(X) \leq n$ , there is an intuitionistic partition  $L$ , such that  $I - ind(L) \leq n - 1$ .

**Proof.** We can decompose  $X$  into two intuitionistic spaces  $Y$ ,  $I - ind(Y) \leq n - 1$ ;  $Z$ ,  $I - ind(Z) = 0$ . There is an intuitionistic partition  $L$  between an intuitionistic sets  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  and  $L \cap Z = \phi_{\sim} \Rightarrow L \subseteq U$  and  $I - ind(L) \leq n - 1$  as an intuitionistic subspace of  $Y$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $X$  be an intuitionistic separable metric spaces,  $I - ind(X) \leq n \iff$  Then for every sequence of  $(A_1, B_1) \cdots (A_{n+1}, B_{n+1})$  of an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed disjoint sets. An intuitionistic partitions  $L_1 \cdots L_{n+1}$  exists, such that they have an empty intersection.

**Proof.**

Let us take  $A_1 = \langle x, A_1^1, A_1^2 \rangle, B_1 = \langle x, B_1^1, B_1^2 \rangle$  by the separation theorem, we can find an intuitionistic partition  $L_1$ ,  $I - ind(L_1) \leq n - 1$ . Let us take  $A_2 = \langle x, A_2^1, A_2^2 \rangle, B_2 = \langle x, B_2^1, B_2^2 \rangle$  and  $M = L_1$ . we can find an intuitionistic partition  $L_2$  such that  $I - ind(M \cap L_2) \leq n - 2$ .

Let us take  $A_i = \langle x, A_i^1, A_i^2 \rangle, B_i = \langle x, B_i^1, B_i^2 \rangle$  and let  $M = L_1 \cap L_2 \cap \cdots \cap L_{i-1}$ . we can find an intuitionistic partition  $L_i$  such that  $I - ind(M \cap L_i) = n - i$ . When we go to do  $A_{n+1} = \langle x, A_{n+1}^1, A_{n+1}^2 \rangle, B_{n+1} = \langle x, B_{n+1}^1, B_{n+1}^2 \rangle$ , we have  $I - ind(L_1 \cap L_2 \cap \cdots \cap L_{n+1}) \leq -1 \iff L_1 \cap L_2 \cap \cdots \cap L_{n+1} = \phi_{\sim}$ .

## §4. Intuitionistic large inductive dimension

**Definition 4.1.** The intuitionistic large inductive dimension of intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space  $X$  is notated  $I - \text{Ind}(X)$ , and is defined as follows:

- (i) We say that the intuitionistic dimension of a space  $X$ ,  $I - \text{Ind}(X)$  is -1 if  $X = \phi_\sim$ .
- (ii)  $I - \text{Ind}(X) \leq n$  if for every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed set  $C = \langle x, C^1, C^2 \rangle \subseteq X$  and for every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open set  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle$  exists an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$ ,  $C \subseteq V$  such that  $I\mathcal{AB}cl(V) \subseteq U$  and  $I - \text{Ind}(\mathcal{AB}\partial V) \leq n - 1$ . Where  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial V$  is the intuitionistic boundary of  $V$ .
- (iii)  $I - \text{Ind}(X) = n$  if (ii) is true for  $n$ , but false for  $n-1$ .
- (iv)  $I - \text{Ind}(X) = \infty$  if for every  $n$ ,  $I - \text{Ind}(X) \leq n$  is false.

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic topological space. A subset  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  in  $X$  is said to be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  neighborhood of  $x$  if there exists an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open set  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $(X, T)$  is an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space if, given any intuitionistic disjoint  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed sets  $E = \langle x, E^1, E^2 \rangle$  and  $F = \langle x, F^1, F^2 \rangle$ , there are an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  neighborhood  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle$  of  $E$  and an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  neighborhood  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$  of  $F$  that are also intuitionistic disjoint.

**Proposition 4.1.** An intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space  $X$  satisfies the inequality  $I - \text{Ind}(X) \leq n$  iff for every pair  $E, F$  of disjoint intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed subset of  $X$  exists a partition  $L$  between  $E$  and  $F$  such that  $I - \text{Ind}(X) \leq n - 1$ .

**Proof.** Proof is obvious.

**Proposition 4.2.** For every intuitionistic separable space  $X$  we have  $I - \text{ind}(X) = I - \text{Ind}(X)$ .

**Proof.** For every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space  $X$  we have  $I - \text{ind}(X) \leq I - \text{Ind}(X)$  by definition.

To show that  $I - \text{Ind}(X) \leq I - \text{ind}(X)$  we will use induction with respect to  $I - \text{ind}(X)$ , clearly one can suppose that  $I - \text{ind}(X) < \infty$ .

If  $I - \text{ind}(X) = -1 \Rightarrow I - \text{ind}(X) \leq I - \text{Ind}(X)$ . Assume that the inequality is proven for all intuitionistic separable metric space  $X$  of  $I - \text{ind}(X) < n$  and consider an intuitionistic separable metric space  $X$  such that  $I - \text{ind}(X) = n$ .

Let  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  be a pair of intuitionistic disjoint  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed subset of  $X$ , according to the first intuitionistic separation theorem there exists an intuitionistic partition  $L$  between  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $I - \text{ind}(L) \leq n - 1$ , by the inductive assumption for every  $k < n$ ,  $I - \text{Ind}(L) \leq n - 1$  and according to the previous Proposition 4.1  $I - \text{Ind}(X) \leq n$  and finally we get  $I - \text{Ind}(X) \leq I - \text{ind}(X) \Rightarrow I - \text{Ind}(X) = I - \text{ind}(X)$ .

## §5. Intuitionistic addition theorem

**Proposition 5.1.** Let  $X$  be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space and  $Y$  be an dense intuitionistic subset of  $X$ . Let also  $A, B$  be disjoint intuitionistic subset of  $X$ ;  $O_1, O_2$  are intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open subsets of  $X$  and  $A \subset O_1, B \subset O_2, I\mathcal{AB}cl_X O_1 \cap I\mathcal{AB}cl_X O_2 = \phi$ . Assume that  $C_Y$  be

an intuitionistic partition between the intuitionistic sets  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X O_1 \cap Y$  and  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X O_2 \cap Y$  in  $Y$ . Then there exists an intuitionistic partition  $C$  in the intuitionistic space  $X$  between  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $C \cap Y = C_Y$ .

**Proof.** Let  $U_1 = \langle x, U_1^1, U_1^2 \rangle$  and  $V_1 = \langle x, V_1^1, V_1^2 \rangle$  be any two disjoint intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$ -open subsets of  $Y$  such that  $Y \setminus C_Y = U_1 \cup V_1, I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X O_1 \cap Y \subset U_1$  and  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X O_2 \cap Y \subset V_1$ . Put  $Y_1 = U_1 \cup C_Y, Y_2 = V_1 \cup C_Y$  and  $X_i = I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X Y_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ . It is easy to see that

(i)  $Y_1 = \langle x, Y_1^1, Y_1^2 \rangle$  and  $Y_2 = \langle x, Y_2^1, Y_2^2 \rangle$  are intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$ -closed subset of  $Y$  and  $Y = Y_1 \cup Y_2, C_Y = Y_1 \cap Y_2$ .

(ii)  $X_1 = \langle x, X_1^1, X_1^2 \rangle$  and  $X_2 = \langle x, X_2^1, X_2^2 \rangle$  are intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$ -closed subset of  $X$  and  $X = I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X Y = I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X (Y_1 \cup Y_2) = I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X (Y_1) \cup I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X (Y_2) = X_1 \cup X_2$ .

(iii)  $X_i \cap Y = Y_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ .

Moreover, we have  $X_1 \cap B = \phi$  (because  $Y_1 \cap (I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X O_2 \cap Y) = \phi$ , so  $Y_1 \cap O_2 = \phi$ , and consequently,  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl_X Y_1 \cap O_2 = \phi$ ). Analogously, we get  $X_2 \cap A = \phi$ .

Put  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle = X \setminus X_2, V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle = X \setminus X_1$  and  $C = X_1 \cap X_2$ . Observe that  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$  open subsets of the intuitionistic space  $X$  and  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle \subset U, B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle \subset V$  and  $C = X \setminus (U \cup V)$ . In addition we have  $C \cap Y = (X_1 \cap Y) \cap (X_2 \cap Y) = Y_1 \cap Y_2 = C_Y$ .

**Remark 5.1.** Let  $X$  be an intuitionistic space,  $x$  be a point of  $X, B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$  closed subset of  $X$  and  $x \notin B$ . Put  $U = \langle x, U^1, U^2 \rangle = X \setminus B$ . In the intuitionistic space  $X$  let us consider intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$  open subsets  $O_1 = \langle x, O_1^1, O_1^2 \rangle, V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle, W = \langle x, W^1, W^2 \rangle$  such that  $x \in O_1 \subset I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_1) \subset V \subset I\mathcal{A}Bcl(V) \subset W \subset I\mathcal{A}Bcl(W) \subset U$ . put  $O_2 = \langle x, O^1, O^2 \rangle = X \setminus I\mathcal{A}Bcl(W)$ . It is evident that  $B \subset O_2$  and  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_1) \cap I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_2) = \phi$ . Let  $Y$  be an intuitionistic subset of  $X$ . In  $Y$  let us consider an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$  open subset  $P = \langle x, P^1, P^2 \rangle$  such that  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_1) \cap Y \subset P \subset V \cap Y$ . It is evident that  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl_{O_Y} P \subset I\mathcal{A}Bcl_{O_Y} (V \cap Y) \subset I\mathcal{A}Bcl_{O_Y} V \cap Y \subset W \cap Y \subset Y \setminus I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_2)$ . So the  $I\mathcal{A}B\partial_Y P$  is an intuitionistic partition between the sets  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_1) \cap Y, I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_2) \cap Y$  in  $Y$ . By  $trI - ind, trI - Ind$  we will denote the natural intuitionistic transfinite extension of  $I-ind, I - Ind$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $X$  be an intuitionistic space and  $Y$  be a dense intuitionistic subset of  $X$  with  $trI - Ind Y = \alpha, \alpha$  is an intuitionistic ordinal number  $\geq 0$ . Then for each point  $x \in X$  and every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$  closed set  $B \subset X$  such that  $x \notin B$  there exist an intuitionistic partition  $C$  in  $X$  between the intuitionistic point  $x$  and the intuitionistic set  $B$  such that  $trI - Ind(C \cap Y) < \alpha$ . In particular, if  $trI - Ind(Y) = 0$  then  $C \subset X \setminus Y$ .

**Proof.** Let us choose intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$  open subsets  $O_1 = \langle x, O_1^1, O_1^2 \rangle, O_2 = \langle x, O_2^1, O_2^2 \rangle$  and  $V = \langle x, V^1, V^2 \rangle$  of the intuitionistic space  $X$  as in Remark 5.1. In the intuitionistic space  $Y$  by our assumption there exists an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{A}B$  open subset  $P = \langle x, P^1, P^2 \rangle$  such that  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_1) \cap Y \subset P \subset V \cap Y$  and  $trI - Ind I\mathcal{A}B\partial_Y P < \alpha$ .

Moreover, the intuitionistic set  $I\mathcal{A}B\partial_Y P$  is an intuitionistic partition between the sets  $I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_1) \cap Y, I\mathcal{A}Bcl(O_2) \cap Y$  in  $Y$ . By Proposition 5.1 there is an intuitionistic partition  $C$  in  $X$  between the intuitionistic point  $x$  and the intuitionistic set  $B$  such that  $C \cap Y = I\mathcal{A}B\partial_Y P$ .

## §6. Intuitionistic product theorem

**Definition 6.1.** Let  $d$  be an intuitionistic dimension function which is monotone with respect to intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -closed subsets. Then the intuitionistic finite sum dimension function for  $d$  in an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space  $X$  (in intuitionistic dimension  $k \geq 0$  ( $IFSDF(d)$  in short)) (respectively ( $IFSDF(d, k)$ ), if  $d(A \cup B) = \max\{dA, dB\}$  for every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$ -closed in  $X$  intuitionistic sets  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  (such that  $dA, dB \leq k$ ). For any intuitionistic space  $X$ , let us define

$$IFSDF(d, X) = \begin{cases} \infty, & \text{if } IFSDF(d) \text{ hold in } X; \\ \min\{k \geq 0 : IFSDF(d, k) \text{ does not hold in } X\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is evident that either  $0 \leq (IFSDF(d, k) \leq dX - 1$  or  $(IFSDF(d, k) = \infty$ . Moreover, for every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed set  $A$  in  $X$  we have  $(IFSDF(d, A) \geq (IFSDF(d, X)$ , and if  $dA \leq (IFSDF(d, X)$  then  $(IFSDF(d)$  holds in  $A$ .

**Definition 6.2.** Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, T)$  be any two intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space,  $I - ind(X \times Y) \leq I - ind(X) + I - ind(Y)$  if  $IFSDF(ind)$  holds in the intuitionistic space  $X$ .

**Definition 6.3.** Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, T)$  be any two intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal spaces with  $I - indX = m \geq 0$  and  $I - indY = n \geq 0$  then

$$I - ind(X \times Y) = \begin{cases} m + n, & \text{if } m = 0 \text{ or } n = 0; \\ 2(m + n) - 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 6.4.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  normal space. Let  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$  be any two intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed subsets such that  $A \cup B = X$  then  $I - indX \leq \max\{I - indA, I - indB\} + 1$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be an intuitionistic space and  $A, B$  are intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  closed subsets of  $X, Y$ , respectively. Assume that  $I - indA \leq IFSDF(I - ind, X)$  and  $I - indB \leq IFSDF(I - ind, Y)$ . Then  $I - ind(A \times B) \leq I - indA + I - indB$ .

**Proof.** Observe that  $I - indA \leq IFSDF(ind)$  holds in the subspaces  $A = \langle x, A^1, A^2 \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle x, B^1, B^2 \rangle$ . Hence by Definition 6.1,  $I - ind(A \times B) \leq I - indA + I - indB$ . Hence proved.

**Proposition 6.2.** Let  $X$  be an intuitionistic space and  $trI - indX = 0$ . Then  $trI - ind(X \times Y) = trI - indY$  for any intuitionistic space  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Proof is obvious.

**Proposition 6.3.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be any two intuitionistic spaces with  $I - indX \leq m \geq 0$  and  $I - indY \leq n \geq 0$ . Assume that  $IFSDF(I - ind, X), IFSDF(I - ind, Y) \geq k$  for some  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  or  $\infty$ . Then

$$I - ind(X \times Y) \leq \begin{cases} m + n, & \text{if } n = 0, m = 0, \text{ or } m, n \leq k; \\ 2(m + n) - k - 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Observe that the proposition is valid for  $k = 0$  (by Definition 6.2) and  $k = \infty$  (by Definition 6.2). Assume now that  $k$  is an integer  $\geq 1$ . Note that the proposition holds if either

$m, n \leq k$  (by proposition 6.2) or  $m = 0$ , or  $n = 0$  (by proposition 4.2). Let us prove the statement for the remained part of the set  $\{m, n \geq 0\}$ . Put  $s = m + n$ . It would be enough if we prove that  $I - ind(X \times Y) \leq 2s - k - 1$ , for  $s \geq k + 1$ . Apply induction. Observe that for  $s = k + 1$  the inequality evidently holds. Suppose that the inequality is valid for all  $s : k + 1 \leq s < r$ . Let now  $s = r$  and  $m, n \geq 1$  for each point  $p \in X \times Y$  and every intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open neighborhood  $W$  of  $p$  let us choose a rectangular intuitionistic  $\mathcal{AB}$  open neighborhood  $U \times V \subset W$  of this point such that  $I - ind\mathcal{AB}\partial U \leq m - 1$  and  $I - ind\mathcal{AB}\partial V \leq n - 1$ . Observe that  $I\mathcal{AB}\partial(U \times V) = (I\mathcal{AB}\partial U \times I\mathcal{AB}cl(V)) \cup (I\mathcal{AB}cl(U) \times I\mathcal{AB}\partial V)$ , and  $I - ind\mathcal{AB}\partial(U \times V) \leq \max\{I - ind(\mathcal{AB}\partial U \times I\mathcal{AB}cl(V)), I - ind(I\mathcal{AB}cl(U) \times I\mathcal{AB}\partial V)\} + 1$  (by Definition 6.3). Moreover, we have  $IFSDF(I - ind, I\mathcal{AB}\partial U), IFSDF(I - ind, \mathcal{AB}cl(U)), IFSDF(I - ind, I\mathcal{AB}\partial V), IFSDF(I - ind, \mathcal{AB}cl(V)) \geq k$ . By the proposition condition  $IFSDF(I - ind, X) \geq k$  and  $IFSDF(I - ind, Y) \geq k$ . This allow us to apply induction. By induction assumption,  $\max\{I - ind(\mathcal{AB}\partial U \times I\mathcal{AB}cl(V)), I - ind(I\mathcal{AB}cl(U) \times I\mathcal{AB}\partial V)\} \leq 2(r - 1) - 1 - k = 2r - 3 - k$ . So by (1) we get  $I - ind(\partial U \times V) \leq 2r - 3 - k + 1 = 2r - 2 - k$ . Hence the inequality  $I - ind(X \times Y) \leq 2r - 1 - k$  holds.

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# On $\mu$ - $b$ -connectedness and $\mu$ - $b$ -compactness

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**Abstract** In this paper, we introduce and study the notion of  $\mu$ - $b$ -separateness. Using this notion, the concept of  $\mu$ - $b$ -connectedness and  $\mu$ - $b$ -compactness are studied.

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

By a space  $(X, \mu)$ , we mean a generalized topological space (briefly *GTS*).

**Definition 1.1.**<sup>[5]</sup> If  $X \in \mu$  then  $(X, \mu)$  is called a strong generalized topological space.

**Definition 1.2.**<sup>[9]</sup> A subset  $A$  of a *GTS*  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -open if  $A \subseteq c_\mu(i_\mu(A)) \cup i_\mu(c_\mu(A))$ . The complement of  $\mu$ - $b$ -open set is  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed. The class of  $\mu$ - $b$ -open sets of a *GTS*  $(X, \mu)$  is denoted by  $b(\mu)$ .

**Definition 1.3.**<sup>[9]</sup> The  $\mu$ - $b$ -interior of a subset  $A$  of a *GTS*  $(X, \mu)$  denoted by  $i_b(A)$  is the union of all  $\mu$ - $b$ -open sets contained in  $A$ .

**Definition 1.4.**<sup>[9]</sup> The  $\mu$ - $b$ -closure of a subset  $A$  of a *GTS*  $(X, \mu)$  denoted by  $c_b(A)$  is the intersection of all  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed sets containing  $A$ .

**Definition 1.5.**<sup>[4]</sup> A function  $f : (X, \mu_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mu_Y)$  is  $(b, \mu_Y)$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -open in  $X$  for each  $\mu_Y$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.6.**<sup>[4]</sup> A function  $f : (X, \mu_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mu_Y)$  is  $(\mu_X, \mu_Y)$ - $b$ -closed in  $X$  if for each  $\mu_X$ -closed set  $U$  in  $X$ ,  $f(U)$  is  $\mu_Y$ - $b$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.7.** A *GTS*  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ -connected<sup>[8]</sup> ( $\gamma$ -connected<sup>[3]</sup>) if there are no non-empty disjoint sets  $U, V \in \mu$  such that  $U \cup V = X$ .

**Definition 1.8.**<sup>[1]</sup> Two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a *GTS*  $(X, \mu)$  are  $\mu$ -separated if and only if  $A \cap c_\mu(B) = \emptyset$  and  $B \cap c_\mu(A) = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 1.9.**<sup>[6]</sup> Let  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \exp(X)$  and  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a base for  $\mu$  if  $\{\cup A : A \subseteq \mathcal{B}\} = \mu$ .

**Definition 1.10.**<sup>[7]</sup> If  $(X, \mu)$  is a *GTS* and  $Y$  is a subset of  $X$  then the collection  $\mu|_Y = \{U \cap Y : U \in \mu\}$  is a *GT* on  $Y$  called the subspace generalized topology and  $(Y, \mu|_Y)$  is the subspace of  $X$ .

## §2. $\mu$ - $b$ -Separateness

**Definition 2.1.** Two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated if and only if  $A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$  and  $B \cap c_b(A) = \emptyset$ .

Obviously, every  $\mu$ -separated set is  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated but converse need not be true as shown in the following example.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{Q}\}$  where  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  denotes the set of all real numbers and rational numbers respectively. Consider  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q} \subseteq X$ . Then  $\mathbb{Q} \cap c_b(\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}) = c_b(\mathbb{Q}) \cap (\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$  but  $c_\mu(\mathbb{Q}) \cap (\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated but not  $\mu$ -separated.

**Theorem 2.1.** Every two  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets are always disjoint but not conversely.

**Proof.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets. Then  $A \cap B \subseteq A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\mu = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Consider the disjoint sets  $\{a\}, \{b\} \subseteq X$ . Then  $\{a\} \cap c_b(\{b\}) = \emptyset$  but  $c_b(\{a\}) \cap \{b\} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are not  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated. Hence disjoint sets are not  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non-empty sets in a  $GTS (X, \mu)$ . Then the following hold:

1. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated,  $A_1 \subseteq A$  and  $B_1 \subseteq B$  then  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are so.
2. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  such that each of  $A$  and  $B$  are both  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.
3. If each of  $A$  and  $B$  are both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and if  $H = A \cap (X - B)$  and  $G = B \cap (X - A)$  then  $H$  and  $G$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

**Proof.** 1. Since  $A_1 \subseteq A$ ,  $c_b(A_1) \subseteq c_b(A)$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated,  $c_b(A) \cap B = \emptyset$  implies  $c_b(A_1) \cap B = \emptyset$  which implies  $c_b(A_1) \cap B_1 = \emptyset$  as  $B_1 \subseteq B$ . Similarly  $c_b(B_1) \cap A_1 = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

2. Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed,  $A = c_b(A)$  and  $B = c_b(B)$ . Then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  implies  $c_b(A) \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $c_b(B) \cap A = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

3. Let  $A, B \in b(\mu)$ . Then  $X - A$  and  $X - B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed. Since  $H = A \cap (X - B)$ ,  $H \subseteq X - B$  which implies  $c_b(H) \subseteq c_b(X - B) = X - B$  and so  $c_b(H) \cap B = \emptyset$ . Since  $G \subseteq B$ ,  $c_b(H) \cap G = \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $c_b(G) \cap H = \emptyset$ . Hence  $H$  and  $G$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non-empty sets in a  $GTS (X, \mu)$ . Then the following hold:

1. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  such that each of  $A$  and  $B$  are both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.
2. If each of  $A$  and  $B$  are both  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed and if  $H = A \cap (X - B)$  and  $G = B \cap (X - A)$  then  $H$  and  $G$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

**Theorem 2.3.** Two disjoint sets  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated in a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  if and only if they are both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $A \cup B$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint and  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated and let  $E = A \cup B$ . Then  $c_b(A) = c_b(A) \cap E = c_b(A) \cap (A \cup B) = (c_b(A) \cap A) \cup (c_b(A) \cap B) = A \cup \emptyset = A$ . Thus  $c_b(A) = A$ . Similarly,  $c_b(B) = B$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $E$ . Since  $E = A \cup B$  and  $A, B$  are disjoint and  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated,  $A$  and  $B$  are complements of each other in  $E$ . Consequently,  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -open in  $E$ .

Conversely, assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint sets which are both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $E = A \cup B$ . Since  $A$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $E$ ,  $A = c_b(A) = c_b(A) \cap E = c_b(A) \cap (A \cup B) = (c_b(A) \cap A) \cup (c_b(A) \cap B) = A \cup (c_b(A) \cap B)$ . Thus  $A = A \cup (c_b(A) \cap B)$ . Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $(A \cap A) \cap B = \emptyset$  which implies  $(A \cap c_b(A)) \cap B = \emptyset$ . Thus  $A \cap (c_b(A) \cap B) = \emptyset$ . Since  $A = A \cup (c_b(A) \cap B)$  and  $A \cap (c_b(A) \cap B) = \emptyset$ ,  $c_b(A) \cap B = \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $c_b(B) \cap A = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

**Theorem 2.4.** The subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated if and only if there exist  $U, V \in b(\mu)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $A \cap V = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap U = \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets. Set  $V = X - c_b(A)$  and  $U = X - c_b(B)$ . Then  $U, V \in b(\mu)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $A \cap V = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap U = \emptyset$ .

Conversely, assume that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $A \cap V = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap U = \emptyset$ . Since  $U, V \in b(\mu)$ ,  $X - U$  and  $X - V$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed. Since  $A \cap V = \emptyset$ ,  $A \subseteq X - V$  which implies  $c_b(A) \subseteq c_b(X - V) = X - V \subseteq X - B$ . Thus  $B \cap c_b(A) = \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets.

### §3. $\mu$ - $b$ -connectedness

**Definition 3.1.** A subset  $S$  of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected if there exists no  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated subsets  $A$  and  $B$  and  $S = A \cup B$ . Otherwise  $S$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\mu = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $\{a, c\}$  is  $\mu$ -connected but not  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.1.** A  $GTS (X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected if and only if there exists a non-empty proper subset of  $X$  which is both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Since  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected, there exist  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets  $A$  and  $B$  and  $A \cup B = X$ . Since  $A \subseteq c_b(A)$  and  $c_b(A) \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A = X - B$ . Since  $B$  is non-empty and  $B \cup (X - B) = X$ ,  $B = X - A$  is a proper subset of  $X$ . Since  $A \cup B = X$  and  $B \subseteq c_b(B)$ ,  $X \subseteq A \cup c_b(B)$ . But  $A \cup c_b(B) \subseteq X$ . Thus  $A \cup c_b(B) = X$ . Since  $A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$  and  $B \cap c_b(A) = \emptyset$ ,  $A = X - c_b(B)$  and  $B = X - c_b(A)$ . Since  $c_b(A)$  and  $c_b(B)$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed,  $X - c_b(A)$  and  $X - c_b(B)$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -open. Thus  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -open. Since  $A = X - B$  and  $B = X - A$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed.

Conversely, assume that there exist non-empty proper subset of  $X$  which is both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $X$ . Let  $B = X - A$ . Then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \cup B = X$ . Since  $A$  is a proper subset of  $X$ ,  $B$  is non-empty. Since  $A$  is both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $X$ ,  $B$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $A = c_b(A)$  and  $B = c_b(B)$ . Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $c_b(A) \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $c_b(B) \cap A = \emptyset$ . Thus  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated. Hence  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected.

**Theorem 3.2.** A  $GTS (X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected if and only if any one of the following holds :

1.  $X$  is the union of two non-empty disjoint  $\mu$ - $b$ -open sets,
2.  $X$  is the union of two non-empty disjoint  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed sets.

**Proof.** Since  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected, by Theorem 3.1, there exist a non-empty proper subset of  $X$  which is both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in  $X$ . Also,  $A \cup (X - A) = X$ . Hence  $A$  and  $X - A$  satisfy the requirements of 1 and 2.

Conversely, assume  $A \cup B = X$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty  $\mu$ - $b$ -open sets. Then  $A = X - B$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed. Since  $B$  is non-empty,  $A$  is a proper subset of  $X$ . Thus  $A$  is a non-empty proper subset of  $X$  which is both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed. Hence by Theorem 3.1,  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected. Again, let  $X = C \cup D$  and  $C \cap D = \emptyset$  where  $C, D$  are non-empty  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed sets. Then  $C = X - D$  so that  $C$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -open. Since  $D$  is non-empty,  $C$  is a proper subset of  $X$  which is both  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed. Hence by Theorem 3.1,  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected.

**Theorem 3.3.** The real line  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be an interval. By method of contradiction, assume that  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected. Then by 2 of Theorem 3.2,  $\mathbb{R}$  is the union of two non-empty disjoint  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed sets  $A$  and  $B$ . Let  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $a \neq b$ . So either  $a < b$  or  $b < a$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $a < b$ . Since  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  is an interval,  $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R} = A \cup B$ . Let  $k = \sup \{[a, b] \cap A\}$ . Then  $a \leq k \leq b$  which implies  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $A$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed,  $k \in A$ . Therefore  $k \neq b$  which implies  $k < b$ . Therefore  $k + \epsilon \in B$  for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $k + \epsilon \leq b$ . Since  $B$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed,  $k \in B$ . Thus  $k \in A \cap B$  which implies  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $E$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected subset of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  such that  $E \subseteq A \cup B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets then  $E \subseteq A$  or  $E \subseteq B$ , that is  $E$  cannot intersect both  $A$  and  $B$ .

**Proof.** Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets,  $A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$  and  $B \cap c_b(A) = \emptyset$ . Since  $E \subseteq A \cup B$ ,  $E = E \cap (A \cup B) = (E \cap A) \cup (E \cap B)$ . Now, suppose that  $E \cap A \neq \emptyset$  and  $E \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $(E \cap A) \cap c_b(E \cap B) \subseteq (E \cap A) \cap (c_b(E) \cap c_b(B)) = (E \cap c_b(E)) \cap (A \cap c_b(B)) = \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $(E \cap B) \cap c_b(E \cap A) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $E \cap A$  and  $E \cap B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated. Thus  $E$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected, which is a contradiction. Hence atleast one of the sets  $E \cap A$  and  $E \cap B$  is empty. If  $E \cap A = \emptyset$  then  $E = E \cap B$  which implies that  $E \subseteq B$ . Similarly if  $E \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $E \subseteq A$ . Hence either  $E \subseteq A$  or  $E \subseteq B$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** If  $E$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected subset of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  such that  $E \subseteq A \cup B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint  $\mu$ - $b$ -open ( $\mu$ - $b$ -closed) subsets of  $X$  then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

**PROOF.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $\mu$ - $b$ -open with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \subseteq X - B$  implies  $c_b(A) \subseteq c_b(X - B) = X - B$  since  $X - B$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed. Thus  $B \cap c_b(A) = \emptyset$ . Similarly  $A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated.

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $E$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected subset of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  and  $C$  is any subset such that  $E \subseteq C \subseteq c_b(E)$  then  $C$  is also  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $C$  is not  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected. Then there exist  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $C = A \cup B$ . Since  $E \subseteq C$ ,  $E \subseteq A \cup B$ . Then by Theorem 3.4,  $E \subseteq A$  or  $E \subseteq B$ . Consider  $E \subseteq A$ . Then  $c_b(E) \subseteq c_b(A)$  which implies  $c_b(E) \cap B \subseteq c_b(A) \cap B = \emptyset$  since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated. Since  $C = A \cup B$ ,  $B \subseteq C$ . Then since  $C \subseteq c_b(E)$ ,  $B \subseteq C \subseteq c_b(E)$  which implies  $c_b(E) \cap B = B$ . Thus  $c_b(E) \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $c_b(E) \cap B = B$  implies  $B = \emptyset$ . Similarly considering  $E \subseteq B$ , we obtain  $A = \emptyset$  which contradicts  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty as  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated. Hence  $C$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $E$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected then  $c_b(E)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Proof.** By contradiction, assume that  $c_b(E)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected. Then there exist  $\mu$ - $b$ -

separated sets  $G$  and  $H$  in  $X$  such that  $c_b(E) = G \cup H$ . Since  $E = (G \cap E) \cup (H \cap E)$ ,  $G \cap E \subseteq G$  and  $H \cap E \subseteq H$ ,  $c_b(G \cap E) \cap (H \cap E) \subseteq c_b(G) \cap H = \emptyset$ . Thus  $c_b(G \cap E) \cap (H \cap E) = \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $c_b(H \cap E) \cap (G \cap E) = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $G \cap E$  and  $H \cap E$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated. Thus  $E$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected, which is a contradiction. Hence  $c_b(E)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.7.** If every two points of a subset  $E$  of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  are contained in some  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected subset of  $E$  then  $E$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected subset of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $E$  is not  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected. Then there exist non-empty subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap c_b(A) = \emptyset$  and  $E = A \cup B$ . Since  $A, B$  are non-empty, there exists a point  $a \in A$  and a point  $b \in B$ . By hypothesis,  $a$  and  $b$  must be contained in some  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected subset  $F$  of  $E$ . Since  $F \subseteq A \cup B$ , either  $F \subseteq A$  or  $F \subseteq B$  by Theorem 3.4. It follows that either  $a, b$  are both in  $A$  or both in  $B$ . Let  $a, b \in A$ . Then  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $E$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.8.** The union of any family of  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected sets having a non-empty intersection is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected set.

**Proof.** Let  $\{E_\alpha\}$  be any family of  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected sets in such a way that  $\bigcap \{E_\alpha\} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $E = \bigcup \{E_\alpha\}$ . Suppose  $E$  is not  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected. Then there exist  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $E = A \cup B$ . Since  $\bigcap \{E_\alpha\} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $x \in \bigcap \{E_\alpha\}$ . Then  $x$  belongs to each  $E_\alpha$  and so  $x \in E$ . Consequently,  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $x \in A$ . Then since  $x$  belongs to each of  $\{E_\alpha\}$ ,  $x \in E_\alpha \cap A$  and so  $E_\alpha \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for each  $\alpha$ . Since  $E = \bigcup \{E_\alpha\}$  and  $E_\alpha \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $E_\alpha \subseteq A$  for each  $\alpha$  which implies  $\bigcup E_\alpha \subseteq A$  and so  $E \subseteq A$ . Thus  $A \cup B \subseteq A$ . But  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ . Hence  $A = E$  which implies  $B = \emptyset$  which is a contradiction, since  $A$  and  $B$  being  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated are non-empty. Thus  $E$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.9.** The union of any family of  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected subsets of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  with the property that one of the members of the family intersects every other member is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected set.

**Proof.** Let  $\{E_\alpha\}$  be any family of  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected sets of a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  with the property that one of the member say  $E_{\alpha_0}$  intersects every other member. That is,  $E_{\alpha_0} \cap E_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\alpha$ . Then by Theorem 3.8,  $E_{\alpha_0} \cup E_\alpha$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected. Now let  $E_{\alpha_p}$  and  $E_{\alpha_q}$  be any two members of the family so that  $E_{\alpha_0} \cap E_{\alpha_p} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $E_{\alpha_0} \cap E_{\alpha_q} \neq \emptyset$  and  $(E_{\alpha_0} \cup E_{\alpha_p}) \cap (E_{\alpha_0} \cup E_{\alpha_q}) = E_{\alpha_0} \cup (E_{\alpha_p} \cap E_{\alpha_q}) \neq \emptyset$ . That is,  $E_{\alpha_0} \cup E_\alpha \neq \emptyset$  for each  $\alpha$ . Then by Theorem 3.8,  $\bigcup (E_{\alpha_0} \cup E_\alpha)$  for each  $\alpha$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected. Hence  $\bigcup E_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.10.** If  $A \subseteq B \cup C$  such that  $A$  is a non-empty  $\mu$ - $b$ -connected set in a  $GTS (X, \mu)$  and  $B, C$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated then only one of the following holds:

1.  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ ,
2.  $A \subseteq C$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** If  $A \cap C = \emptyset$  then  $A \subseteq B$ . Also if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $A \subseteq C$ . Since  $A \subseteq B \cup C$ , both  $A \cap C = \emptyset$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  cannot hold simultaneously. Similarly, suppose that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $A \cap B \subseteq B$  and  $A \cap C \subseteq C$ . Then by 1 of Theorem 2.2,  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cap C$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -separated such that  $A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . Thus  $A$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -disconnected, which is a contradiction. Hence  $A \cap C = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $f : (X, \mu_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mu_Y)$  be a  $(b, \mu_Y)$ -continuous function. If  $K$  is  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -connected in  $X$  then  $f(K)$  is  $\mu_Y$ -connected in  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f(K)$  is  $\mu_Y$ -disconnected in  $Y$ . Then there exist  $\mu_Y$ -separated sets  $G$  and  $H$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(K) = G \cup H$ . Set  $A = K \cap f^{-1}(G)$  and  $B = K \cap f^{-1}(H)$ . Since  $f(K) = G \cup H$ ,  $K \cap f^{-1}(G) \neq \emptyset$  which implies  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $B \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $G$  and  $H$  are  $\mu$ -separated,  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ . Now,  $A \cap B = (K \cap f^{-1}(G)) \cap (K \cap f^{-1}(H)) = K \cap (f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H)) = K \cap (f^{-1}(G \cap H)) = \emptyset$  and so  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Now,  $A \cap c_b(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(G) \cap c_b(f^{-1}(H))$ . Since  $f$  is  $(b, \mu_Y)$ -continuous,  $A \cap c_b(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(c_{\mu_Y}(H)) \subseteq f^{-1}(G \cap c_{\mu_Y}(H)) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $A \cap c_b(B) = \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $B \cap c_b(A) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -separated in  $X$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $f(K)$  is  $\mu_Y$ -connected in  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.2.** For a  $(b, \mu_Y)$ -continuous function  $f : (X, \mu_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mu_Y)$ , if  $K$  is  $\mu_X$ -disconnected in  $X$  then  $f(K)$  is  $\mu_Y$ - $b$ -disconnected in  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** For a bijective  $(\mu_X, \mu_Y)$ - $b$ -closed function  $f : (X, \mu_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mu_Y)$ , if  $K$  is  $\mu_Y$ - $b$ -connected in  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\mu_X$ -connected in  $X$ .

## §4. $\mu$ - $b$ -Compactness

**Definition 4.1.** A collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of a strong  $GTS$   $(X, \mu)$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -cover of  $X$  if the union of the elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  is equal to  $X$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A  $\mu$ - $b$ -subcover of a  $\mu$ - $b$ -cover  $\mathcal{F}$  is a subcollection  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  which itself is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -cover.

**Definition 4.3.** A  $\mu$ - $b$ -cover  $\mathcal{F}$  of a strong  $GTS$   $(X, \mu)$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover if the elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  are  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subsets of  $X$ .

**Definition 4.4.** A strong  $GTS$   $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact if and only if each  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover.

**Theorem 4.1.** If  $(X, \mu)$  is a finite strong  $GTS$  then  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Proof.** Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $X$ . Then each element in  $X$  belongs to one of the members of  $\mathcal{F}$ , say  $x_1 \in G_1, x_2 \in G_2, \dots, x_n \in G_n$  where  $G_i \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus the collection  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n\}$  is a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover of  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.2.** If  $\mu = \{U \subseteq X : X - U \text{ is either finite or is all of } X\}$  in a strong  $GTS$   $(X, \mu)$  then  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $X$  and let  $G$  be an arbitrary member of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Since  $G \in \mu$ ,  $X - G$  is finite. Let  $X - G = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $X$ , each  $x_i$  belongs to one of the members of  $\mathcal{F}$ , say  $x_1 \in G_1, x_2 \in G_2, \dots, x_m \in G_m$  where  $G_i \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Thus the collection  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m\}$  is a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover of  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $X$  be any infinite set and  $\mu = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ -compact since the only  $\mu$ -open covering of  $X$  is  $\{X\}$  which consists of only one set and therefore finite. But  $(X, \mu)$  is not  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact since every singletons are  $\mu$ - $b$ -open and singletons do not have finite subcover. Hence  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ -compact but not  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.3.** Every finite union of  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact sets is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be any two  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact subsets of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $U \cup V$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover of both  $U$  and  $V$ . So by hypothesis, there exists a finite

subcollections of  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mu$ - $b$ -open sets, say,  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n\}$  and  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m\}$  covering  $U$  and  $V$  respectively. Thus the collection  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n, V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m\}$  is a finite collection of  $\mu$ - $b$ -open sets covering  $U \cup V$ . Hence by induction, every finite union of  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact sets is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a strong  $GTS$ . Then every  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed subset of a  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact space  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be  $\mu$ - $b$ -closed in the  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact space  $(X, \mu)$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $F$ . Then the collection  $\mathcal{G} = (X - F) \cup \mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact, the collection  $\mathcal{G}$  has a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover. If this finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover contains the set  $X - F$  then discard it. Otherwise leaving the finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover alone, the resulting collection is a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -subcover of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** In a strong  $GTS$   $(X, \mu)$ , the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  is not  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Proof.** Let  $C = \{(-n, n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then each member of  $C$  is clearly  $\mu$ - $b$ -open interval and therefore a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open set. Also if  $x$  is any real number, we may choose a positive integer  $n_\infty > |x|$ . Then clearly,  $x \in (-n_\infty, n_\infty) \in C$ . Thus each point of  $\mathbb{R}$  is contained in some member of  $C$  and therefore  $C$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now consider a family  $C^*$  of finite number of sets in  $C$ , say,  $C^* = \{(-n_1, n_1), (-n_2, n_2), \dots, (-n_k, n_k)\}$  and if  $n^* = \max\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}$  then  $n^* \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^k (-n_i, n_i)$ . Thus it follows that no finite subfamily of  $C$  covers  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $(\mathbb{R}, \mu)$  is not  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.6.** If  $f : (X, \mu_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mu_Y)$  is a surjective  $(b, \mu_Y)$ -continuous function and  $X$  is  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -compact then  $f(X)$  is  $\mu_Y$ - $b$ -compact.

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is any  $\mu_Y$ - $b$ -open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(b, \mu_Y)$ -continuous function,  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{F})$  is  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -open in  $X$ . Then the collection  $\{f^{-1}(G) : G \in \mathcal{F}\}$  forms a  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -compact, there exists a finite  $\mu_X$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$ , say  $\{f^{-1}(G_1), f^{-1}(G_2), \dots, f^{-1}(G_n)\}$  where  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n \in \mathcal{F}$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, the collection  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n\}$  is a  $\mu_Y$ - $b$ -open subcover of  $Y$ . Hence  $f(X)$  is  $\mu_Y$ - $b$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.7.** A strong  $GTS$   $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact if and only if there exists a base  $\mathcal{B}$  for it such that every  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$  by members of  $\mathcal{B}$  has a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover.

**Proof.** Since  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact, every  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover and hence there exists a base  $\mathcal{B}$  for it such that every  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$  by members of  $\mathcal{B}$  has a finite  $\mu$ - $b$ -open subcover.

Conversely, assume that  $\mathcal{F} = \{G_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be any  $\mu$ - $b$ -open cover of  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be any  $\mu$ - $b$ -open base for  $X$ . Then each  $G_i$  is the union of some members of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus the collection of members of  $\mathcal{B}$  has a finite subcover, say  $\{B_{\alpha_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . For each  $B_{\alpha_i}$ , we can select a  $G_{\lambda_i}$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $B_{\alpha_i} \subseteq G_{\lambda_i}$ . Thus  $\{G_{\lambda_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a  $\mu$ - $b$ -subcover of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.8.** If  $(X, \mu)$  is a strong  $GTS$  and  $(Y, \mu|_Y)$  is a subspace of the strong  $GTS$   $(X, \mu)$  then  $(Y, \mu|_Y)$  is  $\mu|_Y$ - $b$ -compact if and only if every  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $Y$  contains a finite subcollection covering  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $(Y, \mu|_Y)$  is  $\mu|_Y$ - $b$ -compact. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $Y$ . Then the collection  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_\alpha \cap Y : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a  $\mu|_Y$ - $b$ -covering of  $Y$ . Since  $(Y, \mu|_Y)$  is  $\mu|_Y$ - $b$ -compact, a finite subcollection  $\{G_{\alpha_1} \cap Y, G_{\alpha_2} \cap Y, \dots, G_{\alpha_n} \cap Y\}$  covers  $Y$ .

Then  $\{G_{\alpha_1}, G_{\alpha_2}, \dots, G_{\alpha_n}\}$  is a finite collection of  $\mu$ - $b$ -open sets that covers  $Y$ .

Conversely, assume that every  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $Y$  contains a finite subcollection covering  $Y$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a  $\mu|_Y$ - $b$ -open covering of  $Y$ . Then  $G_\alpha = F_\alpha \cap Y$  for each  $\alpha$  and  $F_\alpha \in \mu$ . Then the collection  $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is  $\mu$ - $b$ -open covering of  $Y$ . So by hypothesis, a finite subcollection  $\{F_{\alpha_1}, F_{\alpha_2}, \dots, F_{\alpha_n}\}$  covers  $Y$ . Then the collection  $\{F_{\alpha_1} \cap Y, F_{\alpha_2} \cap Y, \dots, F_{\alpha_n} \cap Y\}$  is a finite subcollection that covers  $Y$ . That is,  $\{G_{\alpha_1}, G_{\alpha_2}, \dots, G_{\alpha_n}\}$  is a finite subcollection of  $\mu|_Y$ - $b$ -open sets that covers  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\mu|_Y$ - $b$ -compact.

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# An improved particle swarm optimization algorithm based on domination theory for multi-objective optimization

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**Abstract** As the need for engineering design optimization techniques has become widely used, the need for multi-objective optimization also becomes more pertinent, because it allows a Pareto optimal solution to be determined. The objective of this paper is to identify a need for faster and more precise algorithms within the multi-objective optimization community for engineering applications. This paper proposes a new algorithm by combining past research and using domination theory. The newly proposed algorithm has demonstrated to be very successful at combining multi-objective optimization theory with particle swarm theory to develop a single algorithm that is capable of determining a good representation of a Pareto Front.

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## §1. Introduction

Derivative-optimization methods typically use high computational cost derivatives, for example in the simulation. In addition, they are also widely used when the mathematical model of the design space is not reliable. A non-reliable design space lead to a discontinuous and/or noise, so derivatives are as reliable as possible. Many different methods have been developed derivative-free, such as direct method <sup>[1]</sup> of the genetic algorithm, simulated annealing <sup>[2]</sup> and particle swarm and other. The particle swarm optimization algorithm is fast becoming an important derivative-free optimization algorithm in engineering design optimization modeling, because it can provide reliable solutions or box constraints and easy calculation model of constraints. Engineering design optimization has been used in the automotive, aerospace and medical industry. Use of the optimization in the auto industry, reduce resistance and the minimum weight <sup>[3]</sup>.

## §2. Particle swarm theory

Particle Swarm Optimization (*PSO*) is an evolutionary algorithm developed by R. Eberhart and J. Kennedy in 1995 [2]. Many variations of the Particle Swarm have been proposed since then, but they all tend to have the same formulation. The varied algorithms consist of the difference between a particle's personal best location and current location, in addition to the difference between the global or neighborhood best and a particle's current location.

The *PSO* algorithm is widely sought for a variety of engineering problems, because of its reliability and simplicity to implement [4]. The *PSO* algorithm is reliable, because it performs a thorough search of the design space and the communication between the particles allows the particles to converge upon an optimal solution, which tends to be a robust. However, there is no proof demonstrating that it will always locate the global optimal solution. The simplicity lies in the lack of parameters to initialize and manipulate at each iteration of algorithm. There are two main parameters, position  $x_{id}$ , and velocity  $v_{id}$ . The  $x_{id}$  parameter gives the current position of the particle, and then the particles are “flown” through the problem space at velocity  $v_{id}$ , for one time increment per iteration.

The following general *PSO* algorithm, consisting of two equations, effectively demonstrates the simplicity of the optimization technique [5]:

$$v_{id} = wv_{id} + c_1\text{rand}()(p_{id} - x_{id}) + c_2\text{Rand}()(p_{gd} - x_{id}) \quad (1)$$

$$x_{id} = x_{id} + v_{id} \quad (2)$$

Equations (1) and (2) describe the updating behavior of the *PSO* algorithm. If there are  $n$  variables in  $x_{id}$ , then  $x_{id}$  is a  $n \times 1$  vector, and as a result there are  $n$  elements in  $v_{id}$ , which is also a  $n \times 1$  vector. The *PSO* algorithm requires that the particles remember their personal best  $P_{id}$ , as well as the local best  $P_{id}$ , or “global” best  $P_{gd}$ . The local best may also be referred to as the neighborhood best. A particle's personal best is the best position determined thus far by each individual particle. The swarm best is the best position determined thus far by the overall swarm.

The *PSO* algorithm uses a randomized population. In Equation (1),  $\text{rand}()$  denotes a randomized number for multiplication by a particle's personal performance, whereas  $\text{Rand}()$  denotes a randomized number for multiplication by the performance of the best in the local or global swarm. The current position and personal best values change with each variable, for each particle and each iteration. For example, if the design space was of 5 variables, then the vector for the position of each individual particle would consist of 5 elements. Each element in the vector would denote a control variable having a boundary.

## §3. Multi-objective optimization

Multi-Objective Optimization (*MOO*) is the objective function of two or more of the optimization. We will mathematically define an *MOO* model as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{minimize } \vec{f}_i(x) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\
& \text{with } \vec{g}(x) = 0 \text{ and } \vec{h}(x) \leq 0, \\
& \text{where } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{f}(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ and } \vec{h}(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^p.
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The above definition for a *MOO* model has the objective functions defined as  $\vec{f}_i(x)$  where  $i$  is the number of the objective functions. The quality constraints are denoted as  $\vec{g}(x)$ , and the inequality constraints are denoted as  $\vec{h}(x)$ .

A *MOO* problem may have multiple solutions as we all know. In single objective optimization there is one true solution known as a global optimal, however there may be many local solutions. A *MOO* model has Pareto optimal solution, because there are two or more objective functions for the design space, thus causing a tradeoff between the objective functions, where solution  $\vec{x}$  is not dominated by  $\vec{x}'$  per the definition of the Global Optimality in the Pareto Sense. A vector  $\vec{x}$  is globally optimal in the Pareto Sense or is an optimal in the Pareto Sense, if there does not exist a vector  $\vec{x}'$ , such that  $\vec{x}'$  dominates vector  $\vec{x}$ .

Solutions in an objective space of two or more objectives are considered to be interesting if there exists a domination relationship multiple solutions. The domination relationship is defined as follows: a vector  $\vec{x}_1$ , dominates a vector  $\vec{x}_2$  if  $\vec{x}_1$  is at least as good as  $\vec{x}_2$  for all the objectives, and  $\vec{x}_1$  is strictly better than  $\vec{x}_2$  for at least one objective. If a solution is not dominated, then it is said to have a rank of 1. The trade-off surface or Pareto Front between two or more objectives can be determined by determining a number of solutions with rank 1 from the definition of solution domination. Therefore, all particles with a rank of 1,  $r_1$ , form a subset of all known solutions  $S$ , to be defined as  $r_1 \subseteq S$ . When the subset  $r_1$  is plotted in the design space, the plots form a trade-off curve also known as the Pareto Front.

The combination of combining a meta-heuristic algorithm, such as Particle Swarm, with *MOO* is in its infancy stages, primarily because Swarm Theory is still very young in the development. Combining *MOO* with the Genetic Algorithm, originally proposed by D. E. Goldberg in 1989 [6], is more developed because it was developed before the *PSO* algorithm. The Neighborhood Cultivation Genetic Algorithm (*NCGA*) is widely used for a variety of *MOO* problems. Goldberg denoted that the most important advantage of the genetic algorithms as an optimization method is the robustness against ill-natured property of the target problems. Particle Swarm Theory has been combined with multi-objective optimization in a variety of ways, and one standout algorithm is the Elitist Mutated Multi-Objective Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm (*EMMOPSO*) [7].

## §4. Multi-objective optimization

The proposed algorithm, Particle Swarm Interpretation of Pareto Front Algorithm (*PSI* of Pareto Front or  $\Psi$  of Pareto Front), is used to determine the Pareto Front with a single algorithm. The presented algorithm also develops upon the notion of Sub- and Super- swarms. A Sub-swarm, denoted by  $s_i$ , is the swarm for the analysis of each objective function. The Super-swarm, denoted by  $S$ , is developed by plotting the solution for each particle in each Sub-

swarm against each other, therefore developing a new graph, where the axis are the objectives. Being referred to as the Particle Swarm Interpretation (*PSI*) graph,  $\Psi$  graph. The positions of the particles in the Super-swarm are modified within the newly develop algorithm to determine the Pareto Front. The advantage of using Sub-swarms as opposed to the traditional all inclusive swarm is that the global best of the individual objectives can be exploited as opposed to trying to exploit those by using a scaling or penalty function as done traditionally. The bi-objective optimization model is to be defined as follows for the Sub-swarms.

$$P_{id} = \vec{x}_j \in s_i \text{ where } j = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } i = 1, 2, s_1 \cup s_2 = S. \quad (4)$$

The  $\Psi$  of Pareto Front algorithm defines the particle velocity equations as follows.

$$\Delta_i(x_j) = \left| \frac{F_i(\vec{f}g_i) - F_i(\vec{x}_j)}{F_i(\vec{f}g_i)} \right|, \quad (5)$$

$$v_{id} = wv_{id} + c_2(r(fg1_{gd} - x_{id}) + R(M_{gd} - x_{id})), \quad (6)$$

$$v_{id} = wv_{id} + c_2(r(fg2_{gd} - x_{id}) + R(M_{gd} - x_{id})). \quad (7)$$

There exist two velocity functions, because the particles use the closest determined global solution in each Sub-swarm. The closest solution is determined as a percentage to remove the scaling of the solutions as seen in equation 5, where  $\vec{x}_j$  denotes the position of the  $j^{th}$  particle and  $\Delta_i(\vec{x}_j)$  denotes the distance in the Super-swarm from particle  $\vec{x}_j$  to global solution per the  $i^{th}$  objective, which is denoted by  $\vec{F}_i$ . Again, we will let  $fgi$  denote the determined global solution of the  $i^{th}$  objective function. The initialization of the particle's positions is consistent for all objective functions. The Super-swarm separates into two subclasses by determining the closest rank 1 particle. The rank 1 particle with respect to objective function  $F_1$  is denoted by  $fg1_{gd}$ , whereas the rank 1 particle with respect to objective function  $F_2$  is denoted by  $fg2_{gd}$ . The Median Particle is denoted by  $M_{gd}$ , and is used in both velocity function calculations (6) and (7). The Median Particle is determined by the following algorithm.

**Algorithm 4.1.** Median Particle is chosen from the Super-swarm.

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RI = 1 Feasibility flag
for i = 1 : 2 Number of objectives do
  for j = 1 : pop Population of particles do
     $F_i = f_i(\vec{x}_j)$  Calculate objective, denoted by  $\vec{F}$ 
  end for
end for
for j = 1 : pop do
  r = 0
  if  $\vec{x}_j = \text{Feasible}$  then
    RI = 0
    for m = 1 : pop do
      if  $j! = m$  then
        if  $F(\vec{x}_j) < F(\vec{x}_m)$  Dominates then  $r = r + 1$  end if
      end if
    end for
  end if
end for

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    if m = pop then  $D_j = r$  end if
  end for
  if j = 1 then
     $\overrightarrow{MidF} = \overrightarrow{F}$  DomR =  $D_j$ 
  else if  $MidF_1 < F_1$  and  $MidF_2 < F_2$  then
     $\overrightarrow{MidF} = \overrightarrow{F}$  DomR =  $D_j$ 
  end if
end if
end for
if RI = 1 then
  Exit, Re-initialize particles
end if.

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The following algorithm is newly developed velocity function, as seen in equations (6) and (7). The position function remains consistent as in equation (2).

**Algorithm 4.2.** Algorithm for Trade-off Curve development by Super-swarm.

Require:  $fg_1$  denotes global best particle of objective  $f_1$ ,

Require:  $fg_2$  denotes global best particle of objective  $f_2$ ,

Require: MidPart by previous algorithm,

MidPart =  $M_{gd}$

for  $j = 1 : n$  do

calculate  $diff_i(x_j)$ , equation (5)

if  $diff_1(x_j) > diff_2(x_j)$  then

$v_{id} = wv_{id} + c_2(r(fg_{1gd} - x_{id}) + R(M_{gd} - x_{id}))$

else

$v_{id} = wv_{id} + c_2(r(fg_{2gd} - x_{id}) + R(M_{gd} - x_{id}))$

end if

$x_{id} = x_{id} + v_{id}$

end for.

The weight parameter  $w$ , as well as the social parameter  $c_2$ , are the same as they appear in the traditional Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm.

## §5. Test problem

To demonstrate the capability of this new algorithm we will examine a structural optimization problem, a plate girder or I-beam, where the cross-section and cost will be minimized. The problem will be subject to 2 constraints and 5 variables.

minimize  $F_1 : ht_w + 2bt_f(\text{Cross} - \text{Section})$ ,

minimize  $F_2 : |(\text{Initial Mass} - \text{Current Mass})|^2$ ,

Subject to  $D - D_\alpha < 0(\text{Deflection})$ ,

(8)

where  $1.0 \leq h \leq 2.5$ ,

$1.0 \leq h \leq 2.5$ ,

$.03 \leq t_f \leq .1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} .03 &\leq t_w \leq .1, \\ 22.0 &\leq L \leq 25.0. \end{aligned}$$

Other relevant equations:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= 210, \quad P_m = 104, \\ I &= \frac{1}{12}t_w h_3 + \frac{2}{3}bt_f + \frac{1}{2}bt_f h(h + 2t_f), \\ D_\alpha &= \frac{L}{800}, \\ D &= \frac{L_3}{384e6ET}(8P_m + WL), \\ W &= 19 + 77F_1. \end{aligned}$$

The above figures demonstrate the  $\psi$  of Pareto Front algorithm against the Neighborhood Cultivation Genetic Algorithm (*NCGA*). The *NCGA* is very popular for *MOO* problems, because of its reliability and capability in producing accurate Pareto Fronts. Comparisons were made at intervals of 200 and 300 function evaluations in figures 1 and 2 as well as Figures 3 and 4 respectively. Those figures which were developed with *NCGA* in insight by Simulia, being figures 1, 3 were unable to be scaled, because of the lack of capability in the software.

A Pareto Front that consists of more points is viewed as more reliable, because there is less speculation to the behavior of the design space among the points. A representation of a tradeoff surface or Pareto Front is satisfactory if the spread of points on the tradeoff surface is uniform [8]. The above results of the  $\psi$  of Pareto Front algorithm was determined with a population of 30, and  $c2 = .5$ . The weight inertia,  $w$  was initialized to .9 and then remained static for all iterations. The valued remained static simplify the algorithm, but it was just as easy as discussed in [9] which could have been linearly or exponentially decrease.

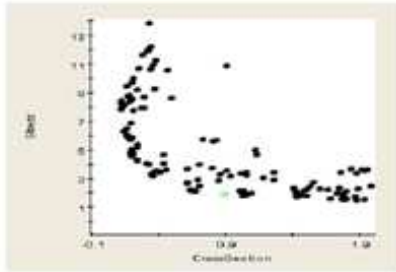


Fig. 1: Simulation Results with  
NCGA at 200 iterations

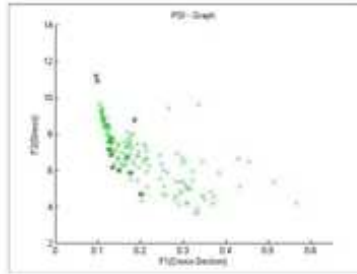


Fig. 2: Simulation Results with  
of Pareto Front at 200 iterations

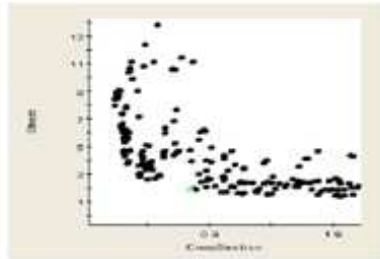


Fig. 3: Simulation Results with  
NCGA at 300 iterations

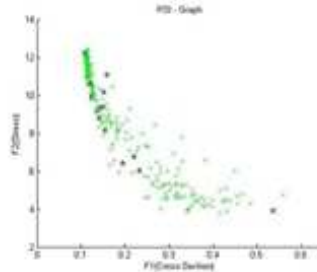


Fig. 4: Simulation Results with  
of Pareto Front at 300 iterations

## §6. Conclusion

The notion of combining different subsets of swarms is newly proposed and shows much promise for a variety of mathematical purposes, particularly multi-objective optimization. The *PSI* of Pareto Front or  $\Psi$  of Pareto Front algorithm is in the beginning stages, therefore there is much room for improvement and expansion of the algorithm. The efficiency of an algorithm is of concern for any algorithm, but the  $\Psi$  of Pareto Front algorithm has made a large leap forward in determining a Pareto Front with fewer simulations. However, future research could be done to improve upon the convergence speed in later iterations. The proposed algorithm has been verified for bi-objective optimization, but needs to be further enhanced for multi-objective optimization.

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# The minimal equitable dominating signed graphs

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**Abstract** In this paper, we define the minimal equitable dominating signed graph of a given signed graph and offer a structural characterization of minimal equitable dominating signed graphs. In the sequel, we also obtained switching equivalence characterization:  $\overline{\Sigma} \sim MED(\Sigma)$ , where  $\overline{\Sigma}$  are  $MED(\Sigma)$  are complementary signed graph and minimal equitable dominating signed graph of  $\Sigma$  respectively.

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

For standard terminology and notation in graph theory we refer Harary <sup>[6]</sup> and Zaslavsky <sup>[30]</sup> for signed graphs. Throughout the text, we consider finite, undirected graph with no loops or multiple edges.

Signed graphs, in which the edges of a graph are labelled positive or negative, have developed many applications and a flourishing literature (see [30]) since their first introduction by Harary in 1953 <sup>[7]</sup>. Their natural extension to multisigned graphs, in which each edge gets an  $n$ -tuple of signs—that is, the sign group is replaced by a direct product of sign groups—has received slight attention, but the further extension to gain graphs (also known as voltage graphs), which have edge labels from an arbitrary group such that reversing the edge orientation inverts the label, have been well studied <sup>[30]</sup>. Note that in a multisigned group every element is its own inverse, so the question of edge reversal does not arise with multisigned graphs.

A signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  is a graph  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  together with a function  $\sigma : E \rightarrow \{+, -\}$ , which associates each edge with the sign  $+$  or  $-$ . In such a signed graph, a subset  $A$  of  $E(\Gamma)$  is said to be positive if it contains an even number of negative edges, otherwise is said to be negative. A signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  is balanced <sup>[7]</sup> if in every cycle the product of the edge

signs is positive.  $\Sigma$  is antibalanced<sup>[8]</sup> if in every even (odd) cycle the product of the edge signs is positive (resp., negative); equivalently, the negated signed graph  $-\Sigma = (\Gamma, -\sigma)$  is balanced. A marking of  $\Sigma$  is a function  $\mu : V(\Gamma) \rightarrow \{+, -\}$ . Given a signed graph  $\Sigma$  one can easily define a marking  $\mu$  of  $\Sigma$  as follows: For any vertex  $v \in V(\Sigma)$ ,

$$\mu(v) = \prod_{uv \in E(\Sigma)} \sigma(uv),$$

the marking  $\mu$  of  $\Sigma$  is called canonical marking of  $\Sigma$ . In a signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$ , for any  $A \subseteq E(\Gamma)$  the sign  $\sigma(A)$  is the product of the signs on the edges of  $A$ .

The following are the fundamental results about balance, the second being a more advanced form of the first. Note that in a bipartition of a set,  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ , the disjoint subsets may be empty.

**Proposition 1.1.** A signed graph  $\Sigma$  is balanced if and only if either of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

- (i) Its vertex set has a bipartition  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  such that every positive edge joins vertices in  $V_1$  or in  $V_2$ , and every negative edge joins a vertex in  $V_1$  and a vertex in  $V_2$  (Harary<sup>[7]</sup>).
- (ii) There exists a marking  $\mu$  of its vertices such that each edge  $uv$  in  $\Gamma$  satisfies  $\sigma(uv) = \mu(u)\mu(v)$ . (Sampathkumar<sup>[13]</sup>).

Let  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  be a signed graph. Complement of  $\Sigma$  is a signed graph  $\bar{\Sigma} = (\bar{\Gamma}, \sigma')$ , where for any edge  $e = uv \in \bar{\Gamma}$ ,  $\sigma'(uv) = \mu(u)\mu(v)$ . Clearly,  $\bar{\Sigma}$  as defined here is a balanced signed graph due to Proposition 1.1. For more new notions on signed graphs refer the papers ([10, 11, 14, 15], [17-25]).

The idea of switching a signed graph was introduced in [1] in connection with structural analysis of social behavior and also its deeper mathematical aspects, significance and connections may be found in [30].

If  $\mu : V(\Gamma) \rightarrow \{+, -\}$  is switching function, then switching of the signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  by  $\mu$  means changing  $\sigma$  to  $\sigma^\mu$  defined by:

$$\sigma^\mu = \mu(u)\sigma(uv)\mu(v).$$

The signed graph obtained in this way is denoted by  $\Sigma^\mu$  and is called  $\mu$ -switched signed graph or just switched signed graph. Two signed graphs  $\Sigma_1 = (\Gamma_1, \sigma_1)$  and  $\Sigma_2 = (\Gamma_2, \sigma_2)$  are said to be isomorphic, written as  $\Sigma_1 \cong \Sigma_2$  if there exists a graph isomorphism  $f : \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_2$  (that is a bijection  $f : V(\Gamma_1) \rightarrow V(\Gamma_2)$  such that if  $uv$  is an edge in  $\Gamma_1$  then  $f(u)f(v)$  is an edge in  $\Gamma_2$ ) such that for any edge  $e \in E(\Gamma_1)$ ,  $\sigma(e) = \sigma'(f(e))$ . Further a signed graph  $\Sigma_1 = (\Gamma_1, \sigma_1)$  switches to a signed graph  $\Sigma_2 = (\Gamma_2, \sigma_2)$  (or that  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are switching equivalent) written  $\Sigma_1 \sim \Sigma_2$ , whenever there exists a marking  $\mu$  of  $\Sigma_1$  such that  $\Sigma_1^\mu \cong \Sigma_2$ . Note that  $\Sigma_1 \sim \Sigma_2$  implies that  $\Gamma_1 \cong \Gamma_2$ , since the definition of switching does not involve change of adjacencies in the underlying graphs of the respective signed graphs.

Two signed graphs  $\Sigma_1 = (\Gamma_1, \sigma_1)$  and  $\Sigma_2 = (\Gamma_2, \sigma_2)$  are said to be weakly isomorphic (see [26]) or cycle isomorphic (see [29]) if there exists an isomorphism  $\phi : \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_2$  such that the sign of every cycle  $Z$  in  $\Sigma_1$  equals to the sign of  $\phi(Z)$  in  $\Sigma_2$ . The following result is well known (see [29]):

**Proposition 1.2.**(T. Zaslavsky <sup>[29]</sup>) Two signed graphs  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  with the same underlying graph are switching equivalent if and only if they are cycle isomorphic.

In [16], the authors introduced the switching and cycle isomorphism for signed digraphs.

## §2. Minimal equitable dominating signed graphs

Mathematical study of domination in graphs began around 1960, there are some references to domination-related problems about 100 years prior. In 1862, de Jaenisch <sup>[4]</sup> attempted to determine the minimum number of queens required to cover an  $n \times n$  chess board. In 1892, W. W. Rouse Ball <sup>[12]</sup> reported three basic types of problems that chess players studied during that time.

The study of domination in graphs was further developed in the late 1950 and 1960, beginning with Berge <sup>[2]</sup> in 1958. Berge wrote a book on graph theory, in which he introduced the “coefficient of external stability”, which is now known as the domination number of a graph. Oystein Ore <sup>[9]</sup> introduced the terms “dominating set” and “domination number” in his book on graph theory which was published in 1962. The problems described above were studied in more detail around 1964 by brothers Yaglom and Yaglom <sup>[28]</sup>. Their studies resulted in solutions to some of these problems for rooks, knights, kings, and bishops. A decade later, Cockayne and Hedetniemi <sup>[3]</sup> published a survey paper, in which the notation  $\gamma(G)$  was first used for the domination number of a graph  $G$ . Since this paper was published, domination in graphs has been studied extensively and several additional research papers have been published on this topic.

A subset  $D$  of  $V(\Gamma)$  is called an equitable dominating set of a graph  $\Gamma$ , if for every  $v \in V - D$  there exists a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $uv \in E(\Gamma)$  and  $|d(u) - d(v)| \leq 1$ . The minimum cardinality of such a dominating set is denoted by  $\gamma_e$  and is called equitable domination number of  $\Gamma$ . An equitable dominating set  $D$  is minimal, if for any vertex  $u \in D$ ,  $D - \{u\}$  is not an equitable dominating set of  $\Gamma$ . A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called an equitable independent set, if for any  $u \in S$ ,  $v \notin N_e(u)$ , for all  $v \in S - u$ . If a vertex  $u \in V$  be such that  $|d(u) - d(v)| \geq 2$ , for all  $v \in N(u)$  then  $u$  is in equitable dominating set. Such vertices are called equitable isolates. An equitable dominating set  $D$  is minimal, if for any vertex  $u \in D$ ,  $D - \{u\}$  is not an equitable dominating set of  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a finite set and  $F = \{\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2, \dots, \mathcal{S}_n\}$  be a partition of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Then the intersection graph  $\Omega(F)$  of  $F$  is the graph whose vertices are the subsets in  $F$  and in which two vertices  $\mathcal{S}_i$  and  $\mathcal{S}_j$  are adjacent if and only if  $\mathcal{S}_i \cap \mathcal{S}_j \neq \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$ .

In [27], the authors introduced a new class of intersection graphs in the field of domination theory. The minimal equitable dominating graph  $MED(\Gamma)$  of a graph  $\Gamma$  is the intersection graph defined on the family of all minimal equitable dominating sets of vertices in  $\Gamma$ .

Motivated by the existing definition of complement of a signed graph, we extend the notion of minimal equitable dominating graphs to signed graphs as follows: The minimal equitable dominating signed graph  $MED(\Sigma)$  of a signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  is a signed graph whose underlying graph is  $MED(\Gamma)$  and sign of any edge  $PQ$  in  $MED(\Sigma)$  is  $\mu(P)\mu(Q)$ , where  $\mu$  is the canonical marking of  $\Sigma$ ,  $P$  and  $Q$  are any two minimal equitable dominating sets of

vertices in  $\Gamma$ . Further, a signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  is called minimal equitable dominating signed graph, if  $\Sigma \cong MED(\Sigma')$  for some signed graph  $\Sigma'$ . In the following section, we shall present a characterization of minimal equitable dominating signed graphs. The purpose of this paper is to initiate a study of this notion.

We now give a straightforward, yet interesting, property of minimal equitable dominating signed graphs.

**Proposition 2.1.** For any signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$ , its minimal equitable dominating signed graph  $MED(\Sigma)$  is balanced.

**Proof.** Since sign of any edge  $PQ$  in  $MED(\Sigma)$  is  $\mu(P)\mu(Q)$ , where  $\mu$  is the canonical marking of  $\Sigma$ , by Proposition 1.1,  $MED(\Sigma)$  is balanced.

For any positive integer  $k$ , the  $k^{th}$  iterated minimal equitable dominating signed graph  $MED(\Sigma)$  of  $\Sigma$  is defined as follows:

$$MED^0(\Sigma) = \Sigma, MED^k(\Sigma) = MED(MED^{k-1}(\Sigma)).$$

**Corollary 2.1.** For any signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  and any positive integer  $k$ ,  $MED^k(\Sigma)$  is balanced.

In [27], the authors characterized graphs for which  $MED(\Gamma) \cong \bar{\Gamma}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** (Sumathi & Soner [27]) For any graph  $\Gamma = (V, E)$ ,  $MED(\Gamma) \cong \bar{\Gamma}$  if and only if  $\Gamma$  is complete with  $p$  vertices.

We now characterize signed graphs whose common minimal equitable dominating signed graphs and complementary signed graphs are switching equivalent.

**Proposition 2.3.** For any signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$ ,  $\bar{\Sigma} \sim MED(\Sigma)$  if and only if  $\Gamma$  is  $K_p$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $\bar{\Sigma} \sim MED(\Sigma)$ . This implies,  $\bar{\Gamma} \cong MED(\Gamma)$  and hence by Proposition 2.2,  $\Gamma$  is  $iK_p$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\Gamma$  is  $K_p$ . Then  $\bar{\Gamma} \cong MED(\Gamma)$  by Proposition 5. Now, if  $\Sigma$  is a signed graph with underlying graph  $\Gamma$  is  $K_p$ , by the definition of complementary signed graph and Proposition 3,  $\bar{\Sigma}$  and  $MED(\Sigma)$  are balanced and hence, the result follows from Proposition 1.2.

**Proposition 2.4.** For any two signed graphs  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  with the same underlying graph, their minimal equitable dominating signed graphs are switching equivalent.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\Sigma_1 = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  and  $\Sigma_2 = (\Gamma', \sigma')$  be two signed graphs with  $\Gamma \cong \Gamma'$ . By Proposition 2.1,  $MED(\Sigma_1)$  and  $MED(\Sigma_2)$  are balanced and hence, the result follows from Proposition 1.2.

The notion of negation  $\eta(\Sigma)$  of a given signed graph  $S$  defined in [8] as follows:  $\eta(\Sigma)$  has the same underlying graph as that of  $\Sigma$  with the sign of each edge opposite to that given to it in  $\Sigma$ . However, this definition does not say anything about what to do with nonadjacent pairs of vertices in  $\Sigma$  while applying the unary operator  $\eta(\cdot)$  of taking the negation of  $\Sigma$ .

Proposition 2.3 provides easy solutions to other signed graph switching equivalence relations, which are given in the following results.

**Corollary 2.2.** For any signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$ ,  $\overline{\eta(\Sigma)} \sim MED(\Sigma)$  if and only if  $\Gamma$  is  $K_p$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** For any signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$ ,  $\bar{\Sigma} \sim MED(\eta(\Sigma))$  if and only if  $\Gamma$  is  $K_p$ .

**Corollary 2.4.** For any signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$ ,  $\overline{\eta(\Sigma)} \sim MED(\eta(\Sigma))$  if and only if  $\Gamma$  is  $K_p$ .

For a signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$ , the  $MED(\Sigma)$  is balanced (Proposition 2.1). We now examine, the conditions under which negation of  $MED(\Sigma)$  is balanced.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  be a signed graph. If  $MED(\Gamma)$  is bipartite then  $\eta(MED(\Sigma))$  is balanced.

**Proof.** Since, by Proposition 2.1,  $MED(\Sigma)$  is balanced, each cycle  $C$  in  $MED(\Sigma)$  contains even number of negative edges. Also, since  $MED(\Gamma)$  is bipartite, all cycles have even length; thus, the number of positive edges on any cycle  $C$  in  $MED(\Sigma)$  is also even. Hence  $\eta(MED(\Sigma))$  is balanced.

### §3. Characterization of minimal equitable dominating signed graphs

The following result characterize signed graphs which are minimal equitable dominating signed graphs.

**Proposition 3.1.** A signed graph  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  is a minimal equitable dominating signed graph if and only if  $\Sigma$  is balanced signed graph and its underlying graph  $\Gamma$  is a  $MED(\Gamma)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\Sigma$  is balanced and its underlying graph  $\Gamma$  is a minimal equitable dominating graph. Then there exists a graph  $\Gamma'$  such that  $MED(\Gamma') \cong \Gamma$ . Since  $\Sigma$  is balanced, by Proposition 1.1, there exists a marking  $\mu$  of  $\Gamma$  such that each edge  $uv$  in  $\Sigma$  satisfies  $\sigma(uv) = \mu(u)\mu(v)$ . Now consider the signed graph  $\Sigma' = (\Gamma', \sigma')$ , where for any edge  $e$  in  $\Gamma'$ ,  $\sigma'(e)$  is the marking of the corresponding vertex in  $\Gamma$ . Then clearly,  $MED(\Sigma') \cong \Sigma$ . Hence  $\Sigma$  is a minimal equitable dominating signed graph.

Conversely, suppose that  $\Sigma = (\Gamma, \sigma)$  is a minimal equitable dominating signed graph. Then there exists a signed graph  $\Sigma' = (\Gamma', \sigma')$  such that  $MED(\Sigma') \cong \Sigma$ . Hence by Proposition 2.1,  $\Sigma$  is balanced.

**Problem 3.1.** Characterize signed graphs for which  $\bar{\Sigma} \cong MED(\Sigma)$ .

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# Generalized reciprocal power sums

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**Abstract** Recently, Anthony Sofo had given integral forms of sums associated with harmonic numbers. Moreover, he proved an integral representation for a reciprocal power sum, and gave an identity for binomial coefficients. In this paper we use integral to establish a relationship with generalized reciprocal power sums, and obtain some identities for the derivative of the binomial coefficients.

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## §1. Introduction and preliminaries

coefficients play an important role in many subjects, such as number theory and graph theory. In fact, it is difficult to compute the value of combinatorial sums involving inverses of binomial coefficients. However, the idea of derivative operators of binomial coefficients has become a method to handle harmonic number identities which were presented by George E. Andrews <sup>[1]</sup>. Afterwards, Tiberiu Trif <sup>[2]</sup> gave some results about combinatorial sums and series involving inverses of binomial coefficients. In 2009, Anthony Sofo <sup>[3]</sup> given an integral integral representation for a reciprocal power sum and some beautiful results associated with harmonic numbers. In the meantime, he pointed out some identities for sums of derivatives about binomial coefficients. In addition, Anthony Sofo <sup>[4]</sup> proved an integral representation for a reciprocal power sum. We will use the idea of the consecutive derivative to improve these issues.

Some definitions are defined as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** The binomial coefficients are denoted by

$$\binom{n}{m} = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}, & n \geq m, \\ 0, & n < m. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.2.**

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty \omega^{z-1} e^{-\omega} d\omega, \text{ for } \operatorname{Re}(z) > 0,$$

and for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$

$$B(s, z) = B(z, s) = \int_0^1 \omega^{s-1} (1-\omega)^{z-1} d\omega = \frac{\Gamma(s)\Gamma(z)}{\Gamma(s+z)}.$$

Besides, the binomial coefficients need to satisfy

$$\binom{z}{\omega} = \frac{\Gamma(z+1)}{\Gamma(\omega+1)\Gamma(z-\omega-1)}.$$

Anthony Sofo <sup>[4]</sup> presented an identity for a reciprocal power sum given by Bhatnager, namely  $\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{\binom{n+z}{z}}$ , and studied the derivatives about the identity.

**Proposition 1.1.** Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  be a positive integer, and  $Q(n, z) = \binom{n+z}{z}$  be an analytic function of  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, \dots\}$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{qQ^{(q-1)}(n, z) + zQ^{(q)}(n, z)}{n} = -Q^{(q)}(p, z),$$

where

$$Q^{(q)}(n, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{d^q}{dz^q} \left( \binom{n+z}{z}^{-1} \right), & q > 1, \\ Q^{(0)}(n, z) = \binom{n+z}{z}^{-1}, & q = 0, \\ Q^{(0)}(n, 0) = 1, & z = 0 \text{ and } q = 0. \end{cases}$$

Our goal is to promote the reciprocal power sum,

$$\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{(n+t) \binom{n+z+t}{z}} \quad \text{where } t \geq 1,$$

by introducing derivative and integral, there are some simple Theorems.

**Theorem 1.1.** If  $z \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-$ ,  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F(n+t, z) = \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{Q(n+t, z)}{n+t}$  and  $f(z) = (z+1)(z+2) \cdots (z+t)$ , then

$$(zF(n+t, z) + Q(p+t, z))f(z) = t!.$$

Especially, when  $t = 0$ , differentiating finite powers with respect to  $z$  we have the result

$$\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{qQ^{(q-1)}(n, z) + zQ^{(q)}(n, z)}{n} = -Q^{(q)}(p, z), \quad \text{where } Q^{(q)}(n, z) = \frac{d^q}{dz^q} \left( \binom{n+z}{z}^{-1} \right).$$

**Proof .** It is not hard to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{\binom{n+z+t}{z}} &= \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{\Gamma(n+t)\Gamma(z+1)}{\Gamma(n+z+t+1)} = \sum_{n=1}^p B(n+t, z+1) \\
 &= \int_0^1 (1-x)^z \sum_{n=1}^p x^{n+t-1} dx = \int_0^1 (1-x)^{z-1} (x^t - x^{p+t}) dx \\
 &= \frac{t!}{z(z+1)\dots(z+t)} - \frac{(p+t)!}{z(z+1)\dots(z+p+t)} \\
 &= \frac{t!}{z(z+1)\dots(z+t)} - \frac{1}{z \binom{z+p+t}{p+t}}, \tag{1.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f(z) = (z+1)\dots(z+t)$  and multiple  $f(z)$  of both side for (2.1), we may get

$$t! - f(z)Q(p+t, z) = zf(z)F(n+t, z).$$

This completes the proof.

**Corollary 1.1.** Taking  $t = 1$  in Theorems 1.1, the following result can be proved

$$(z+1)Q(p+1, z) + z(z+1)F(n+1, z) = 1.$$

Differentiating  $q$  times with respect to  $z$  results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-qQ^{(q-1)}(p+1, z) - (z+1)Q^{(q)}(p+1, z) \\
 &= (q-1)qF^{(q-2)}(n+1, z) + q(2z+1)F^{(q-1)}(n+1, z) + z(z+1)F^{(q)}(n+1, z).
 \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, we can choose  $z = 0$  such as

$$\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{(q-1)qQ^{(q-2)}(n+1, 0) + qQ^{(q-1)}(n+1, 0)}{n+1} = -qQ^{(q-1)}(p+1, 0) - Q^{(q)}(p+1, 0).$$

**Corollary 1.2.** If taking  $z = 0$  and  $q = 3$  in Corollary 1.1, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{3(H_{n+1})^2 + 3H_{n+1}^{(2)} - 6H_{n+1}}{n+1} = -3H_{p+1}^{(2)} - 3(H_{p+1})^2 + 2H_{p+1}^{(3)} + 3H_{p+1}H_{p+1}^{(2)} + (H_{p+1})^3.$$

**Remark 1.1.** For  $1 < t$ , it is different to establish an identity about the derivative of finite powers in Theorem 1.1. However, a more interesting recurrence is the derivative of coefficient of Theorem 1.1, we shall consider this recurrence further in Section 3.

## §2. Definition and properties

**Definition 2.1.** If  $\alpha > 1$ , the series is called the generalized Harmonic numbers

$$H_n^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r^\alpha},$$

if  $\alpha = 1$ , we define  $H_n^{(1)}$ , the  $n$ -th Harmonic number as follows

$$H_n^{(1)} = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r}.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $z \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^- \cup \{0\}$ ,  $F_1(n, z) = \sum_{n=1}^p Q(n, z)$  and  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & (q-1)qF_1^{(q-2)}(n, z) + q(2z-1)F_1^{(q-1)}(n, z) + (z-1)zF_1^{(q)}(n, z) \\ &= -qQ^{(q-1)}(p, z-1) - zQ^{(q)}(p, z-1) - pqQ^{(q-1)}(p, z) - p(z-1)Q^{(q)}(p, z). \end{aligned}$$

The above equation is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^p (q-1)qQ^{(q-2)}(n, z) + q(2z-1)Q^{(q-1)}(n, z) + (z-1)zQ^{(q)}(n, z) \\ &= -qQ^{(q-1)}(p, z-1) - zQ^{(q)}(p, z-1) - pqQ^{(q-1)}(p, z) - p(z-1)Q^{(q)}(p, z). \end{aligned}$$

We consider some special cases for Theorem 1.2 and obtain some corollaries.

**Proof.** To complete the proof of theorems, we first proof the equation. For positive integer  $t, n$  and  $Q(n+t, z) = \binom{n+z+t}{z}^{-1}$  be an analytic function of  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1, -2, \dots\}$ , it is easy to show that

$$Q(n+t, z) = \binom{n+z+t}{t}^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma(z+1)\Gamma(n+t+1)}{\Gamma(n+t+z+1)} = \frac{\Gamma(n+t+1)}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+t}(z+i)},$$

taking logarithm and differentiating with respects to  $z$  we have the following results, namely

$$Q^{(1)}(n+t, z) = \begin{cases} -Q(n+t, z)P(n+t, z), & \text{where } P(n+t, z) = \sum_{r=1}^{n+t} \frac{1}{r+z}, \\ -H_{n+t}, & \text{for } z=0, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

if  $m \leq 2$ , we get

$$Q^{(s)}(n+p, z) = - \sum_{m=0}^{s-1} \binom{s-1}{m} Q^{(m)}(n+t, z) P^{(s-m-1)}(n+t, z), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $P^{(0)}(n+t, z) = \sum_{r=1}^{n+t} \frac{1}{r+z}$ , and for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$P^{(i)}(n+t, z) = \frac{d^i}{dz^i} \left( \sum_{r=1}^{n+t} \frac{1}{r+z} \right) = (-1)^i i! \sum_{r=1}^{n+t} \frac{1}{(r+z)^{i+1}}.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^p Q(n, z) &= \sum_{n=1}^p \binom{n+z}{z}^{-1} = \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{\Gamma(z+1)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+z+1)} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^p nB(n, z+1) = \int_0^1 (1-x)^z \sum_{n=1}^p nx^{n-1} dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 (1-x^p)(1-x)^{z-2} dx - p \int_0^1 x^p(1-x)^{z-1} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{z-1} - \frac{1}{z-1} Q(p, z-1) - \frac{p}{z} Q(p, z). \tag{2.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F_1(n, z) = \sum_{n=1}^p Q(n, z)$  and multiple  $(z-1)z$  of both side for (2.3), we can obtain

$$z - zQ(p, z-1) - (z-1)pQ(p, z) = (z-1)zF_1(n, z).$$

Differentiating with respects to  $z$  and combining (2.2) we get Theorem 1.2. Furthermore, combining (2.1) we can obtain the corollaries.

**Corollary 2.1.** Especially, for  $z = 1$ , we may get

$$\sum_{n=1}^p (q-1)qQ^{(q-2)}(n, 1) + qQ^{(q-1)}(n, 1) = -qQ^{(q-1)}(p, 0) - Q^{(q)}(p, 0) - pqQ^{(q-1)}(p, 1).$$

**Corollary 2.2.** If we put  $z = 1$  and  $q = 2$  in Theorem 1.2, we have

$$2 \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_n}{n} = (H_p)^2 + H_p^{(2)}.$$

**Corollary 2.3.** When  $z = 1$  and  $q = 3$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{3H_{n+1}^{(2)} - 12H_{n+1} + 3(H_{n+1})^2}{n} \\
 &= -6H_p - 3(H_p)^2 - 3H_p^{(2)} + 2H_p^{(3)} + 3H_pH_p^{(2)} + (H_p)^3 - 3H_{p+1}^{(2)} + 6H_{p+1} - 3(H_{p+1})^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

It is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=1}^p \left( \frac{3H_n^{(2)} - 6H_n + 3(H_n)^2}{n} - \frac{6H_n}{n+1} \right) \\
 &= -3(H_p)^2 - 3H_p^{(2)} + 2H_p^{(3)} + 3H_pH_p^{(2)} + (H_p)^3 - 3(H_{p+1})^2 \\
 &= 2H_p^{(3)} - 6(H_p)^2 + 3H_pH_p^{(2)} + (H_p)^3 - \frac{6H_p}{p+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have also extended the range of identities of finite sums with Harmonic numbers.

### §3. Properties

As an extension of Theorem 1.1, we shall be concerned the relationship between derivative times and coefficients in this section, it is interesting that the coefficient satisfies the Pascal's

triangle, which is able to explained by some examples. From Theorem 1.1 we get

$$(zF(n+t, z) + Q(p+t, z))f(z) = t!.$$

Differentiating  $q$  times with respect to  $z$  for the above identity.

(a)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & & & 1 & & 1 & & \\
 & & & & 1 & & 2 & & 1 \\
 & & & 1 & & 3 & & 3 & & 1 \\
 & & 1 & & 4 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1 \\
 & 1 & & 5 & & 10 & & 10 & & 5 & & 1 \\
 & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots \\
 1 & & q & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & q & & 1
 \end{array}$$

Suppose that (a) express the derivative of the coefficient of  $f(z)Q(p+t, z)$ , the derivative of  $f(z)Q(p+t, z)$  should be written left to right in ascending.

(b)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & & & 1 & & & & \\
 & & & & 2 & & 2 & & \\
 & & & 3 & & 2 \cdot 3 & & 3 & \\
 & & 4 & & 3 \cdot 4 & & 3 \cdot 4 & & 4 \\
 & 5 & & 4 \cdot 5 & & 30 & & 4 \cdot 5 & & 5 \\
 & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots \\
 q & & (q-1)q & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & (q-1)q
 \end{array}$$

Similarly, (c) satisfies the Pascal's triangle,

(c)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & & & 1 & & & & \\
 & & & & 2 & & 2 & & \\
 & & & 3 & & 2 \cdot 3 & & 3 & \\
 & & 4 & & 3 \cdot 4 & & 3 \cdot 4 & & 4 \\
 & 5 & & 4 \cdot 5 & & 30 & & 4 \cdot 5 & & 5 \\
 & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots \\
 q & & (q-1)q & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & (q-1)q
 \end{array}$$

where (b) and (c) are the derivatives of the coefficient of  $f(z)F(n+t, z)$  and  $zf(z)F(n+t, z)$  respectively. For convenience, let  $a(m, n)$  denote the  $m$ -th line and the  $n$ -th column of the above (a), and the method is also suitable for  $b(m, n)$  and  $c(m, n)$ . According to (a) and (b) we can observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad & a(u, v) = a(u-1, v-1) + a(u-1, v), \quad 1 < u, v < n; \\ (ii) \quad & b(u, v) = b(u-1, v-1) + b(u-1, v), \quad 1 < u, v < n; \\ (iii) \quad & c(u, 1) = c(u, u) = u, c(u, 2) = c(u, u-1) = (u-1) \cdot u, \quad 1 < u < n; \\ (iv) \quad & c(u, v) = (u-1, v-1) + c(u-1, v) + b(u, v), \quad 3 \leq u < n; \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.1.** For  $q = 4$ , we can deduce the following equation from the above conclusion

$$\begin{aligned} & -f^{(4)}(z)Q(p+t, z) - 4f^{(3)}(z)Q'(p+t, z) - 6f''(z)Q''(p+t, z) - 4f'(z)Q^{(3)}(p+t, z) \\ & -f(z)Q^{(4)}(p+t, z) = 4f^{(3)}(z)F(n+t, z) + 12f^{(2)}(z)F'(n+t, z) + 12f'(z)F''(n+t, z) \\ & + 4f(z)F^{(3)}(n+t, z) + zf(z)F^{(4)}(n+t, z) + 4zf'(z)F^{(3)}(n+t, z) + 6zf''(z)F''(n+t, z) \\ & + 4zf^{(3)}(z)F'(n+t, z) + f^{(4)}(z)F(n+t, z). \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.2.** When  $q = 5$ , the above triangular recurrence imply that

$$\begin{aligned} & -f^{(5)}(z)Q(p+t, z) - 5f^{(4)}(z)Q'(p+t, z) - 10f^{(3)}(z)Q''(p+t, z) - 10f''(z)Q^{(3)}(p+t, z) \\ & - 5f'(z)Q^{(4)}(p+t, z) - f(z)Q^{(5)}(p+t, z) = 5f^{(4)}(z)F(n+t, z) + 20f^{(3)}(z)F'(n+t, z) \\ & + 30f''(z)F''(n+t, z) + 20f'(z)F^{(3)}(n+t, z) + 5f(z)F^{(4)}(n+t, z) + zf(z)F^{(5)}(n+t, z) \\ & + 5zf'(z)F^{(4)}(n+t, z) + 10zf''(z)F^{(3)}(n+t, z) + 10zf^{(3)}(z)F''(n+t, z) \\ & + 5zf^{(4)}(z)F'(n+t, z) + f^{(5)}(z)F(n+t, z). \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that Anthony Sofo [?] and Corollary 1.1 satisfy the above recurrence, but it is difficult to establish an identity for Theorem 1.1 to differentiate  $q$  times with  $t > 2$ .

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# Compactness in topology of intuitionistic fuzzy rough sets

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**Abstract** In this paper compactness in topology of intuitionistic fuzzy rough sets are introduced. Also compactnesses in  $(P, \tau_1)$  and  $(P, \tau_2)$  and quasicompactness are studied and relation between them are established.

**Keywords** Fuzzy subsets, rough sets, intuitionistic fuzzy sets, intuitionistic fuzzy rough sets, fuzzy topology, open *IFRS*, closed *IFRS*, closure, *IFR* continuous, first topology, *IFR*<sub>1</sub> continuous, second topology, *IFR*<sub>2</sub> continuous, open cover, compact in  $(X, \tau)$ , compact in  $(P, \tau_1)$ , compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , quasicompact.

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## §1. Introduction

Lotfi Zadeh <sup>[23]</sup> first introduced the idea of fuzzy subsets. Then different variations/generalisations of fuzzy subsets were made by several authors. Pawlak <sup>[21]</sup> introduced the idea of rough sets. Nanda <sup>[20]</sup> and Çoker <sup>[7]</sup> gave the definition of fuzzy rough sets. Atanassov <sup>[2]</sup> introduced the idea of intuitionistic fuzzy sets. Combining the ideas of fuzzy rough sets and intuitionistic fuzzy sets T. K. Mandal and S. K. Samanta <sup>[17]</sup> introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy rough sets (briefly call *IFRS*). On the other hand fuzzy topology (we call it topology of fuzzy subsets) was first introduced by C. L. Chang <sup>[4]</sup>. Later many authors dealt with the idea of fuzzy topology of different kinds of fuzzy sets. M. K. Chakroborti and T. M. G. Ahsanullah <sup>[3]</sup> introduced the concept of fuzzy topology on fuzzy sets. T. K. Mondal and S. K. Samanta introduced the topology of interval valued fuzzy sets in [19] and the topology of interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets in [18]. In [11], we introduced the concept of topology of intuitionistic fuzzy rough sets and study its various properties. In defining topology on an *IFRS* from the parent space, we observed that two topologies are induced on the *IFRS* and accordingly two types of continuity are defined. In [13], we studied the connectedness in topology of intuitionistic fuzzy sets. In [12], we have defined Type-1 connectedness and Type-2 connectedness in topology of intuitionistic fuzzy rough sets and studied properties of two types of connectedness. In this paper we have defined compactness in topology of intuitionistic fuzzy rough sets, compactnesses in  $(P, \tau_1)$  and  $(P, \tau_2)$  and quasicompactness and studied properties of such compactnesses.

## §2. Preliminaries

Unless otherwise stated, we shall consider  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  to be a rough universe where  $V$  is a nonempty set and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a Boolean subalgebra of the Boolean algebra of all subsets of  $V$ . Also consider a rough set  $X = (X_L, X_U) \in \mathcal{B}^2$  with  $X_L \subset X_U$ . Moreover we assume that  $\mathcal{C}_X$  be the collection of all *IFRSs* in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1.**<sup>[20]</sup> A fuzzy rough set (briefly *FRS*) in  $X$  is an object of the form  $A = (A_L, A_U)$ , where  $A_L$  and  $A_U$  are characterized by a pair of maps  $A_L : X_L \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  and  $A_U : X_U \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  with  $A_L(x) \leq A_U(x), \forall x \in X_L$ , where  $(\mathcal{L}, \leq)$  is a fuzzy lattice (i.e., complete and completely distributive lattice whose least and greatest elements are denoted by 0 and 1 respectively with an involutive order reversing operation  $' : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ ).

**Definition 2.2.**<sup>[20]</sup> For any two fuzzy rough sets  $A = (A_L, A_U)$  and  $B = (B_L, B_U)$  in  $X$ ,

(i)  $A \subset B$  if  $A_L(x) \leq B_L(x), \forall x \in X_L$  and  $A_U(x) \leq B_U(x), \forall x \in X_U$ .

(ii)  $A = B$  if  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A$ . If  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be any family of fuzzy rough sets in  $X$ , where  $A_i = (A_{iL}, A_{iU})$ , then

(iii)  $E = \bigcup_i A_i$ , where  $E_L(x) = \vee A_{iL}(x), \forall x \in X_L$  and  $E_U(x) = \vee A_{iU}(x), \forall x \in X_U$ .

(iv)  $F = \bigcap_i A_i$ , where  $F_L(x) = \wedge A_{iL}(x), \forall x \in X_L$  and  $F_U(x) = \wedge A_{iU}(x), \forall x \in X_U$ .

**Definition 2.3.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $A$  and  $B$  are fuzzy sets in  $X_L$  and  $X_U$  respectively where  $X_L \subset X_U$ . Then the restriction of  $B$  on  $X_L$  and the extension of  $A$  on  $X_U$  (denoted by  $B_{>L}$  and  $A_{<U}$  respectively) are defined by  $B_{>L}(x) = B(x), \forall x \in X_L$  and

$$A_{<U}(x) = \begin{cases} A(x), & \forall x \in X_L, \\ \vee_{\xi \in X_L} \{A(\xi)\}, & \forall x \in X_U - X_L. \end{cases}$$

Complement of an *FRS*  $A = (A_L, A_U)$  in  $X$  are denoted by  $\bar{A} = ((\bar{A})_L, (\bar{A})_U)$  and is defined by  $(\bar{A})_L(x) = (A_{U>L})'(x), \forall x \in X_L$  and  $(\bar{A})_U(x) = (A_{L<U})'(x), \forall x \in X_U$ . For simplicity we write  $(\bar{A}_L, \bar{A}_U)$  instead of  $((\bar{A})_L, (\bar{A})_U)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $A, B, C, D$  and  $B_i, i \in J$  are *FRSs* in  $X$ , then

(i)  $A \subset B$  and  $C \subset D$  implies  $A \cup C \subset B \cup D$  and  $A \cap C \subset B \cap D$ ,

(ii)  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset C$  implies  $A \subset C$ ,

(iii)  $A \cap B \subset A, B \subset A \cup B$ ,

(iv)  $A \cup (\bigcap_i B_i) = \bigcap_i (A \cup B_i)$  and  $A \cap (\bigcup_i B_i) = \bigcup_i (A \cap B_i)$ ,

(v)  $A \subset B \Rightarrow \bar{A} \supset \bar{B}$ ,

(vi)  $\overline{\bigcup_i B_i} = \bigcap_i \bar{B}_i$  and  $\overline{\bigcap_i B_i} = \bigcup_i \bar{B}_i$ .

**Theorem 2.2.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $A$  be any *FRS* in  $X$ ,  $\tilde{0} = (\tilde{0}_L, \tilde{0}_U)$  be the null *FRS* and  $\tilde{1} = (\tilde{1}_L, \tilde{1}_U)$  be the whole *FRS* in  $X$ , then (i)  $\tilde{0} \subset A \subset \tilde{1}$  and (ii)  $\tilde{0} = \tilde{1}, \tilde{1} = \tilde{0}$ .

**Notation 2.1.** Let  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  and  $(V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be two rough universes and  $f : V \rightarrow V_1$  be a mapping. If  $f(\lambda) \in \mathcal{B}_1, \forall \lambda \in \mathcal{B}$ , then  $f$  maps  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  to  $(V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  and it is denoted by  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$ . If  $f^{-1}(\mu) \in \mathcal{B}, \forall \mu \in \mathcal{B}_1$ , then it is denoted by  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ .

**Definition 2.4.**<sup>[17]</sup> Let  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  and  $(V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be two rough universes and  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$ . Let  $A = (A_L, A_U)$  be a *FRS* in  $X$ . Then  $Y = f(X) \in \mathcal{B}_1^2$  and  $Y_L = f(X_L), Y_U = f(X_U)$ . The image of  $A$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f(A) = (f(A_L), f(A_U))$  and is defined

by  $f(A_L)(y) = \vee\{A_L(x) : x \in X_L \cap f^{-1}(y)\}$ ,  $\forall y \in Y_L$  and  $f(A_U)(y) = \vee\{A_U(x) : x \in X_U \cap f^{-1}(y)\}$ ,  $\forall y \in Y_U$ .

Next let  $f : V \rightarrow V_1$  be such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ . Let  $B = (B_L, B_U)$  be a *FRS* in  $Y$ , where  $Y = (Y_L, Y_U) \in \mathcal{B}_1^2$  is a rough set. Then  $X = f^{-1}(Y) \in \mathcal{B}^2$ , where  $X_L = f^{-1}(Y_L)$ ,  $X_U = f^{-1}(Y_U)$ . Then the inverse image of  $B$ , under  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}(B) = (f^{-1}(B_L), f^{-1}(B_U))$  and is defined by  $f^{-1}(B_L)(x) = B_L(f(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in X_L$  and  $f^{-1}(B_U)(x) = B_U(f(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in X_U$ .

**Theorem 2.3.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping, then for all *FRSs*  $A$ ,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  in  $X$ , we have

- (i)  $f(\bar{A}) \supset \overline{f(A)}$ ,
- (ii)  $A_1 \subset A_2 \Rightarrow f(A_1) \subset f(A_2)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $f : V \rightarrow V_1$  be such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ . Then for all *FRSs*  $B$ ,  $B_i$ ,  $i \in J$  in  $Y$  we have

- (i)  $f^{-1}(\bar{B}) = \overline{f^{-1}(B)}$ ,
- (ii)  $B_1 \subset B_2 \Rightarrow f^{-1}(B_1) \subset f^{-1}(B_2)$ ,
- (iii) If  $g : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  be a mapping such that  $g^{-1} : (V_2, \mathcal{B}_2) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$ , then  $(gof)^{-1}(C) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(C))$ , for any *FRS*  $C$  in  $Z$  where  $Z = (Z_L, Z_U) \in \mathcal{B}_2^2$  is a rough set.  $gof$  is the composition of  $g$  and  $f$ ,
- (iv)  $f^{-1}(\bigcup_i B_i) = \bigcup_i f^{-1}(B_i)$ ,
- (v)  $f^{-1}(\bigcap_i B_i) = \bigcap_i f^{-1}(B_i)$ .

**Theorem 2.5.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ . Then for all *FRS*  $A$  in  $X$  and  $B$  in  $Y$ , we have

- (i)  $B = f(f^{-1}(B))$ ,
- (ii)  $A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$ .

**Definition 2.5.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $A$  and  $B$  are two *FRSs* in  $X$  with  $B \subset \bar{A}$  and  $A \subset \bar{B}$ , then the ordered pair  $(A, B)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy rough set (briefly *IFRS*) in  $X$ .

The condition  $A \subset \bar{B}$  and  $B \subset \bar{A}$  are called intuitionistic condition (briefly *IC*).

**Definition 2.6.**<sup>[17]</sup> Let  $P = (A, B)$  and  $Q = (C, D)$  be two *IFRSs* in  $X$ . Then

- (i)  $P \subset Q$  if  $A \subset C$  and  $B \supset D$ ,
- (ii)  $P = Q$  if  $P \subset Q$  and  $Q \subset P$ ,
- (iii) The complement of  $P$  in  $X$ , denoted by  $P'$ , is defined by  $P' = (B, A)$ ,
- (iv) For *IFRSs*  $P_i = (A_i, B_i)$  in  $X$ ,  $i \in J$ , define

$$\bigcup_{i \in J} P_i = (\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i, \bigcap_{i \in J} B_i) \text{ and } \bigcap_{i \in J} P_i = (\bigcap_{i \in J} A_i, \bigcup_{i \in J} B_i).$$

**Theorem 2.6.**<sup>[17]</sup> Let  $P = (A, B)$ ,  $Q = (C, D)$ ,  $R = (E, F)$  and  $P_i = (A_i, B_i)$ ,  $i \in J$  be *IFRSs* in  $X$ , then

- (i)  $P \cap P = P = P \cup P$ ,
- (ii)  $P \cap Q = Q \cap P$ ;  $P \cup Q = Q \cup P$ ,
- (iii)  $(P \cap Q) \cap R = P \cap (Q \cap R)$ ;  $(P \cup Q) \cup R = P \cup (Q \cup R)$ ,
- (iv)  $P \cap Q \subset P$ ,  $Q \subset P \cup Q$ ,
- (v)  $P \subset Q$  and  $Q \subset R \Rightarrow P \subset R$ ,
- (vi)  $P_i \subset Q$ ,  $\forall i \in J \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in J} P_i \subset Q$ ,

- (vii)  $Q \subset P_i, \forall i \in J \Rightarrow Q \subset \bigcap_{i \in J} P_i$ ,
- (viii)  $Q \cup (\bigcap_{i \in J} P_i) = \bigcap_{i \in J} (Q \cup P_i)$ ,
- (ix)  $Q \cap (\bigcup_{i \in J} P_i) = \bigcup_{i \in J} (Q \cap P_i)$ ,
- (x)  $(P')' = P$ ,
- (xi)  $P \subset Q \Leftrightarrow Q' \subset P'$ ,
- (xii)  $(\bigcup_{i \in J} P_i)' = \bigcap_{i \in J} P_i'$  and  $(\bigcap_{i \in J} P_i)' = \bigcup_{i \in J} P_i'$ .

**Definition 2.7.**<sup>[17]</sup>  $0^* = (\tilde{0}, \tilde{1})$  and  $1^* = (\tilde{1}, \tilde{0})$  are respectively called null *IFRS* and whole *IFRS* in  $X$ . Clearly  $(0^*)' = 1^*$  and  $(1^*)' = 0^*$ .

**Theorem 2.7.**<sup>[17]</sup> If  $P$  be any *IFRS* in  $X$ , then  $0^* \subset P \subset 1^*$ .

Slightly changing the definition of the image of an *IFRS* under  $f$  given by Samanta and Mondal<sup>[17]</sup> we have given the following :

**Definition 2.8.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  and  $(V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be two rough universes and  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping. Let  $P = (A, B)$  be an *IFRS* in  $X (= (X_L, X_U))$  and  $Y = f(X) \in \mathcal{B}_1^2$ , where  $Y_L = f(X_L)$  and  $Y_U = f(X_U)$ .

Then we define image of  $P$ , under  $f$  by  $f(P) = (\check{f}(A), \hat{f}(B))$ , where  $\check{f}(A) = (f(A_L), f(A_U))$ ,  $A = (A_L, A_U)$  and  $\hat{f}(B) = (C_L, C_U)$  (where  $B = (B_L, B_U)$ ) is defined by

$$C_L(y) = \wedge \{B_L(x) : x \in X_L \cap f^{-1}(y)\}, \quad \forall y \in Y_L,$$

$$C_U(y) = \begin{cases} \wedge \{B_U(x) : x \in X_L \cap f^{-1}(y)\}, & \forall y \in Y_L, \\ \wedge \{B_U(x) : x \in X_U \cap f^{-1}(y)\}, & \forall y \in Y_U - Y_L. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.9.**<sup>[17]</sup> Let  $f : V \rightarrow V_1$  be such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ . Let  $Q = (C, D)$  be an *IFRS* in  $Y$ , where  $Y = (Y_L, Y_U) \in \mathcal{B}_1^2$  is a rough set. Then  $X = f^{-1}(Y) \in \mathcal{B}^2$ , where  $X_L = f^{-1}(Y_L)$  and  $X_U = f^{-1}(Y_U)$ .

Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(Q)$  of  $Q$ , under  $f$ , is defined by  $f^{-1}(Q) = (f^{-1}(C), f^{-1}(D))$ , where  $f^{-1}(C) = (f^{-1}(C_L), f^{-1}(C_U))$  and  $f^{-1}(D) = (f^{-1}(D_L), f^{-1}(D_U))$ .

The following three Theorems (2.8, 2.9, 2.10) of Samanta and Mondal<sup>[17]</sup> are also valid for this modified definition of functional image of an *IFRS*.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping. Then for all *IFRSs*  $P$  and  $Q$ , we have

- (i)  $f(P') \supset (f(P))'$ ,
- (ii)  $P \subset Q \Rightarrow f(P) \subset f(Q)$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $f : V \rightarrow V_1$  be such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ . Then for all *IFRSs*  $R, S$  and  $R_i, i \in J$  in  $Y$ ,

- (i)  $f^{-1}(R') = (f^{-1}(R))'$ ,
- (ii)  $R \subset S \Rightarrow f^{-1}(R) \subset f^{-1}(S)$ ,
- (iii) If  $g : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  be a mapping such that  $g^{-1} : (V_2, \mathcal{B}_2) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$ , then  $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  for any *IFRS*  $W$  in  $Z$ , where  $Z = (Z_L, Z_U) \in \mathcal{B}_2^2$  is a rough set,  $gof$  is the composition of  $g$  and  $f$ ,

- (iv)  $f^{-1}(\bigcup_{i \in J} R_i) = \bigcup_{i \in J} f^{-1}(R_i)$ ,
- (v)  $f^{-1}(\bigcap_{i \in J} R_i) = \bigcap_{i \in J} f^{-1}(R_i)$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ . Then for all *IFRS*  $P$  in  $X$  and  $R$  in  $Y$ , we have

(i)  $R = f(f^{-1}(R))$ ,

(ii)  $P \subset f^{-1}(f(P))$ .

**Theorem 2.11.**<sup>[11]</sup> If  $P$  and  $Q$  be two *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping, then  $f(P \cup Q) = f(P) \cup f(Q)$ .

**Theorem 2.12.**<sup>[11]</sup> If  $P, Q$  be two *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping, then  $f(P \cap Q) \subset f(P) \cap f(Q)$ .

**Note 2.1.** If  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be one-one, then clearly  $f(P \cap Q) = f(P) \cap f(Q)$ . But in general  $f(P \cap Q) \neq f(P) \cap f(Q)$ .

**Definition 2.10.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $X = (X_L, X_U)$  be a rough set and  $\tau$  be a family of *IFRSs* in  $X$  such that

(i)  $0^*, 1^* \in \tau$ ,

(ii)  $P \cap Q \in \tau, \forall P, Q \in \tau$ ,

(iii)  $P_i \in \tau, i \in \Delta \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} P_i \in \tau$ . Then  $\tau$  is called a topology of *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $(X, \tau)$  is called a topological space of *IFRSs* in  $X$ .

Every member of  $\tau$  is called open *IFRS*. An *IFRS*  $C$  is called closed *IFRS* if  $C' \in \tau$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  denote the collection of all closed *IFRSs* in  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $\tau_I = \{0^*, 1^*\}$ , then  $\tau_I$  is a topology of *IFRSs* in  $X$ . This topology is called the indiscrete topology. The discrete topology of *IFRSs* in  $X$  contains all the *IFRSs* in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.13.**<sup>[11]</sup> The collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of all closed *IFRSs* satisfies the following properties:

(i)  $0^*, 1^* \in \mathcal{F}$ ,

(ii)  $P, Q \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow P \cup Q \in \mathcal{F}$ ,

(iii)  $P_i \in \mathcal{F}, i \in \Delta \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} P_i \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Definition 2.11.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $P$  be an *IFRS* in  $X$ . The closure of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$ , denoted by  $cl_\tau P$ , is defined by the intersection of all closed *IFRSs* in  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $P$ . Clearly  $cl_\tau P$  is the smallest closed *IFRS* containing  $P$  and  $P$  is closed if  $P = cl_\tau P$ .

**Definition 2.12.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, u)$  be two topological spaces of *IFRSs* and  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ . Then  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, u)$  is said to be *IFR* continuous if  $f^{-1}(Q) \in \tau, \forall Q \in u$ .

Unless otherwise stated we consider  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, u)$  be topological spaces of *IFRSs* and  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping such that  $f^{-1} : (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{B})$ .

**Theorem 2.14.**<sup>[11]</sup> The following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, u)$  is *IFR* continuous,

(ii)  $f^{-1}(Q)$  is closed *IFRS* in  $(X, \tau)$ , for every closed *IFRS*  $Q$  in  $(Y, u)$ ,

(iii)  $f(cl_\tau P) \subset cl_u(f(P))$ , for every *IFRS*  $P$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.13.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Then a subfamily  $T$  of  $\mathcal{C}_X$  is said to be a topology on  $P$  if

(i)  $Q \in T \Rightarrow Q \subset P$ ,

(ii)  $0^*, P \in T$ ,

(iii)  $P_1, P_2 \in T \Rightarrow P_1 \cap P_2 \in T$ ,

(iv)  $P_i \in T, i \in \Delta \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} P_i \in T$ .

Then  $(P, T)$  is called a subspace topology of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.15.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $\tau$  be a topology of *IFRSs* in  $X$  and let  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Then  $\tau_1 = \{P \cap R : R \in \tau\}$  is a topology on  $P$ . Every member of  $\tau_1$  is called open *IFRS* in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . If  $Q \in \tau_1$ , then  $Q'_P$  is called a closed *IFRS* in  $(P, \tau_1)$ , where  $Q'_P = P \cap Q'$ . We take  $0^*$  as closed *IFRS* also in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . Let  $C_1 = \{Q'_P = P \cap Q' : Q \in \tau_1\} \cup \{0^*\}$ .

**Theorem 2.16.**<sup>[11]</sup>  $C_1$  is closed under arbitrary intersection and finite union.

**Remark 2.1.** Clearly the collection  $\tau_2 = \{(S'_P)'_P = (P \cap P') \cup S : S \in \tau_1\} \cup \{0^*\}$  form a topology of *IFRSs* on  $P$  of which  $C_1$  is a family of closed *IFRSs* <sup>[11]</sup>. But  $C_1$  is also a family of closed *IFRSs* in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . Thus  $\exists$  two topologies of *IFRSs*  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  on  $P$ .  $\tau_1$  is called the first subspace topology of  $(X, \tau)$  on  $P$  and  $\tau_2$  is called the second subspace topology of  $(X, \tau)$  on  $P$ . We briefly write,  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are first and second topologies respectively on  $P$ , where there is no confusion about the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  of *IFRSs*.

**Definition 2.14.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, u)$  be two topological spaces of *IFRSs* and  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Let  $\tau_1$  and  $u_1$  be first topologies on  $P$  and  $f(P)$  respectively.

Then  $f : (P, \tau_1) \rightarrow (f(P), u_1)$  is said to be *IFR*<sub>1</sub> continuous if  $P \cap f^{-1}(Q) \in \tau_1, \forall Q \in u_1$ .

**Theorem 2.17.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, u)$  be two topological spaces of *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively and  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$  and let  $\tau_1$  and  $u_1$  be first topologies on  $P$  and  $f(P)$  respectively. If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, u)$  is *IFR* continuous, then  $f : (P, \tau_1) \rightarrow (f(P), u_1)$  is *IFR*<sub>1</sub> continuous.

**Definition 2.15.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, u)$  be two topological spaces of *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively and  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$  and let  $\tau_2, u_2$  be second topologies on  $P$  and  $f(P)$  respectively. Then  $f : (P, \tau_2) \rightarrow (f(P), u_2)$  is said to be *IFR*<sub>2</sub> continuous if  $P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(Q)) \in \tau_2, \forall Q \in u_2$ .

**Theorem 2.18.**<sup>[11]</sup> Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, u)$  be two topological spaces of *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively and  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Let  $\tau_1$  and  $u_1$  be first topologies on  $P$  and  $f(P)$  respectively and  $\tau_2, u_2$  be second topologies on  $P$  and  $f(P)$  respectively. If  $f : (P, \tau_1) \rightarrow (f(P), u_1)$  is *IFR*<sub>1</sub> continuous, then  $f : (P, \tau_2) \rightarrow (f(P), u_2)$  is *IFR*<sub>2</sub> continuous.

**Corollary 2.1.**<sup>[11]</sup> If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, u)$  is *IFR* continuous, then  $f : (P, \tau_2) \rightarrow (f(P), u_2)$  is *IFR*<sub>2</sub> continuous, where the symbols have usual meaning.

### §3. Compactness of an *IFRS*

Compactness in a fuzzy topological space has been studied by several authors including Lowen <sup>[14–15]</sup>. In this section we study some aspects of compactness of an *IFRS*.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space of *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . A family of open *IFRSs*  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is said to be an open cover of  $P$  if  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \supset P$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space of *IFRSs* in  $X$  and  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Then  $P$  is said to be compact in  $(X, \tau)$  if every open cover of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$  has a finite subcover in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, u)$  is *IFR* continuous and  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $f(P)$  is compact in  $(Y, u)$ .

The proof is straightforward.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\tau_1$  be the first topology on  $P$ . Then  $P$  is said to be compact in  $(P, \tau_1)$  if every open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_1)$  has a finite subcover in  $(P, \tau_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.**  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$  iff  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_1)$ .

**Proof.** First suppose that  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \supset P$ . Since  $G_\alpha \in \tau_1$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$ , we have  $G_\alpha = P \cap H_\alpha$  for some  $H_\alpha \in \tau$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P \cap H_\alpha) \supset P$  and hence  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha \supset P$ . Thus  $\{H_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  form an open cover of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\exists$  a finite subfamily  $\{H_{\alpha_1}, H_{\alpha_2}, \dots, H_{\alpha_n}\}$  of  $\{H_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  which covers  $P$ . i.e.,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n H_{\alpha_i} \supset P$ . Therefore  $P \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n H_{\alpha_i}) \supset P$  and hence  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (P \cap H_{\alpha_i}) \supset P$ . i.e.,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i} \supset P$ . Thus the open cover  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_1)$  has a finite subcover  $\{G_{\alpha_1}, G_{\alpha_2}, \dots, G_{\alpha_n}\}$  in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . Hence  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . Next suppose that,  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . Let  $\{H_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha \supset P$  and so  $P \cap (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha) \supset P$  and hence  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P \cap H_\alpha) \supset P$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \supset P$ , where  $G_\alpha = P \cap H_\alpha \in \tau_1$ , since  $H_\alpha \in \tau$ . Therefore  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  form an open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_1)$ . Since  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_1)$ ,  $\exists$  a finite subfamily  $\{G_{\alpha_1}, G_{\alpha_2}, \dots, G_{\alpha_n}\}$  of  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  which covers  $P$ . i.e.,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i} \supset P$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (P \cap H_{\alpha_i}) \supset P$  and hence  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n H_{\alpha_i} \supset P$ . Thus  $\{H_{\alpha_1}, H_{\alpha_2}, \dots, H_{\alpha_n}\}$  is a finite subcover of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$  and hence  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $\tau_2$  be the second topology on  $P$ . Then  $P$  is said to be compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$  if every open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$  has a finite subcover in  $(P, \tau_2)$ .

**Note 3.1.** If  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $P$  may not be compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ . This is shown by the following Example.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X_L = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ ,  $X_U = X_L \cup \{a\}$ , where  $a \notin X_L$  and  $X = (X_L, X_U)$ . Let  $P_i = (A_i, B_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ), where  $A_i, B_i$  are *FRS* in  $X$  defined by

$$A_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$A_{iU}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$A_{iU}(a) = 0.4.$$

$$B_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.3, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iU}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iU}(a) = 0.6.$$

Clearly each  $P_i$  is an *IFRS* in  $X$ .

Let  $\tau$  be the topology of *IFRSs* in  $X$  generated by  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Now  $\cup_i P_i = ((\{x_i/0.4\}, \{x_i/0.4, a/0.4\}), (\{x_i/0.3\}, \{x_i/0.4, a/0.6\}))$ . Let  $P = ((\{x_i/0.4\}, \{x_i/0.4, a/0.5\}), (\{x_i/0.35\}, \{x_i/0.4, a/0.5\}))$ . Therefore every open cover of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$  must contain  $1^*$  and hence every open cover of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$  has a finite subcover, say  $\{1^*\}$  and hence  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $P \cap (P' \cup P_i) = Q_i = (C_i, D_i)$ . So  $C_i = A \cap (B \cup A_i)$ ,  $D_i = B \cup (A \cap B_i)$  [Taking  $P = (A, B)$ ]. Therefore  $\{P \cap (P' \cup P_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  forms an open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , since  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (P \cap (P' \cup P_i)) \supset P$ . But no finite subfamily of  $\{P \cap (P' \cup P_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  can cover  $P$ . Hence  $P$  can not be compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ .

**Note 3.2.** Following example shows that, if  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , then  $P$  may not be compact in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X_L = X_U = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  and  $X = (X_L, X_U)$ . Let  $A_i, B_i$ , ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are *FRSs* in  $X$  defined by

$$A_{iL}(x_j) = A_{iU}(x_j) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & i = j, \\ \frac{1}{3}, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iL}(x_j) = B_{iU}(x_j) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & i = j, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Clearly each  $P_i = (A_i, B_i)$  is an *IFRS* in  $X$ . Let  $\tau$  be the topology of *IFRSs* in  $X$  generated by  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $P = ((\{x_i/0.5\}, \{x_i/0.5\}), (\{x_i/0.5\}, \{x_i/0.5\}))$ . Clearly  $P$  is an *IFRS* in  $X$ . Note that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} P_i \supset P$ . Therefore  $\{P_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is an open cover of  $P$  in  $(X, \tau)$ , but no finite subfamily of  $\{P_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  can cover  $P$ . Thus  $P$  is not compact in  $(X, \tau)$ . Now  $\tau_2 = \{(P \cap P') \cup R : R \in \tau_1\} \cup \{0^*\} = \{P, 0^*\}$ , since  $R \subset P = P \cap P'$ ,  $\forall R \in \tau_1$ . Clearly  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ . Thus the above example shows that, if  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , then  $P$  may not be compact in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $f : (P, \tau_1) \rightarrow (f(P), u_1)$  is *IFR<sub>1</sub>* continuous and  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_1)$ , then  $f(P)$  is compact in  $(f(P), u_1)$ . The proof is straightforward.

**Note 3.3.** If  $f : (P, \tau_2) \rightarrow (f(P), u_2)$  is *IFR<sub>2</sub>* continuous and  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , then  $f(P)$  may not be compact in  $(f(P), u_2)$ . This can be shown by the following example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $V = \{x_i, z_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $X_L = X_U = V$ ,  $X = (X_L, X_U)$ ,  $V_1 = \{y_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $Y_L = Y_U = V_1$ ,  $Y = (Y_L, Y_U)$ . Let  $f : V \rightarrow V_1$  be defined by  $f(x_i) = f(z_i) = y_i$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Clearly  $f(X_L) = Y_L$ ,  $f(X_U) = Y_U$ ,  $f^{-1}(Y_L) = X_L$ ,  $f^{-1}(Y_U) = X_U$ . Let  $P_i = (A_i, B_i)$  be *IFRS* in  $X$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ), where  $A_i, B_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are *FRSs* in  $X$  defined by

$$A_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$A_{iL}(z_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$A_{iU}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$A_{iU}(z_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.3, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iL}(z_j) = \begin{cases} 0.3, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iU}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iU}(z_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\tau$  be the topology of *IFRSs* in  $X = (X_L, X_U)$  generated by  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $P = ((\{x_i/0.35, z_i/0.4\}, \{x_i/0.35, z_i/0.4\}), (\{x_i/0.35, z_i/0.4\}, \{x_i/0.4, z_i/0.4\}))$ . Let  $\tau_2$  be the second topology on  $P$ . It is easy to check that  $P \cap (P' \cup P_i) = P$ ,  $\forall i$ . Thus  $\tau_2 = \{0^*, P \cap P', P\}$ . Clearly  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ . Let  $Q_i = (C_i, D_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be *IFRSs* in  $Y = (Y_L, Y_U)$  defined by

$$C_{iL}(y_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$C_{iU}(y_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.3, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$D_{iL}(y_j) = \begin{cases} 0.3, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$D_{iU}(y_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.6, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Let  $u$  be the topology of *IFRSs* in  $Y$  generated by  $Q_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Now  $f(P) = ((\{y_i/0.4\}, \{y_i/0.4\}), (\{y_i/0.35\}, \{y_i/0.4\}))$ . Let  $u_2$  be the second topology on  $f(P)$ . Let  $f(P) \cap ((f(P))' \cup Q_i) = (R_i, S_i)$ . Therefore

$$R_{iL}(y_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.35, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$R_{iU}(y_j) = 0.4, \forall i, j.$$

$$S_{iL}(y_j) = \begin{cases} 0.35, & i = j, \\ 0.4, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$S_{iU}(y_j) = 0.4, \forall i, j.$$

Clearly  $\{(R_i, S_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  forms an open cover of  $f(P)$  in  $(f(P), u_2)$ , but no finite subfamily of  $\{(R_i, S_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  form an open cover of  $f(P)$  in  $(f(P), u_2)$ . Thus  $f(P)$  is not compact in  $(f(P), u_2)$ . Also  $f^{-1}(Q_i) = P_i$ . Since  $f^{-1}(\bigcup_i Q_i) = \bigcup_i f^{-1}(Q_i) = \bigcup_i P_i$  and  $f^{-1}(\bigcap_i Q_i) = \bigcap_i f^{-1}(Q_i) = \bigcap_i P_i$ , it follows that  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, u)$  is *IFR* continuous and hence  $f : (P, \tau_2) \rightarrow (f(P), u_2)$  is *IFR<sub>2</sub>* continuous.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$ . Then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha$ , where  $P \cap (P' \cup H_\alpha) = G_\alpha, H_\alpha \in \tau, \alpha \in \Delta$ , is called a kernel of the cover.

**Remark 3.1.** An open cover may admit two different kernels, which can be shown by the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $V = \{x_i, y_i : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $X_L = X_U = V, X = (X_L, X_U)$ . Let  $P_i = (A_i, B_i), i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , where  $A_i, B_i (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$  are *FRSs* in  $X$ , defined by

$$A_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.4, & i = j, \\ 0.25, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$A_{iU}(x_j) = 0.4 = A_{iU}(y_j), \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$A_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$B_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.25, & i = j, \\ 0.4, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$B_{iU}(x_j) = 0.4 = B_{iU}(y_j), \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$B_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let  $Q_i = (C_i, D_i) (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ , where  $C_i, D_i (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$  are *FRSs* in  $X$ , defined by

$$C_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.35, & i = j, \\ 0.25, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$C_{iU}(x_j) = 0.4 = C_{iU}(y_j), \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$C_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$D_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.25, & i = j, \\ 0.4, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$D_{iU}(x_j) = 0.4 = D_{iU}(y_j), \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$D_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Clearly  $P_i, Q_i \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Let  $\tau$  be the topology of *IFR*SSs in  $X$  generated by  $P_i, Q_i (i = 1, 2, \dots)$ . Let  $P = ((\{x_i/0.35, y_i/0.4\}, \{x_i/0.35, y_i/0.4\}), (\{x_i/0.25, y_i/0.4\}, \{x_i/0.4, y_i/0.4\}))$ . Then  $P \cap (P' \cup P_i) = (E_i, F_i)$  is defined by

$$E_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.35, & i = j, \\ 0.25, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$E_{iU}(x_j) = 0.35, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$E_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$E_{iU}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$F_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.25, & i = j, \\ 0.35, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$F_{iU}(x_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$F_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$F_{iU}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Also  $P \cap (P' \cup Q_i) = (G_i, H_i)$  is defined by

$$G_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.35, & i = j, \\ 0.25, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$G_{iU}(x_j) = 0.35, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$G_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$G_{iU}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$H_{iL}(x_j) = \begin{cases} 0.25, & i = j, \\ 0.35, & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

$$H_{iU}(x_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$H_{iL}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$H_{iU}(y_j) = 0.4, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus  $P \cap (P' \cup P_i) = P \cap (P' \cup Q_i)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Clearly  $\{P \cap (P' \cup P_i) : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  form an open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$  which has two different kernels  $\bigcup_i P_i, \bigcup_i Q_i$ .

**Definition 3.6.** An open cover  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$  is called a  $(*)$  cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$  if  $\exists$  a kernel of the cover containing  $P \cap P'$ .

**Definition 3.7.**  $P$  is said to be quasicompact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , if every  $(*)$  cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$  has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , then  $P$  is quasicompact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ .

The proof is straightforward.

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $P$  is quasicompact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ .

**Proof .** Let  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be a  $(*)$  cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$  i.e.,  $\exists H_\alpha \in \tau$ ,  $\alpha \in \Delta$  such that  $G_\alpha = P \cap (P' \cup H_\alpha)$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$  and  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \supset P$ ,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha \supset P \cap P'$ . Thus  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P \cap (P' \cup H_\alpha)) \supset P$  i.e.,  $P \cap (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P' \cup H_\alpha)) \supset P$ . Therefore  $P \cap (P' \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha)) \supset P$  and hence  $(P \cap P') \cup (P \cap (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha)) \supset P$ . Thus  $P \cap (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha) \supset P$ , since  $P \cap (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha) \supset P \cap P'$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha \supset P$ . Since  $P$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\exists H_{\alpha_1}, H_{\alpha_2}, \dots, H_{\alpha_n}; \alpha_i \in \Delta (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n H_{\alpha_i} \supset P$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (P' \cup H_{\alpha_i}) \supset P$  and hence  $P \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n (P' \cup H_{\alpha_i})) \supset P$ . Thus  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (P \cap (P' \cup H_{\alpha_i})) \supset P$  i.e.,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i} \supset P$ . Thus  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  has a finite subcover of  $P$  and hence  $P$  is quasicompact in  $(P, \tau_2)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** The converse of the above theorem is not true. This is supported by Example 3.2, where  $P$  is compact (and hence quasicompact) in  $(P, \tau_2)$ , but  $P$  is not compact in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.3.** If  $P$  is quasicompact in  $(P, \tau_2)$  and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, u)$  is *IFR* continuous, then  $f(P)$  may not be quasicompact in  $(f(P), u_2)$ . In fact in Example 3.3,  $P$  is compact (and hence quasicompact) in  $(P, \tau_2)$ . Also  $\bigcup_i Q_i \supset f(P) \cap (f(P))'$ . So  $\{(R_i, S_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a  $(*)$  cover of  $f(P)$  in  $(f(P), u_2)$ , but no finite subfamily of  $\{(R_i, S_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  form an open cover of  $f(P)$  in  $(f(P), u_2)$ . Thus  $f(P)$  is not quasicompact in  $(f(P), u_2)$ .

**Definition 3.8.** Let  $f : (V, \mathcal{B}) \rightarrow (V_1, \mathcal{B}_1)$  be a mapping and  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Then  $f$  is said to satisfy complement condition with respect to  $P$ , if  $P' \cup Q \supset P \Rightarrow (f(P))' \cup f(Q) \supset f(P)$ ,  $\forall Q \in \mathcal{C}_X$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$  such that  $f(P') = (f(P))'$ , then  $f$  satisfies complement condition with respect to  $P$ .

The proof is straightforward.

**Remark 3.4.** The converse of the Theorem 3.6 is not true, which can be shown by the following example.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $V = \{x, y\}$ ,  $X_L = X_U = V$ ,  $X = (X_L, X_U)$ ;  $V_1 = \{a\}$ ,  $Y_L = Y_U = V_1$ ,  $Y = (Y_L, Y_U)$ . Let  $f : V \rightarrow V_1$  be defined by  $f(x) = f(y) = a$ . Let  $P = ((\{x/0.4, y/0.3\}, \{x/0.5, y/0.3\}), (\{x/0.3, y/0.4\}, \{x/0.4, y/0.4\}))$ . Clearly  $P \in \mathcal{C}_X$ . Let  $Q = (C, D)$  be an *IFRS* in  $X$  such that  $P' \cup Q \supset P$ . Then  $0.3 \vee C_L(x) \geq 0.4$ ,  $0.4 \vee C_L(y) \geq 0.3$ ,  $0.4 \vee C_U(x) \geq 0.5$ ,  $0.4 \vee C_U(y) \geq 0.3$ ,  $0.4 \wedge D_L(x) \leq 0.3$ ,  $0.3 \wedge D_L(y) \leq 0.4$ ,  $0.5 \wedge D_U(x) \leq 0.4$ ,  $0.3 \wedge D_U(y) \leq 0.4$ . Thus  $C_L(x) \geq 0.4$ ,  $C_U(x) \geq 0.5$ ,  $D_L(x) \leq 0.3$ ,  $D_U(x) \leq 0.4$ . .....(i).

Now  $f(P) = ((\{a/0.4\}, \{a/0.5\}), (\{a/0.3\}, \{a/0.4\}))$ . Therefore  $(f(P))' = ((\{a/0.3\}, \{a/0.4\}), (\{a/0.4\}, \{a/0.5\}))$ . Clearly  $(f(P))' \cup f(Q) \supset f(P)$  [ by (i) ]. Thus  $f$  satisfies complement condition with respect to  $P$ . Now  $P' = ((\{x/0.3, y/0.4\}, \{x/0.4, y/0.4\}), (\{x/0.4, y/0.3\}, \{x/0.5, y/0.3\}))$ . So  $f(P') = ((\{a/0.4\}, \{a/0.4\}), (\{a/0.3\}, \{a/0.3\}))$ . Thus  $f(P') \neq (f(P))'$ . Thus  $f$  satisfies complement condition with respect to  $P$ , but  $f(P') \neq (f(P))'$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $P$  be compact in  $(P, \tau_2)$  and  $f : (P, \tau_2) \rightarrow (f(P), u_2)$  be *IFR*<sub>2</sub> continuous satisfying complement condition with respect to  $P$ , then  $f(P)$  is compact in  $(f(P), u_2)$ .

**Proof .** Let  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of  $f(P)$  in  $(f(P), u_2)$ . Thus  $\exists H_\alpha \in u, \alpha \in \Delta$  such that  $G_\alpha = f(P) \cap ((f(P))' \cup H_\alpha), \forall \alpha \in \Delta$  and  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \supset f(P)$ . Now  $f^{-1}(G_\alpha) = f^{-1}(f(P)) \cap (f^{-1}((f(P))') \cup f^{-1}(H_\alpha))$ . Therefore  $P \cap f^{-1}(G_\alpha) = P \cap ((f^{-1}(f(P)))' \cup f^{-1}(H_\alpha)) = (P \cap (f^{-1}(f(P)))') \cup (P \cap f^{-1}(H_\alpha))$ . Therefore  $(P \cap P') \cup (P \cap f^{-1}(G_\alpha)) = (P \cap P') \cup (P \cap f^{-1}(H_\alpha))$ . Thus  $P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(G_\alpha)) = P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(H_\alpha))$ . ..... (i).

Since  $f : (P, \tau_2) \rightarrow (f(P), u_2)$  is  $IFR_2$  continuous,  $P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(G_\alpha)) \in \tau_2, \forall \alpha \in \Delta$  and hence  $P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(H_\alpha)) \in \tau_2, \forall \alpha \in \Delta$ . Since  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha \supset f(P), f^{-1}(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} G_\alpha) \supset f^{-1}(f(P)) \supset P$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} f^{-1}(G_\alpha) \supset P$  and hence  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P' \cup f^{-1}(G_\alpha)) \supset P$ . Thus  $P \cap (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P' \cup f^{-1}(G_\alpha))) \supset P$ . i.e.,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(G_\alpha))) \supset P$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(H_\alpha))) \supset P$  [ By (i) ]. Thus  $\{P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(H_\alpha)) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of  $P$  in  $(P, \tau_2)$ . Since  $P$  is compact in  $(P, \tau_2), \exists \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \Delta$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (P \cap (P' \cup f^{-1}(H_{\alpha_i}))) \supset P$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (P' \cup f^{-1}(H_{\alpha_i})) \supset P$ . So  $P' \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(H_{\alpha_i})) \supset P$ . Therefore  $(f(P))' \cup f(\bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(H_{\alpha_i})) \supset f(P)$ , since  $f$  satisfies complement condition with respect to  $P$ . Therefore  $(f(P))' \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^n f(f^{-1}(H_{\alpha_i}))) \supset f(P)$ . So  $(f(P))' \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^n H_{\alpha_i}) \supset f(P)$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n ((f(P))' \cup H_{\alpha_i}) \supset f(P)$ . Therefore  $f(P) \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n ((f(P))' \cup H_{\alpha_i})) \supset f(P)$  and hence  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (f(P) \cap ((f(P))' \cup H_{\alpha_i})) \supset f(P)$ . i.e.,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i} \supset f(P)$ . Thus  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  has a finite subcover  $\{G_{\alpha_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for  $f(P)$  in  $(f(P), u_2)$ . Hence  $f(P)$  is compact in  $(f(P), u_2)$ .

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# On right circulant matrices with trigonometric sequences

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**Abstract** In this paper, the eigenvalues and the upper bounds for spectral norm and Euclidean norm of right circulant matrices with sine and cosine sequences were derived.

**Keywords** right circulant matrix, sine and cosine sequences.

## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

In [1] and [2] the formulae for the determinant, eigenvalues, Euclidean norm, spectral norm and inverse of the right circulant matrices with arithmetic and geometric sequences were derived. The said right circulant matrices are as follows:

$$RCIRC_n(\vec{g}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & ar & ar^2 & \dots & ar^{n-2} & ar^{n-1} \\ ar^{n-1} & a & ar & \dots & ar^{n-3} & ar^{n-2} \\ ar^{n-2} & ar^{n-1} & a & \dots & ar^{n-4} & ar^{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ ar^2 & ar^3 & ar^4 & \dots & a & ar \\ ar & ar^2 & ar^3 & \dots & ar^{n-1} & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$RCIRC_n(\vec{d}) = \begin{pmatrix} a & a+d & a+2d & \dots & a+(n-2)d & a+(n-1)d \\ a+(n-1)d & ad & a+d & \dots & a+(n-3)d & a+(n-2)d \\ a+(n-2)d & a+(n-1)d & a & \dots & a+(n-4)d & a+(n-3)d \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a+2d & a+3d & a+4d & \dots & a & a+d \\ a+d & a+2d & a+3d & \dots & a+(n-1)d & a \end{pmatrix}$$

with circulant vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{g} &= (a, ar, ar^2, \dots, ar^{n-2}, ar^{n-1}), \\ \vec{d} &= (a, a+d, a+2d, \dots, a+(n-2)d, a+(n-1)d). \end{aligned}$$

The following are basic identities on sine and cosine:

$$1. \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1,$$

$$2. \sin^2 2x = \frac{1 - \cos^2 2x}{2},$$

$$3. \cos^2 2x = \frac{1 + \cos^2 2x}{2},$$

The following are identities regarding  $\sin kx$  and  $\cos kx$  that will be used later:

$$4. \sin kx = 2 \cos x \sin (k-1)x - \sin (k-2)x,$$

$$5. \cos kx = 2 \cos x \cos (k-1)x - \cos (k-2)x,$$

$$6. \sum_{k=0}^n \sin kx = \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}nx) \sin[\frac{1}{2}(n+1)x]}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}x)},$$

$$7. \sum_{k=0}^n \cos kx = \frac{\cos(\frac{1}{2}nx) \sin[\frac{1}{2}(n+1)x]}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}x)}.$$

**Definition 1.1.** Let the following be the circulant vectors of the right matrices  $RCIRC_n(\vec{s})$ ,  $RCIRC_n(\vec{c})$ ,  $RCIRC_n(\vec{t})$  and  $RCIRC_n(\vec{h})$ :

$$\vec{s} = (0, \sin \theta, \sin 2\theta, \dots, \sin (n-1)\theta), \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{c} = (1, \cos \theta, \cos 2\theta, \dots, \cos (n-1)\theta), \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{t} = (0, \sin^2 \theta, \sin^2 2\theta, \dots, \sin^2 (n-1)\theta), \quad (3)$$

$$\vec{h} = (1, \cos^2 \theta, \cos^2 2\theta, \dots, \cos^2 (n-1)\theta). \quad (4)$$

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\sigma_m$ ,  $\gamma_m$ ,  $\tau_m$  and  $\delta_m$  be the eigenvalues of  $RCIRC_n(\vec{s})$ ,  $RCIRC_n(\vec{c})$ ,  $RCIRC_n(\vec{t})$  and  $RCIRC_n(\vec{h})$ , respectively.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix then the Euclidean norm and spectral norm of  $A$  is denoted by  $\|A\|_E$  and  $\|A\|_2$ , respectively. These two are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_E &= \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=0}^{m,n} a_{ij}^2}, \\ \|A\|_2 &= \max \{|\lambda_m|\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_m$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

**Lemma 1.1.**

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^{-mk} = 0,$$

where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$ .

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^{-mk} &= \frac{1 - \omega^{-mkn}}{1 - \omega^{-mk}} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{2\pi i k}}{1 - \omega^{-mk}} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

## §2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** The eigenvalues of  $RCIRC_n(\vec{s})$  are the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_0 &= \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}n\theta) \sin[\frac{1}{2}(n+1)\theta]}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta)}, \\ \sigma_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [2 \cos \theta \sin(k-1)\theta - \sin(k-2)\theta] \omega^{-mk},\end{aligned}$$

where  $m=1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$ .

**Proof.** For  $m = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_0 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sin k\theta, \\ &= \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}n\theta) \sin[\frac{1}{2}(n+1)\theta]}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta)}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $m \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [\sin k\theta] \omega^{-mk} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [2 \cos \theta \sin(k-1)\theta - \sin(k-2)\theta] \omega^{-mk}.\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.2.** The eigenvalues of  $RCIRC_n(\vec{s})$  are the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_0 &= \frac{\cos(\frac{1}{2}n\theta) \sin[\frac{1}{2}(n+1)\theta]}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta)} \\ \gamma_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [2 \cos \theta \cos(k-1)\theta - \cos(k-2)\theta] \omega^{-mk}.\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** For  $m = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_0 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \cos k\theta \\ &= \frac{\cos(\frac{1}{2}n\theta) \sin[\frac{1}{2}(n+1)\theta]}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta)}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $m \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [\cos k\theta] \omega^{-mk} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [2 \cos \theta \cos(k-1)\theta - \cos(k-2)\theta] \omega^{-mk}.\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.3.** The eigenvalues of  $RCIRC_n(\vec{t})$  are the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_0 &= \frac{n \sin \theta - 2 \cos [(n-1)\theta] \sin n\theta}{2 \sin \theta}, \\ \tau_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \{\cos [2(n-2)\theta] - \cos 2\theta \cos [2(k-1)\theta]\} \omega^{-mk}.\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** For  $m = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_0 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sin^2 k\theta \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1 - \cos 2k\theta}{2} \\ &= \frac{n}{2} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \cos 2k\theta \\ &= \frac{n \sin \theta - 2 \cos [(n-1)\theta] \sin n\theta}{2 \sin \theta}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $m \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [\sin^2 k\theta] \omega^{-mk} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1 - \cos 2k\theta}{2} \omega^{-mk} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^{-mk} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [\cos 2k\theta] \omega^{-mk} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \{\cos [2(n-2)\theta] - \cos 2\theta \cos [2(k-1)\theta]\} \omega^{-mk}.\end{aligned}$$

via Lemma 1.1 and identity 5.

**Theorem 2.4.** The eigenvalues of  $RCIRC_n(\vec{h})$  are the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_0 &= \frac{n \sin \theta + 2 \cos [(n-1)\theta] \sin n\theta}{2 \sin \theta}, \\ \delta_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \{\cos 2\theta \cos [2(k-1)\theta] - \cos [2(n-2)\theta]\} \omega^{-mk}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $m = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_0 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \cos^2 k\theta \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1 + \cos 2k\theta}{2} \\ &= \frac{n}{2} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \cos 2k\theta \\ &= \frac{n \sin \theta + 2 \cos [(n-1)\theta] \sin n\theta}{2 \sin \theta}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $m \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_m &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [\cos^2 k\theta] \omega^{-mk} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1 + \cos 2k\theta}{2} \omega^{-mk} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \omega^{-mk} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [\cos 2k\theta] \omega^{-mk} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \{ \cos 2\theta \cos [2(k-1)\theta] - \cos [2(n-2)\theta] \} \omega^{-mk}.
 \end{aligned}$$

via Lemma 1.1 and identity 5.

**Theorem 2.5.**  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{s})\|_2 \leq n-1$  and  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{t})\|_2 \leq n-1$

**Proof.** Let  $RCIRC_n(\vec{p}) = RCIRC_n(\vec{s})$  or  $RCIRC_n(\vec{t})$  and  $\mu_m = \sigma_m$  or  $\tau_m$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|RCIRC_n(\vec{p})\|_2 &= \max \{ |\mu_m| \} \\
 &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k \omega^{-mk} \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |p_k|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $|\sin k\theta|, |\sin^2 k\theta| \in [0, 1]$ , so the theorem follows.

**Theorem 2.6.**  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{c})\|_2 \leq n$  and  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{h})\|_2 \leq n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $RCIRC_n(\vec{q}) = RCIRC_n(\vec{c})$  or  $RCIRC_n(\vec{h})$  and  $\phi_m = \gamma_m$  or  $\delta_m$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|RCIRC_n(\vec{q})\|_2 &= \max \{ |\phi_m| \} \\
 &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_k \omega^{-mk} \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |q_k|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $|\cos k\theta|, |\cos^2 k\theta| \in [0, 1]$ , so the theorem follows.

**Theorem 2.7.**  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{s})\|_E \leq \sqrt{n(n-1)}$  and  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{t})\|_E \leq \sqrt{n(n-1)}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $RCIRC_n(\vec{p}) = RCIRC_n(\vec{s})$  or  $RCIRC_n(\vec{t})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|RCIRC_n(\vec{p})\|_E &= \sqrt{n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k^2} \\
 &\leq \sqrt{n \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} p_k^2} \\
 &\leq \sqrt{n(n-1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.8.**  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{c})\|_E \leq n$  and  $\|RCIRC_n(\vec{h})\|_E \leq n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $RCIRC_n(\vec{q}) = RCIRC_n(\vec{c})$  or  $RCIRC_n(\vec{h})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|RCIRC_n(\vec{q})\|_E &= \sqrt{n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_k^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 1} \\ &= \sqrt{n^2} \\ &= n. \end{aligned}$$

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# Difference cordial labeling of subdivided graphs

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**Abstract** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Let  $f$  be a map from  $V(G)$  to  $\{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ . For each edge  $xy$ , assign the label  $|f(x) - f(y)|$ .  $f$  is called a difference cordial labeling if  $f$  is a one to one map and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  where  $e_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0)$  denote the number of edges labeled with 1 and not labeled with 1 respectively. A graph with a difference cordial labeling is called a difference cordial graph. In this paper we investigate the difference cordial labeling behavior of Subdivision of some graphs.

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## §1. Introduction

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be  $(p, q)$  graph. In this paper we have considered only simple and undirected graphs. The number of vertices of  $G$  is called the order of  $G$  and the number of edges of  $G$  is called the size  $G$ . The subdivision graph  $S(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is obtained by replacing each edge  $uv$  by a path  $uvw$ . The corona of  $G$  with  $H$ ,  $G \odot H$  is the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G$  and  $p$  copies of  $H$  and joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $H$ . Graph labeling plays an important role of numerous fields of sciences and some of them are astronomy, coding theory, x-ray crystallography, radar, circuit design, communication network addressing, database management, secret sharing schemes etc.<sup>[3]</sup> The graph labeling problem was introduced by Rosa. In 1967 Rosa introduced Graceful labeling of graphs.<sup>[13]</sup> In 1980, Cahit<sup>[1]</sup> introduced the concept of Cordial labeling of graphs. Riskin<sup>[12]</sup>, Seoud and Abdel Maqusoud<sup>[14]</sup>, Diab<sup>[2]</sup>, Lee and Liu<sup>[5]</sup>, Vaidya, Ghodasara, Srivastav, and Kaneria<sup>[15]</sup> were worked in cordial labeling. Ponraj et al. introduced k-Product cordial labeling,<sup>[10]</sup> k-Total Product cordial labeling<sup>[11]</sup> recently. Motivated by the above work, R. Ponraj, S. Sathish Narayanan and R. Kala introduced difference cordial labeling of graphs.<sup>[6]</sup> In [6,7,8,9] difference cordial labeling behavior of several graphs like path, cycle, complete graph, complete bipartite graph, bistar, wheel, web,  $B_m \odot K_1$ ,  $T_n \odot K_2$  and some more standard graphs have been investigated. In this paper, we investigate the difference cordial behaviour of  $S(K_{1,n})$ ,  $S(K_{2,n})$ ,  $S(W_n)$ ,  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$ ,  $S(W(t, n))$ ,  $S(B_m)$ ,  $S(B_{m,n})$ . Let  $x$  be any real

number. Then the symbol  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  stands for the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$  and  $\lceil x \rceil$  stands for the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ . Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary <sup>[4]</sup>.

## §2. Difference cordial labeling

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph. Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$  be a bijection. For each edge  $uv$ , assign the label  $|f(u) - f(v)|$ .  $f$  is called a difference cordial labeling if  $f$  is 1-1 and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  where  $e_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0)$  denote the number of edges labeled with 1 and not labeled with 1 respectively. A graph with a difference cordial labeling is called a difference cordial graph.

**Theorem 2.1.**  $S(K_{1,n})$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(K_{1,n})) = \{u, u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S(K_{1,n})) = \{uu_i, u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define a function  $f : V(S(K_{1,n})) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(u) = 2n + 1$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(K_{1,n})$ .

**Theorem 2.2.**  $S(K_{2,n})$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(K_{2,n})) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i, w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ ,  $E(S(K_{2,n})) = \{uv_i, v_i u_i, vw_i, w_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define  $f : V(S(K_{2,n})) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n+2\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 3i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i) &= 3i - 2, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w_i) &= 3i, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

$f(u) = 3n + 1$  and  $f(v) = 3n + 2$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(K_{2,n})$ .

**Theorem 2.3.**  $S(W_n)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(W_n)) = \{u, u_i, w_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S(W_n)) = \{uv_i, v_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i w_i, w_i u_{i+1}, u_n w_n, w_n u_1 : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ . Define  $f : V(S(W_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n+1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i) &= 2n + 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(u) = 2n + 1$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n$ ,  $S(W_n)$  is difference cordial.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$  graph and if  $S(G)$  is difference cordial. Then  $S(G \odot mK_1)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be a difference cordial labeling of  $S(G)$ . Let  $V(S(G)) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ ,  $V(S(G \odot mK_1)) = \{v_i^j, w_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq p\} \cup V(S(G))$  and  $E(S(G \odot mK_1)) =$

$\{u_i v_i^j, v_i^j w_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq p\} \cup E(S(G))$ . Define a 1-1 map  $g : V(S(G \odot mK_1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, (m+2)p\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} g(u_i) &= f(u_i), & 1 \leq i \leq 2p, \\ f(v_i^j) &= 2p + (2j - 2)m + 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq p, \\ f(w_i^j) &= 2p + (2j - 2)m + 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq p. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously the above labeling  $g$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(G \odot mK_1)$ .

**Theorem 2.5.**  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(P_n \odot K_1) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and let  $V(S(P_n \odot K_1)) = V(P_n \odot K_1) \cup \{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S(P_n \odot K_1)) = \{u_i u'_i, u'_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i v'_i, v'_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define  $f : V(S(P_n \odot K_1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n-1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u'_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f(v'_{n-i+1}) &= 2n - 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w'_{n-i+1}) &= 3n - 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n - 1$ ,  $S(P_n \odot K_1)$  is difference cordial.

**Theorem 2.6.**  $S(P_n \odot 2K_1)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(P_n \odot 2K_1)) = \{u_i, v_i, w_i, x_i, y_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{z_i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  and  $E(S(P_n \odot 2K_1)) = \{u_i v_i, v_i w_i, w_i x_i, x_i y_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i z_i, z_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ . Define  $f : V(S(P_n \odot 2K_1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n-1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(z_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ f(v_{n-i+1}) &= 2n + 2i - 2, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w_{n-i+1}) &= 2n + 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(x_i) &= 4n + i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(y_i) &= 5n + i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 3n - 1$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(P_n \odot 2K_1)$ .

The Lotus inside a circle  $LC_n$  is a graph obtained from the cycle  $C_n : u_1 u_2 \dots u_n u_1$  and a star  $K_{1,n}$  with central vertex  $v_0$  and the end vertices  $v_1 v_2 \dots v_n$  by joining each  $v_i$  to  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1} \pmod n$ .

**Theorem 2.7.**  $S(LC_n)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let the edges  $u_i u_{i+1 \pmod n}$ ,  $v_0 v_i$ ,  $v_i u_i$  and  $v_i u_{i+1 \pmod n}$  be subdivided by  $w_i$ ,

$x_i, y_i$  and  $z_i$  respectively. Define a map  $f : V(S(LC_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 4i - 3, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i) &= 4i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w_i) &= 5n + 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(x_i) &= 4n + 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(y_i) &= 4i - 2, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(z_i) &= 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(v_0) = 4n + 1$ . Obviously, the above vertex labeling is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(LC_n)$ .

The graph  $P_n^2$  is obtained from the path  $P_n$  by adding edges that joins all vertices  $u$  and  $v$  with  $d(u, v) = 2$ .

**Theorem 2.8.**  $S(P_n^2)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(P_n^2)) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n - 2\}$  and  $E(S(P_n^2)) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \cup \{u_i w_i, w_i u_{i+2} : 1 \leq i \leq n - 2\}$ . Define  $f : V(S(P_n^2)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n - 3\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(v_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(w_i) &= 2n - 1 + i, & 2 \leq i \leq n - 2. \end{aligned}$$

$f(u_n) = 2n$  and  $f(w_1) = 2n - 1$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2n - 3$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(P_n^2)$ .

**Theorem 2.9.**  $S(K_2 + mK_1)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(K_2 + mK_1)) = \{u, v, w, u_i, v_i, w_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and  $E(S(K_2 + mK_1)) = \{uu_i, u_i w_i, w_i v_i, v_i v : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{uw, vw\}$ . Define an injective map  $f : V(S(K_2 + mK_1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n + 3\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 3i + 1, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(v_i) &= 3i + 3, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(w_i) &= 3i + 2, & 2 \leq i \leq m. \end{aligned}$$

$f(u) = 1$ ,  $f(v) = 2$  and  $f(w) = 3$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 2m + 1$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(K_2 + mK_1)$ .

The sunflower graph  $SF_n$  is obtained by taking a wheel with central vertex  $v_0$  and the cycle  $C_n : v_1 v_2 \dots v_n v_1$  and new vertices  $w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$  where  $w_i$  is joined by vertices  $v_i, v_{i+1} \pmod n$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** Subdivision of a sunflower graph  $S(SF_n)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(SF_n)) = \{u_i, u'_i, v_i, w_i, w'_i, x_i, u : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S(SF_n)) = \{ux_i, x_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i u'_i, u_i w_i, w_i v_i, v_i w'_i, u'_i u_{i+1 \pmod n}, w'_i u_{i+1 \pmod n} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define

$f : V(S(SF_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n + 1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 4i - 3, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u'_i) &= 5n + 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w_i) &= 4i - 2, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i) &= 4i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w'_i) &= 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(x_i) &= 4n + 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(u) = 4n + 1$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 4n$ ,  $S(SF_n)$  is difference cordial.

The helm  $H_n$  is the graph obtained from a wheel by attaching a pendant edge at each vertex of the  $n$ -cycle. A flower  $Fl_n$  is the graph obtained from a helm by joining each pendant vertex to the central vertex of the helm.

**Theorem 2.11.** Subdivision of graph of a flower graph  $S(Fl_n)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(Fl_n)) = \{u, u_i, v_i, w_i, x_i, y_i, z_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S(Fl_n)) = \{u_i y_i, y_i w_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{w_i z_i, z_i u, u x_i, x_i u_i, u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1(\text{mod } n)} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define  $f : V(S(Fl_n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n + 1\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 5i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i) &= 5n + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w_i) &= 5i - 3, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(x_i) &= 5i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(y_i) &= 5i - 2, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(z_i) &= 5i - 4, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(u) = 6n + 1$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 4n$ ,  $S(Fl_n)$  is difference cordial.

The book  $B_m$  is the graph  $S_m \times P_2$  where  $S_m$  is the star with  $m + 1$  vertices.

**Theorem 2.12.**  $S(B_m)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(B_m)) = \{u, v, w\} \cup \{u_i, v_i, w_i, x_i, y_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and  $E(S(B_m)) = \{uw, vw\} \cup \{u x_i, x_i u_i, u_i w_i, w_i v_i, v_i y_i, y_i v : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Define  $f : V(S(B_m)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 5m + 3\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 4i, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(w_i) &= 4i + 1, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(v_i) &= 4i + 2, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(y_i) &= 4i + 3, & 1 \leq i \leq m - 1, \\ f(x_i) &= 4m + 2 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq m. \end{aligned}$$

$f(u) = 1$ ,  $f(w) = 2$ ,  $f(v) = 3$  and  $f(y_m) = 5m + 3$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 3m + 1$ ,  $S(B_m)$  is difference cordial.

Prisms are graphs of the form  $C_n \times P_n$ .

**Theorem 2.13.**  $S(C_n \times P_2)$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(C_n \times P_2)) = \{u_i, v_i, w_i, x_i, y_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S(C_n \times P_2)) = \{u_i x_i, x_i u_{i+1(\text{mod } n)}, u_i w_i, w_i v_i, v_i y_i, y_i v_{i+1(\text{mod } n)} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define a function  $f : V(S(C_n \times P_2)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 6n + 1\}$  by

$P_2)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 5n\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(x_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w_i) &= 2n + 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_i) &= 2n + 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(y_i) &= 4n + 1 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(y_n) = 4n + 1$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 3n$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(C_n \times P_2)$ .

The graph obtained by joining the centers of two stars  $K_{1,m}$  and  $K_{1,n}$  with an edge is called Bistar  $B_{m,n}$ .

**Theorem 2.14.**  $S(B_{m,n})$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $V(S(B_{m,n})) = \{u, v, w\} \cup \{u_i, x_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{v_i, y_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(S(B_{m,n})) = \{uw, wv\} \cup \{ux_i, x_iu_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{vy_i, y_iv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define an injective map  $f : V(S(B_{m,n})) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2m + 2n + 3\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(v_i) &= 2m + 2i, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(x_i) &= 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(y_i) &= 2m + 2i - 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

$f(u) = 2m + 2n + 3$ ,  $f(v) = 2m + 2n + 2$  and  $f(w) = 2m + 2n + 1$ . Clearly the above vertex labeling is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(B_{m,n})$ .

The graph  $K_2 \times K_2 \times \dots \times K_2$  ( $n$  copies) is called a  $n$ -cube.

**Theorem 2.15.** Subdivision of a  $n$ -cube is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $G = K_2 \times K_2 \times \dots \times K_2$  ( $n$  copies). Let the edges  $u_iu_{i+1}$ ,  $v_iv_{i+1}$ ,  $x_ix_{i+1}$ ,  $w_iw_{i+1}$ ,  $u_iv_i$ ,  $v_ix_i$ ,  $x_iw_i$  and  $w_iu_i$  be subdivided by  $u'_i$ ,  $v'_i$ ,  $x'_i$ ,  $w'_i$ ,  $y_i$ ,  $y'_i$ ,  $z_i$  and  $z'_i$  respectively. Define  $f : V(S(G)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 12n - 16\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 5n + 5i - 14, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(u'_i) &= 5n + 5i - 10, & 2 \leq i \leq n - 2, \\ f(v_i) &= 5n + 5i - 12, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(v'_i) &= 5n + 5i - 6, & 2 \leq i \leq n - 2, \\ f(x_i) &= 5i - 4, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(x'_i) &= 5i + 2, & 2 \leq i \leq n - 2, \\ f(w_i) &= 5i - 6, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(w'_i) &= 5i - 2, & 2 \leq i \leq n - 2, \\ f(y_i) &= 5n + 5i - 13, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(y'_i) &= 10n - 16 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(z_i) &= 5i - 5, & 3 \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ f(z'_i) &= 11n - 17 + i, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

$f(u_1) = 5n - 7$ ,  $f(u_2) = 5n - 5$ ,  $f(u'_1) = 5n - 6$ ,  $f(v_1) = 5n - 1$ ,  $f(v_2) = 5n - 3$ ,  $f(v'_1) = 5n - 2$ ,  $f(x_1) = 7$ ,  $f(x_2) = 5$ ,  $f(x'_1) = 6$ ,  $f(w_1) = 1$ ,  $f(w_2) = 3$ ,  $f(w'_1) = 2$ ,  $f(y_1) = 12n - 17$ ,  $f(y_2) = 5n - 4$ ,  $f(z_1) = 12n - 16$  and  $f(z_2) = 4$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = 8n - 12$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(G)$ .

Jelly fish graphs  $J(m, n)$  are obtained from a cycle  $C_4 : v_1v_2v_3v_4v_1$  by joining  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  with an edge and appending  $m$  pendant edges to  $v_2$  and  $n$  pendant edges to  $v_4$ .

**Theorem 2.16.**  $S(J(m, n))$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let the edges  $v_1v_2$ ,  $v_2v_3$ ,  $v_3v_4$ ,  $v_4v_1$ ,  $v_1v_3$  be subdivided by  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$  respectively and the edges  $v_2u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) and  $v_4w_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) be subdivided by  $u'_i$  and  $w'_j$  respectively. Define a one-to-one map  $f : V(S(J(m, n))) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2m + 2n + 9\}$  by  $f(v_1) = 2$ ,  $f(v_2) = 7$ ,  $f(v_3) = 5$ ,  $f(v_4) = 8$ ,  $f(u) = 3$ ,  $f(v) = 6$ ,  $f(w) = 4$ ,  $f(x) = 1$ ,  $f(y) = 9$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 2i + 8, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(u'_i) &= 2i + 9, & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ f(w_i) &= 2m + 2i + 8, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(w'_i) &= 2m + 2i + 9, & 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = m + n + 5$ . It follows that,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(J(m, n))$ .

The helm  $H_n$  is obtained from a wheel  $W_n$  by attaching a pendent edge at each vertex of the cycle  $C_n$ . Koh et al. [3] define a web graph. A web graph is obtained by joining the pendant points of the helm to form a cycle and then adding a single pendant edge to each vertex of this outer cycle. Yang [3] has extended the notion of a web by iterating the process of adding pendant points and joining them to form a cycle and then adding pendent point to the new cycle.  $W(t, n)$  is the generalized web with  $t$  cycles  $C_n$ .

**Theorem 2.17.**  $S(W(t, n))$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $C_n^{(i)}$  be the cycle  $u_1^i, u_2^i \dots u_n^i u_1^i$ . Let  $V(W(t, n)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^t V(C_n^{(i)}) \cup \{z_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u\}$  and  $V(S(W(t, n))) = \{v_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq t\} \cup \{w_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq t+1\} \cup V(W(t, n))$  and  $E(S(W(t, n))) = \{u_i^j v_i^j, v_i^j u_{i+1}^j : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq t\} \cup \{u_n^j v_n^j, v_n^j u_1^j : 1 \leq j \leq t\} \cup \{uw_i^1 : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{w_i^j u_i^j, u_i^j w_{i+1}^j : 1 \leq j \leq t, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{w_i^{t+1} z_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define a map  $f : V(S(W(t, n))) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3nt + 2n + 1\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_1^j) &= 2j - 1, & 1 \leq j \leq t + 1, \\ f(w_i^j) &= f(w_{i-1}^t) + 2j, & 1 \leq j \leq t, & 2 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(u_i^j) &= f(w_i^j) + 1, & 1 \leq j \leq t, & 2 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(z_i^j) &= f(w_i^{t+1}) + 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ f(v_1^j) &= n(2t + 2) + j, & 1 \leq j \leq t + 1, \\ f(v_i^j) &= f(v_{i-1}^t) + j, & 1 \leq j \leq t + 1 & 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

and  $f(u) = 3nt + 2n + 1$ . Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n(2t + 1)$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(W(t, n))$ .

A Young tableau  $Y_{m,n}$  is a sub graph of  $P_m \times P_n$  obtained by retaining the first two rows of  $P_m \times P_n$  and deleting the vertices from the right hand end of other rows in such a way that the

lengths of the successive rows form a non increasing sequence. Let  $V(P_m \times P_n) = \{u_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $E(P_m \times P_n) = \{u_{i,j}u_{i,j+1} : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{i,j}u_{i+1,j} : 1 \leq i \leq m-1, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

**Theorem 2.18.**  $S(Y_{n,n})$  is difference cordial.

**Proof.** Let  $Y_{n,n}$  be a young tableau graph obtained from the grid  $P_n \times P_n$ . Let the edges  $u_{i,j}u_{i+1,j}$  be subdivided by  $w_{i,j}$ . The order and size of  $S(Y_{n,n})$  are  $\frac{3n^2+5n-6}{2}$  and  $2(n-1)(n+2)$  respectively. Define a map  $f : V(S(Y_{n,n})) \rightarrow \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{3n^2+5n-6}{2}\right\}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_{1,j}) &= 2j-1, & 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ f(v_{1,j}) &= 2j, & 1 \leq j \leq n-1, \\ f(w_{1,j}) &= n^2-2n-2+j, & 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ f(u_{2,j}) &= 2n+2j-2, & 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ f(v_{2,j}) &= 2n+2j-1, & 1 \leq j \leq n-1, \\ f(u_{i,j}) &= f(u_{i-1,n-i+3})+2j-1, & 3 \leq i \leq n, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-i+2, \\ f(v_{i,j}) &= f(u_{i,j})+1, & 3 \leq i \leq n, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-i+2, \\ f(w_{i,j}) &= f(w_{i-1,n-i+2})+j, & 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-i+1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = (n-1)(n+2)$ ,  $f$  is a difference cordial labeling of  $S(Y_{n,n})$ .

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## Slant ruled surface in the Euclidean 3-space $E^3$

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**Abstract** This paper presents a generalization of the slant curve for ruled surface.

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### §1. Introduction and preliminaries

Several classical, well-known geometric objects are defined in terms of making a constant angle with a given, distinguished direction. Firstly, classical helices are curves making a constant angle with a fixed direction. A second example is the logarithmic spiral, the spiral marbles studied by Jacob Bernoulli, which makes a constant angle with the radial direction. In a third famous example which had applications to navigation, the loxodromes or rhumb lines are those curves in the sphere making a constant angle with the sphere meridians. Important contributions have been studied in [1-4].

In [5, 6], Izumiya and Takeuchi have introduced the concept of slant helix by saying that the normal lines makes a constant angle with a fixed direction. In the last few years, the study of surfaces making a constant angle with a fixed direction has some important applications to physics, namely in special equilibrium configurations of nematic and smectic liquid crystals [7-9].

As it is known, the other analytical tool in the study of three-dimensional kinematics and the differential geometry of ruled surfaces is based upon dual vector calculus as shown in [10-15]. Although the slant space curve in  $E^3$  is known, however, the dual curve is not. So, this led us to give a generalization of the slant curve for ruled surface in the Euclidean 3-space  $E^3$ . The condition for ruled surface to be slant ruled surface is developed and clarified using computer-aided example

There is a tight connection between spatial kinematics and the geometry of line in three-dimensional Euclidean space  $E^3$ . Therefore we start with recalling the use of appropriate line coordinates: An oriented line  $L$  in the Euclidean 3-space  $E^3$  can be represented by a dual unit vector

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e} + \varepsilon \mathbf{e}^*,$$

where  $\mathbf{e}$  is a unit vector along  $L$ ,  $\mathbf{e}^*$  is the moment vector of  $\mathbf{e}$  about the origin of coordinates  $\mathbf{o}$  and  $\varepsilon$  is a dual unit subject to the rules  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ ,  $\varepsilon^2 = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon.1 = 1.\varepsilon = \varepsilon$ . By the definitions,

$$\langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{e} \rangle = 1, \quad \langle \mathbf{e}^*, \mathbf{e} \rangle = 0. \quad (1)$$

For an introduction to dual numbers and their applications in kinematics, the reader may please refer to [10-14]. The relation between line geometry and kinematics in the Euclidean 3-space  $E^3$  can be used for understanding the ruled surface from a practical point of view. Then, a ruled surface is represented by a dual curve on the dual unit sphere [11-13]:

$$\mathbf{E}(u) = \mathbf{e}(u) + \varepsilon \mathbf{e}^*(u), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The differential geometry of the dual curve  $\mathbf{E}(u)$  is identical to that of curve on the usual unit sphere. Thus, we can define an orthonormal moving frame along  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}(u)$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}(u), \quad \mathbf{T}(u) = \mathbf{t} + \varepsilon \mathbf{t}^* = \frac{\mathbf{E}'}{\|\mathbf{E}'\|}, \quad \mathbf{G}(u) = \mathbf{g} + \varepsilon \mathbf{g}^* = \mathbf{E} \times \frac{\mathbf{E}'}{\|\mathbf{E}'\|}, \quad (2)$$

(a prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $u$ ), this frame is called the Blaschke frame. The dual unit vectors  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$  corresponds to three concurrent mutually orthogonal lines in the Euclidean 3-space  $E^3$ . Their point of intersection is the striction point on the ruling  $\mathbf{E}$ .  $\mathbf{G}$  is the limit position of the common perpendicular to  $\mathbf{E}(u)$  and  $\mathbf{E}(u + du)$  and is called the central tangent of the ruled surface at the central point. The line  $\mathbf{T}$  is called the central normal of  $\mathbf{E}(u)$  at the central point. By construction, the Blaschke formula is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}' \\ \mathbf{T}' \\ \mathbf{G}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P & 0 \\ -P & 0 & Q \\ 0 & -Q & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$P = p + \varepsilon p^* = \|\mathbf{E}'\|, \quad Q = q + \varepsilon q^* = \frac{\det(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{E}', \mathbf{E}'')}{\|\mathbf{E}'\|^3},$$

are called the curvature functions of the ruled surface  $\mathbf{E}(u)$  and their derivatives define the shape of the ruled surface  $\mathbf{E}(u)$  in vicinity of a line  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e} + \varepsilon \mathbf{e}^*$ .

## §2. Slant ruled surface

In the Euclidean 3-space  $E^3$ , it is well known that the determination of a (non-isotropic) curve with curvature  $k(s)$  and torsion  $\tau(s)$ , where  $s$  represents the arc-length, depends upon the integration of a Riccati equation; and that this can be performed only if a particular integral of the equation is known.<sup>[1]</sup> Using the concept of dual numbers and their use in kinematics, this statement can be extended for ruled surface.

### 2.1. Dual Riccati equation

Since  $\mathbf{E}(E_1, E_2, E_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{T}(T_1, T_2, T_3)$  and  $\mathbf{G}(G_1, G_2, G_3)$  are dual unit vectors, then

$$E_j^2 + T_j^2 + G_j^2 = 1, \quad (j = 1, 2, 3), \quad (4)$$

can be decomposed as follows:

$$(E_j + iG_j)(E_j - iG_j) = (1 + T_j)(1 - T_j), \quad i = \sqrt{-1}. \quad (5)$$

Let us now introduce the conjugate imaginary dual functions  $M = m + \varepsilon m^*$  and  $-N^{-1} = -(m + \varepsilon m^*)^{-1}$  :

$$M = \frac{E_j + iG_j}{1 - T_j} = \frac{1 + T_j}{E_j - iG_j}; \quad -\frac{1}{N} = \frac{E_j - iG_j}{1 - T_j} = \frac{1 + T_j}{E_j + iG_j}. \quad (6)$$

On differentiating with respect to  $u$  and take into account the Blaschke formulae, we find for  $M'$  :

$$M' = \frac{E'_j + iG'_j}{1 - T_j} + \frac{E_j + iG_j}{(1 - T_j)^2}, \quad T'_j = \frac{(P - iQ)T_j}{1 - T_j} + \frac{M(-PE_j + QG_j)M}{1 - T_j}. \quad (7)$$

Because of (6) we find for  $E_j$  and  $G_j$ :

$$E_j = \frac{1 + T_j + M^2 - M^2 T_j}{2M}, \quad G_j = \frac{i[1 + T_j - M^2 + M^2 T_j]}{2M}. \quad (8)$$

Substituting (8) into (7), we obtain:

$$M' = -\frac{M^2}{2}(P + iQ) - \frac{1}{2}(P - iQ). \quad (9)$$

Performing the same type of elimination for  $N'$ , we find that  $N$  satisfies the same equation as  $M$ . This is a dual version of the Riccati equation (see [1]).

It is assumed that the functions

$$P = \Omega \cos(\Psi u), \quad Q = \Omega \sin(\Psi u), \quad \Omega = \omega + \varepsilon \omega^* > 0, \quad \Psi = \psi + \varepsilon \psi^*, \quad (10)$$

are known. Equations (10) are intrinsic equations of the ruled surface, which do not contain coordinates. Assigning the above functions defines the ruled surface accurate to its position in space.

If  $M$  is found as a result of integration of the equation, we shall be able to find  $E_j$ ,  $G_j$  and  $T_j$  from (6) by separating the latter into parts containing and not containing  $i$  and applying (4). Substituting equations (10) into equation (9), we have

$$M' = -\frac{\Omega}{2}[M^2 e^{i\Psi u} + e^{-i\Psi u}]. \quad (11)$$

It is immediately obvious that there exist two particular integrals of (11) of the form  $Ae^{-i\Psi u}$ . If we substitute  $M = Ae^{-i\Psi u}$  into (11) and cancel  $e^{-i\Psi u}$ , we get the quadratic equation

$$\Omega A^2 - 2i\Psi A + \Omega = 0,$$

whose roots, in terms of  $\Sigma := \sigma + \varepsilon \sigma^* = \sqrt{\Omega^2 + \Psi^2}$ , are:

$$A_1 = i\sqrt{\frac{\Sigma + \Psi}{\Sigma - \Psi}}, \quad A_2 = -i\sqrt{\frac{\Sigma - \Psi}{\Sigma + \Psi}}.$$

If we choose  $M = A_1 e^{-i\Psi u}$ ,  $N = A_2 e^{-i\Psi u}$  and substitute into

$$T_j = \frac{M + N}{M - N},$$

we get

$$T_j = \frac{A_1 + A_2}{A_1 - A_2} = \frac{\Psi}{\Sigma}, \quad (12)$$

one of the components of the central normal  $\mathbf{T}(u)$  be chosen to be constant. Hence the following theorem can be given:

**Theorem 2.1.** A ruled surface in the Euclidean 3-space  $E^3$  defined by  $P = \Omega \cos(\Psi u)$ ,  $Q = \Omega \sin(\Psi u)$ , where  $\Omega > 0$  and  $\Psi$  are dual constants, has the property that its central normal makes a constant dual angle with a (suitably chosen) fixed direction.

According to Theorem 2.1, surfaces of this kind belong to a wider family of ruled surfaces distinguished by

$$P^2 + Q^2 = \Omega^2 = \text{const.} \quad (13)$$

We shall call them slant ruled surfaces and denoted them by  $(M)$ .

## 2.2. Parametric equation of $(M)$

Since equation (11) admits two known particular integrals, its general integral can be obtained by one additional quadrature. Equations (6) will then enable us determine the parametric equations of  $(M)$ . For this purpose, since one of the components of  $\mathbf{T}$ , i.e.  $(\frac{\Psi}{\Sigma})$  can be chosen to be is constant, consider the linear differential equation satisfied by  $\mathbf{T}$ . If we start from the Blaschke formulae (3) and differentiae the second row twice and write for  $\mathbf{E}'$  and  $\mathbf{G}'$  their expressions given by the first and third, we obtain as the linear differential equation for  $\mathbf{T}$ .

$$\mathbf{T}^{(3)} + \Sigma^2 \mathbf{T}' = 0. \quad (14)$$

The general integral of the differential equation (14) subject to the conditions  $\|\mathbf{T}\| = 1$ ,  $\|\mathbf{T}'\| = \Omega$ , can be shown to be

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{\Omega}{\Sigma} \cos(\Sigma u) \mathbf{F}_1 + \frac{\Omega}{\Sigma} \sin(\Sigma u) \mathbf{F}_2 + \frac{\Psi}{\Sigma} \mathbf{F}_3, \quad (15)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_3$  are orthonormal dual unit vectors which are rigidly linked to fixed space. From (15), with the help of the Blaschke formulae, we find by integration that (taking into account that  $\|\mathbf{E}\| = 1$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{T} \rangle = 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(u) = & \frac{\Omega^2}{2\Sigma} \left( \frac{\sin(\Sigma + \Psi)u}{\Sigma + \Psi} + \frac{\sin(\Sigma - \Psi)u}{\Sigma - \Psi} \right) \mathbf{F}_1 \\ & - \frac{\Omega^2}{2\Sigma} \left( \frac{\cos(\Sigma + \Psi)u}{\Sigma + \Psi} + \frac{\cos(\Sigma - \Psi)u}{\Sigma - \Psi} \right) \mathbf{F}_2 + \frac{\Omega}{\Sigma} \sin(\Psi u) \mathbf{F}_3, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

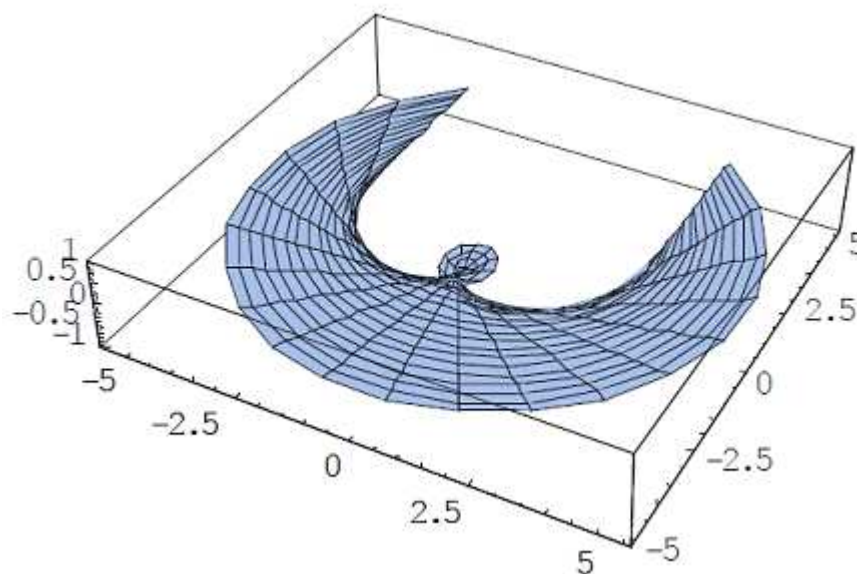
which is a canonical form for the family of slant ruled surfaces  $(M)$ . Let  $\mathbf{L}$  denote a point on  $(M)$ . We can write:

$$\mathbf{L}(u, \mu) = \mathbf{e}(u) \times \mathbf{e}^*(u) + \mu \mathbf{e}(u); \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (17)$$

As a special case, if we take  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $\sigma^* = 0$ ,  $\psi = 0$  and  $\psi^* = 1$ , then we obtain a member of this family as:

$$\mathbf{L}(u, \mu) = (-u \cos u, -u \sin u, 0) + \mu(\sin u, -\cos u, 0). \quad (18)$$

The graph of the surface is shown in Figure (1);



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