

# FUZZY *z* CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS IN DOUBLE FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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#### Abstract

In this paper we introduce double fuzzy  $\delta$ -continuous, double fuzzy  $\delta$ -bicontinuous, double fuzzy Z-continuous functions and study some of their properties in double fuzzy topological spaces.

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#### 1. Introduction

Intuitionistic fuzzy sets were first introduced by Atanassov [1] in 1993, then Coker [2] introduced the notion of Intuitionistic fuzzy topological space in 1997. In 2005, Garcia and Rodabaugh [4] proved that the term intuitionistic is unsuitable in mathematics and applications and they introduced the name double for the term intuitionistic. In the past two decades many researchers [8, 9, 15] doing more applications on double fuzzy topological spaces. From 2011, El-Maghrabi and Mubarki [6] introduced and studied some properties of Z-open sets and maps in topological spaces.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, X will be a non-empty set, I is the closed unit interval [0, 1],  $I_0 = (0, 1]$ ,  $I_1 = [0, 1)$ ,  $\iota \in I_0$ ,  $\kappa \in I_1$  and always  $\iota + \kappa \leq 1$ . A fuzzy set  $\mu$  is quasi-coincident with a fuzzy set v denoted by  $\mu qv$  iff there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\mu(x) + v(x) > 1$  and otherwise they are not quasicoincident which denoted by  $\mu qv$ . The family of all fuzzy sets on X (resp. Y and Z) is denoted by  $I^X$  (resp.  $I^Y$  and  $I^Z$ ). By  $\underline{0}$  and  $\underline{1}$ , we denote the smallest and the largest fuzzy sets on X. For a fuzzy set  $\mu(x) \in I^X$ ,  $\underline{1} - \mu(x)$ denotes its complement. For  $x \in X$ ,  $\iota \in I_0$ , a fuzzy point  $x_{\iota}$  is defined by  $x_r(y) = \iota$  if x = y for all other y,  $x_r(y) = 0$ . All other notations are standard notations of fuzzy set theory.

**Definition 2.1** [12]. A double fuzzy topology  $(\tau, \tau^*)$  on X is a pair of maps  $\tau, \tau^* : I^X \to I$ , which satisfies the following properties:

1.  $\tau(\lambda) \leq 1 - \tau^*(\lambda)$  for each  $\lambda \in I^X$ .

2.  $\tau (\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_1) \ge \tau (\lambda_1) \wedge \tau (\lambda_2)$  and  $\tau^* (\lambda_1 \wedge \lambda_2) \le \tau^* (\lambda_1) \vee \tau^* (\lambda_2)$  for each  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in I^X$ .

3.  $\tau(\vee_{i\in\Gamma}\lambda_i) \leq \wedge_{i\in\Gamma}\tau(\lambda_i)$  and  $\tau^*(\vee_{i\in\Gamma}\lambda_i) \leq \vee_{i\in\Gamma}\tau^*(\lambda_i)$  for each  $\lambda_i \in I^X$ ,  $i \in \Gamma$ .

The triplet  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  is called a double fuzzy topological space (briefly, *dfts*). A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  is called an  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy open (briefly  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fo) set if  $\tau(\lambda) \geq \iota$  and  $\tau^*(\lambda) \leq \kappa$ ,  $\lambda$  is called an  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy closed (briefly  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -*fc*) set iff  $\underline{1} - \lambda$  is an  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -*fo* set.

**Definition 2.2** [5]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a *dfts*. Then double fuzzy interior and double fuzzy closure operators are defined from  $I^X \times I_0 \times I_1 \rightarrow I^X$  as follows:  $I_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = \vee \{\mu \in I^X | \mu \leq \lambda, \tau(\mu) \geq i, \tau^*(\mu) \leq \kappa\},$ 

$$C_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = \wedge \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \mu \geq \lambda, \tau(\underline{1} - \mu) \geq i, \tau^*(\underline{1} - \mu) \leq \kappa \},\$$

where  $i \in I_0$ , and  $\kappa \in I_1$  such that  $i + \kappa \leq 1$ .

**Definition 2.3** [11]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a *dfts*. Then for each  $i \in I_0, \kappa \in I_1$ , a fuzzy set  $\lambda \in I^X$ , is said to be

1.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy regular open (briefly  $(i, \kappa)$ -fro) set if  $\lambda = I_{\tau,\tau^*}(C_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa).$ 

2. ( $\iota$ ,  $\kappa$ )- fuzzy regular closed (briefly ( $\iota$ ,  $\kappa$ )- frc) set iff <u>1</u> –  $\lambda$  is ( $\iota$ ,  $\kappa$ )- fro set.

**Definition 2.4** [10]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a dfts. Then for each  $i \in I_0, \kappa \in I_1$ , and for fuzzy set  $\lambda \in I^X$ , we define the operators  $\delta C_{\tau, \tau^*}$  and  $\delta I_{\tau, \tau^*} : I^X \times I_0 \times I_1 \to I^X$  as follows

$$\delta I_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = \bigvee \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \mu \le \lambda, \mu \text{ is an } (i, \kappa) - fro \}$$
  
$$\delta C_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = \bigwedge \{ \mu \in I^X \mid \mu \le \lambda, \mu \text{ is an } (i, \kappa) - fro \}.$$

**Definition 2.5** [3, 6, 10]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a *dfts*. Then for each  $i \in I_0, \kappa \in I_1$ , a fuzzy set  $\lambda \in I^X$ , is said to be

1.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzyo open (briefly  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fo set if  $\lambda = \delta I_{\mu} (\lambda, i, \kappa)$ .

2.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy pre open (resp.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy semi open) (briefly  $(i, \kappa)$ -fpo (resp.  $(i, \kappa)$ -fso)) set if  $\lambda \leq I_{\tau, \tau^*}(C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)$  (resp.  $\lambda \leq C_{\tau, \tau^*}(I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa))$ 

3.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy  $\delta$  pre open (resp.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy  $\delta$  semi open,  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy b open,  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy Z open [14] and  $(\iota, \kappa)$ -fuzzy e open) (briefly  $(i, \kappa)$ - $f\delta po$  (resp.  $(i, \kappa)$ - $f\delta so$ ,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fbo,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo and  $(i, \kappa)$ -feo)) set if  $\lambda \leq I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\delta C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)$  (resp.  $\lambda \leq C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\delta I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa), \lambda \leq C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)$ 

4.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ - fuzzy  $\delta$  pre closed (resp.  $(\iota, \kappa)$ - fuzzy pre closed,  $(\iota, \kappa)$ - fuzzy semi closed,  $(\iota, \kappa)$ - fuzzy  $\delta$  semi closed,  $(\iota, \kappa)$ - fuzzy b closed,  $(\iota, \kappa)$ - fuzzy Z closed and  $(\iota, \kappa)$ - fuzzy e closed) (briefly  $(i, \kappa)$ - $\delta pc$  (resp.  $(i, \kappa)$ -fpc,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fsc, (i, k)- $f\delta sc$ ,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fbc,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZc and  $(i, \kappa)$ -fzo is an  $(i, \kappa)$ - $f\delta po$  (resp.  $(i, \kappa)$ -fpo,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fso,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fbo,  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo and  $(i, \kappa)$ -feo).

**Definition 2.6** [10, 14]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a *dfts*. Then for each  $i \in I_0, \kappa \in I_1$  and for fuzzy set  $\lambda \in I^X$ , we define the operators  $\delta PC_{\tau, \tau^*}$  (resp.  $ZC_{\tau, \tau^*}$  and  $eC_{\tau, \tau^*}$ ) and  $\delta PI_{\tau, \tau^*}$  (resp.  $ZI_{\tau, \tau^*}$  and  $eI_{\tau, \tau^*}$ ):  $I^X \times I_0 \times I_1 \to I^X$  as follows:  $\delta PI_{\tau, \tau^*}$  (resp.  $ZI_{\tau, \tau^*}$  and  $eI_{\tau, \tau^*}$ )( $\lambda, i, \kappa$ ) =  $\vee \{\mu \in I^X \mid \mu \leq \lambda, \mu \text{ is an } (i, \kappa) - f\delta po \text{ (resp. } (i, \kappa) - fZ_{\sigma, \pi^*} \text{ (resp. } ZC_{\tau, \tau^*} \text{ (resp. } ZC_{\tau, \tau^*} \text{ (resp. } (i, \kappa) - fZ_{\sigma, \pi^*} \text{ (resp. } ZC_{\tau, \tau^*} \text{ (resp. } (i, \kappa) - fZ_{\sigma, \pi^*} \text{ (resp. } ZC_{\tau, \tau^*} \text{ (resp. } (i, \kappa) - fZ_{\sigma, \pi^*} \text{ (resp. } (i,$ 

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**Definition 2.7** [14]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a  $dfts, \lambda \in I^X, i \in I_0$  and  $\kappa \in I_1, \lambda$  is called an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fuzzy Z - Q-neighborhood of  $x_t \in P_t(X)$  if there exists an  $(i, \kappa)$ - $fZ_0$  set  $\mu \in I^X$  such that  $x_t q \mu$  and  $\mu \leq \lambda$ . The family of all  $(i, \kappa)$ -fuzzy Z - Q-neighborhood of  $x_t$  is denoted by ZQ- $(x_t, i, \kappa)$ .

The operators  $\delta I_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$  and  $\delta s I_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$  satisfy the above properties.

**Proposition 2.2** [14]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a dfts,  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$ , then 1.  $\lambda \leq ZC_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) < C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \leq \delta C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$ . 2.  $\delta I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \leq Z I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \leq \lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.1** [14]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a dfts, for each  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$ , then the operator  $(i, \kappa)$ - $ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}$  satisfies the following statements

1.  $ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa) = ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa).$ 

- 2. If  $\lambda$  is  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZc set then ZC  $_{\tau \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = \lambda$ .
- 3. If  $\mu$  is  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set then  $\mu q \lambda$  iff  $\mu qZC_{\tau}^{*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$ .

**Theorem 2.2** [14]. Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  be a dfts, for each  $\lambda, \mu \in I^X$ , then the operator  $(i, \kappa)$ -ZI  $_{\tau \tau^*}$  satisfies the following statements

1. 
$$ZI_{\tau,\tau^*}(ZI_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa) = ZI_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa).$$
  
2. If  $\lambda$  is  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set then  $ZI_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = \lambda.$   
3. If  $\lambda \leq \mu$  then  $ZI_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \leq ZI_{\tau,\tau^*}(\mu, i, \kappa).$   
4.  $ZI_{\tau,\tau^*}(1-\lambda, i, k) = \underline{1} - ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$  and  $ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(\underline{1} - \lambda, i, \kappa) = \underline{1} - ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa).$ 

**Definition 2.8** [13]. A function f from a dfts  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  to a dfts  $(Y, \sigma, \sigma^*)$  is called as double fuzzy continuous (resp. double fuzzy  $\delta$  pre continuous, double fuzzy  $\delta$  semi continuous, double fuzzy semi continuous [7], double fuzzy Z continuous and double fuzzy e continuous) (briefly *DFCts*, (resp. *DF*  $\delta pCts$ , *DF*  $\delta sCts$ , *DFsCts*, *DFMCts* and *DFeCts*)) function if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $(i, \kappa) \cdot fc$  (resp.  $(i, \kappa) \cdot f \delta pc$ ,  $(i, \kappa) \cdot f \delta sc$ ,  $(i, \kappa) \cdot f sc$ ,  $(i, \kappa) \cdot f c$  and  $(i, \kappa) \cdot f ec$ ) set in  $I^X$  for every  $(i, \kappa) \cdot fc$  set  $\mu \in I^Y$  for all  $i \in I_0$  and  $\kappa \in I_1$ .

**Definition 2.9** [13]. A fuzzy set  $\lambda$  in a *dfts*  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  is called an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fuzzy dense (resp.  $(i, \kappa)$ -fuzzy nowhere dense) if there exists no  $(i, \kappa)$ -fo (resp. non-zero  $(i, \kappa)$ -fo) set  $\mu$  in  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  such that  $\lambda < \mu < \underline{1}$  (resp.  $\mu < C_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$ ).

**Lemma 2.1** [13]. For a dfts  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  every  $(i, \kappa)$ -fuzzy dense set is  $(i, \kappa)$ -f $\delta po$ .

## 3. A Double Fuzzy Z Continuous Functions

In this section we introduce the class of double fuzzy  $\delta$  continuous and double fuzzy Z continuous functions and discuss about their properties.

**Definition 3.1.** A function f from a  $dfts(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  to a  $dfts(Y, \sigma, \sigma^*)$  is called as double fuzzy Z continuous (resp. double fuzzy  $\delta$  continuous, double fuzzy pre continuous and double fuzzy b continuous) (briefly, DFZCts, (resp.  $DF \delta Cts$ , DFpCts and DFbCts)) function if  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $(i, \kappa) \cdot fZc$  (resp.  $(i, k) \cdot f\delta c, (i, k) \cdot fpc$  and  $(i, k) \cdot fbc$ ) set in  $I^X$  for every  $(i, k) \cdot fc$  set  $\mu \in I^Y$  for all  $i \in I_0$  and  $\kappa \in I_1$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, \tau^*) \rightarrow (X \eta, \eta^*)$  be a mapping. 1. Every DF  $\delta Cts$  function is DFCts (resp. DF  $\delta_P Cts$  and DF  $\delta_S Cts$ ) function. 2. Every DFCts function is DFsCts (resp. DFpCts) function. 3. Every DF  $\delta_P Cts$ function is DFeC ts function. 4. Every DF  $\delta_S Cts$  function is DFeCts (resp. DFZCts) function. 5. Every DFpCts function is DFZCts function. 6. Every DFsCts function is DFbCts function. 7. Every DFZCts function is DFeCts (resp. DFbCts) function.

**Proof.** We prove only (i), the others are similar. Let  $\alpha$  be a  $(i, \kappa)$ -fo in  $I^{Y}$ .

By definition of  $DF \delta Ctsf^{-1}(\alpha)$  is  $(i, \alpha) - f\delta o$  in  $I^X$ . By Theorem 3.4 in [14],  $f^{-1}(\alpha)$  is  $(i, \kappa) - fo$  in  $I^X$ . Which implies f is DFCts.

**Remark 3.1.** The converse of the above theorem, in general, need not be true. It can be verified from the following examples.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and let the fuzzy sets  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5, \alpha_6$  and  $\alpha_7$  are defined as  $\alpha_1(a) = 0.3, \alpha_1(b) = 0.4, \alpha_1(c) = 0.5, \alpha_2(a) = 0.6, \alpha_2(b) = 0.9, \alpha_2(c) = 0.5; \alpha_3(a) = 0.2, \alpha_3(b) = 0.2, \alpha_3(c) = 0.2, \alpha_4(a) = 0.4, \alpha_4(b) = 0.4, \alpha_4(c) = 0.5; \alpha_5(a) = 0.5, \alpha_5(b) = 0.5, \alpha_5(c) = 0.5, \alpha_6(a) = 0.2, \alpha_6(b) = 0.4, \alpha_6(c) = 0.4$  and  $\alpha_7(a) = 0.3, \alpha_7(b) = 0.0, \alpha_7(c) = 0.4$ .

Consider the double fuzzy topologies  $(X, \tau, \tau^*), (Y, \eta_1, \eta_1^*), (Y, \eta_2, \eta_2^*),$  $(Y, \eta_3, \eta_3^*), (Y, \eta_4, \eta_4^*), (Y, \eta_5, \eta_5^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta_6, \eta_6^*)$  with

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$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}\} \ \tau^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}\} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{1}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{2} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \eta_{1}^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{2} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{2}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{3} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \eta_{2}^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{3} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{3}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{4} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \eta_{3}^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{3} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{3}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{4} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \eta_{3}^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{4} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{4}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{5} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \eta_{4}^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{5} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{5}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{6} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \eta_{5}^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{6} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{6}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{7} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \eta_{6}^{*}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{6} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{6}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{7} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta_{6}(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{7} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \end{cases} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Then the identity function (i)  $f : (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (X \eta_1, \eta_1^*)$  is a (i) *DFCts* (resp. *DF*  $\delta_P Cts$ ) function but not a *DF*  $\delta Cts$ , (ii) *DFZCts* but not a *DF*  $\delta sCts$ . Since the inverse image of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_2$  is an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot fo$ ,  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot f\delta_P o$ and  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot fZo$  set but not an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot f\delta_o$  and  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot f\delta_o$ , (ii)  $f : (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (X \eta_2, \eta_2^*)$  is a *DFpCts* function but not a *DFCts*, since the

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inverse image of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_3$  is an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fpo set but not an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -go (iii)  $f: (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (X \eta_3, \eta_3^*)$  is a DFsCts (resp. DF  $\delta sCts$ ) function but not a DFCts, since the inverse image of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_4$  is an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fso (resp.  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -f $\delta o$ ) set but not an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fo (iv)  $f: (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (Y \eta_4, \eta_4^*)$ is a DFZCts function but not a DFpCts, since the inverse image of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_5$  is an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fZo set but not an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fpo (v)  $f: (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (Y \eta_5, \eta_5^*)$  is a DFbCts function but not a DFsCts, since the inverse image of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_6$  is an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fbo set but not an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fso and (vi)  $f: (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (X \eta_6, \eta_6^*)$  is a DFeCts function but not a DFZCts, since the inverse image of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_7$  is an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -feo set but not an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ -fzo set in  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$ .

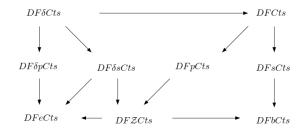
**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and let the fuzzy sets  $\alpha_8, \alpha_9$  and  $\alpha_{10}$  are defined as  $\alpha_8(a) = 0.7, \alpha_8(b) = 0.6, \alpha_8(c) = 0.5, \alpha_9(a) = 0.3, \alpha_9(b) = 0.3, \alpha_9(c) = 0.3$  and  $\alpha_{10}(a) = 0.3, \alpha_{10}(b) = 0.4, \alpha_{10}(c) = 0.5$ . Consider the double fuzzy topologies  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y \eta, \eta^*)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\alpha_8, \alpha_9\} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \tau^*(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\alpha_8, \alpha_9\} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ \eta(\lambda) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_{10} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (Y \eta, \eta^*)$  is a *DFvCts* function but not a *DFZCts*, since the inverse image of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_{10}$  is an

 $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot fbo$  set but not an  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot fZo$ .

From the above theorem and examples, the following implications are hold.



**Note:**  $A \rightarrow B$  denotes A implies B, but not conversely.

**Definition 3.2.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  is called *DFZCts* at a fuzzy point  $x_r$  if the inverse image of each  $(i, \kappa)$ -Q neighbourhood of  $f(x_r)$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -ZQ neighbourhood of  $x_r \in I^X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau, \tau^*) \to (X, \eta, \eta^*)$  is DFZCts iff it is DFZCts at every fuzzy point  $x_r \in I^X$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be dfts's and  $f : (X, \tau, \tau^*) \rightarrow (Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent:

1. f is DFZCts function. 2.  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set in  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  for each  $(i, \kappa)$ -fo set  $\lambda$  in  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  3.  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZc set in  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  for each  $(i, \kappa)$ -fc set  $\lambda$  in  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$ . 4.  $f(ZC_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)) \leq C_{\eta, \eta^*}(f(\lambda), i, \kappa),$  $\forall \lambda \in I^X$ . 5.  $ZC_{\tau, \tau^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda), i, \kappa) \leq f^{-1}(C_{\eta, \eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)), \forall \lambda \in I^Y$ . 6.  $I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\delta C_{\tau, \tau^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda), i, \kappa), i, \kappa), i, \kappa) \leq f^{-1}(C_{\eta, \eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)), \forall \lambda \in I^Y$ . 7.  $f^{-1}(I_{\eta, \eta^*}(\lambda, i, k)) \leq ZI_{\tau, \tau^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda), i, \kappa), i, \kappa), for each \lambda \in I^Y$ . 8.

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$$f^{-1}(I_{\eta,\eta^{*}}(\mu, i, \kappa)) \leq C_{\tau,\tau^{*}}(\delta I_{\tau,\tau^{*}}(f^{-1}(\mu), i, \kappa), i, \kappa) \vee I_{\tau,\tau^{*}}(C_{\tau,\tau^{*}}(f^{-1}(\mu), i, \kappa), i, \kappa))$$

for each  $\mu \in I^Y$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii), (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (viii), (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vii) and (viii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) are direct to prove, other results are provided here.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $\lambda$  be an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fo set in  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$ , f is a *DF ZCts* function, then we have  $f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda)$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZc set of  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$ . But  $f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda) = \underline{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda)$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set of  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv). Let  $\lambda \in I^X$ , since  $\eta(I_{\eta,\eta^*}(f(\lambda), i, \kappa)) \ge i, \eta^*(I_{\eta,\eta^*}(f(\lambda), i, \kappa)) \le \kappa$ . Then by (iii),  $f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f(\lambda), i, \kappa))$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZc set of  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$ . Since  $\lambda \le f^{-1}(f(\lambda)) \le f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f(\lambda), i, \kappa))$ , we have  $ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \le f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f(\lambda), i, \kappa))$ . Hence  $f(ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \le C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f(\lambda), i, \kappa))$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v). For all  $\lambda \in I^Y$  let  $f^{-1}(\lambda)$  instead of  $\lambda$  in (iv), we have  $f(ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda), i, \kappa)) \leq C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f(f^{-1}(\lambda)), i, \kappa) \leq C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$ . It implies that  $ZC_{\tau,\tau^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda), i, \kappa)) \leq f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)).$ 

 $(\text{vii}) \Rightarrow (\text{i}). \text{ Let } \lambda \text{ be an } (i, \kappa) \text{-} fc \text{ set in } (Y, \eta, \eta^*). \text{ Then } \underline{1} - \lambda = I_{\eta, \eta^*} (\underline{1} - \lambda, i, \kappa).$ By (vii),  $f^{-1}(1 - \lambda) \leq ZI_{\tau, \tau^*} (f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda), i, \kappa).$  But we know that  $f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda) \leq ZI_{\tau, \tau^*} (f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda), i, \kappa).$  Thus,  $f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda) = ZI_{\tau, \tau^*} (f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda), i, \kappa),$ that is,  $f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda)$  is  $(i, \kappa) \text{-} fZo$  set. Since  $f^{-1}(\underline{1} - \lambda) = \underline{1} - f^{-1}(\lambda), f^{-1}(\lambda)$  is  $(i, \kappa) \text{-} fZc$  function.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi): For all  $\lambda \in I^Y$ , since  $C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fc set in  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$ , by (iii), we have that  $f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa))$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZc set in  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)) \ge I_{\tau,\tau^*}(\delta C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)), i, \kappa), i, \kappa))$ 

 $\wedge C_{\eta,\eta^*}(I_{\tau,\tau^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda,i,\kappa)),i,\kappa) \geq I_{\tau,\tau^*}(\delta C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda),i,\kappa) \wedge C_{\eta,\eta^*}(I_{\tau,\tau^*}(f^{-1}(\lambda),i,\kappa),i,\kappa),i,\kappa))$ 

(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). For all  $\lambda \in I^Y$ , since  $C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -*fc* set in  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$ , and let  $C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$  instead of  $\lambda$  in (vi), we have that  $I_{\tau,\tau^*}(\delta C_{\eta,\eta^*}(f^{-1}(\delta C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)), i, \kappa) \wedge C_{\tau,\tau^*}(I_{\tau,\tau^*}(f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)), i, \kappa), i, \kappa)) \leq f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa) = f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(C_{\eta,\eta^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa))$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -*fz* set in  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \to (Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  DFZCts mapping and if for any fuzzy subset  $\lambda$  of X is  $(i, \kappa)$ -fuzzy nowhere dense then f is DF  $\delta_PCts$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\tau_2 \geq i$ ,  $\tau_2^*(\mu) \leq \kappa$ . Since f is an DFZCts mapping, then  $f^{-1}(\mu)$ is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*)$ . Put  $f^{-1}(\mu) = \lambda$  is an  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set in X. Hence  $\lambda \leq C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\delta I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa) \vee I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)$ . But  $\delta I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \leq I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \leq C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa)$ , then  $\delta I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) \leq I_{\tau, \tau^*}(C_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is  $(i, \kappa)$ -fuzzy nowhere dense and by Lemma 2.1, we have  $\delta I_{\tau, \tau^*}(\lambda, i, \kappa) = 0$ . Therefore f is  $DF \delta pCts$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \to (Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  is called double fuzzy  $\delta$ -open map (briefly  $DF \delta O$ ) if the image of every  $(i, \kappa)$ -fo set of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*)$  is  $(i, \kappa)$ -f $\delta o$  set in  $(Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  is called double fuzzy  $\delta$ -bicontinuous (briefly, *DF*  $\delta biCts$ ) if f is *DF*  $\delta o$  map and *DF*  $\delta Cts$  map.

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \to (Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  be a DF  $\delta$  biCts mapping then the inverse image of each  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set in  $(Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  under f is  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*)$ .

**Proof.** Let *f* be a *DF*  $\delta biCts$  and  $\mu$  be a  $(i, \kappa)$ -*fZo* set in  $(Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$ . Then  $\mu \leq C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\delta I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\mu, i, \kappa), i, \kappa) \vee I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\mu, i, \kappa), i, \kappa) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(\mu) \leq f^{-1}$  $(C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\delta I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\mu, i, \kappa), i, \kappa) \vee f^{-1}(I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\mu, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)) \leq C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(f^{-1}(\delta I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\mu, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)) \vee f^{-1}(I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\mu, i, \kappa), i, \kappa)))$ 

Since f is a  $DF \delta biCts$  mapping, then f is  $DF \delta O$  map and  $DF \delta Cts$  map. Then f is  $DF \delta sCts$  map and  $DF \delta pCts$  map. Hence  $f^{-1}(\mu) \leq C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(\delta I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(f^{-1}(\mu), i, \kappa) \vee I_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(C_{\tau_2, \tau_2^*}(f^{-1}(\mu), i, \kappa))$ . This shows that  $f^{-1}(\mu)$  is  $(i, \kappa)$ -fZo set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \to (Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  be a *DF*  $\delta biCts$  mapping. Then the inverse image of each  $(i, \kappa) - f \delta po$  (resp.  $(i, \kappa) - f \delta o$ ) set in Y under f is  $(i, \kappa) - f Z_0$  set in X.

**Remark 3.3.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*)$  and  $(Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  be dfts's and  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping. The composition of two *DFZCts* mappings need not be *DFZCts* as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$  and let the fuzzy sets  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ and  $\alpha_4$  defined as  $\alpha_1(a) = 0.3, \alpha_1(b) = 0.4, \alpha_1(c) = 0.5; \alpha_2(a) = 0.6, \alpha_2(b) = 0.9, \alpha_2(c) = 0.5; \alpha_3(a) = 0.6, \alpha_3(b) = 0.9, \alpha_3(c) = 0.5$  and  $\alpha_4(a) = 0.4, \alpha_4(b) = 0.0; \alpha_4(c) = 0.5$ . Consider the double fuzzy topologies  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$  and  $(Y, \eta, \eta^*)$  with

$$\tau(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{6}, & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\} \\ \tau^*(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{5}{6}, & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\} \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$
$$\sigma(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{6}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_3 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \sigma^*(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{5}{6}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_3 \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\eta(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{1}{6}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_4 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad \eta^*(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \in \{\underline{0}, \underline{1}\} \\ \frac{5}{6}, & \text{if } \lambda = \alpha_4 \\ 1, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Then the identity function  $f:(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \to (Y, \sigma, \sigma^*)$  and  $g:(Y, \sigma, \sigma^*) \to (Z, \eta, \eta^*)$  are *DFZCts* functions. But  $g \circ f$  is not *DFZCts* function, since the inverse image under  $g \circ f$  of the fuzzy set  $\alpha_4$  is not an  $\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{5}{6}\right) \cdot fZ_0$  set in  $(X, \tau, \tau^*)$ .

The next theorem gives the conditions under which the composition of two DFZCts mappings is DFZCts.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  and  $(Z, \tau_3, \tau_3^*)$  be dfts 's. If  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$  and  $g: (Y, \tau_2, \tau_1^*) \rightarrow (Z, \tau_3, \tau_3^*)$  are mappings, then  $g \circ f$  is DFZCts mapping if

1. f is DFZCts and g is DFCts.

2. f is DF & biCts and g is DFZCts mapping.

**Proof.** (i) Let  $\tau_3(\mu) \ge i$  and  $\tau_3(\mu) \le \kappa$ . Since g is *DFCts*, then  $\tau_3(g^{-1}(\mu)) \ge i$  and  $\tau_3(g^{-1}(\mu)) \le k$ . Since f is *DFZCts*, then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\mu)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(\mu)$  is  $(i, \kappa) \cdot fZ_0$  set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is *DFZCts*.

(ii) Let  $\tau_3(\mu) \ge i$  and  $\tau_3(\mu) \ge \kappa$ . Since g is *DFZCts*, then  $g^{-1}(\mu)$  is an  $(i,\kappa)$ -f Zo set in  $(Y, \tau_2, \tau_2^*)$ . Since f is *DF*  $\delta biCts$ , by Theorem 3.4,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\mu)$  is  $(i,\kappa)$ -f Zo set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_1^*)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is *DFZCts*.

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we have introduced the double fuzzy  $\delta$ -continuous, double fuzzy  $\delta$ -bicontinuous, double fuzzy Z-continuous functions in double fuzzy topological spaces. Also some interesting properties and characterizations of

the concepts are studied and we hope these investigations will further encourage other researchers to explore the interesting connections between this area of topology and fuzzy set.

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