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# Fuzzy $S_{\beta}$ -continuous and fuzzy $S_{\beta}$ -open mappings

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#### Abstract

The aim of this paper is to introduce the notion of fuzzy mappings, known as fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mappings. Some of their basic properties and characterization theorems have been investigated in fuzzy topological spaces. The notion of fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open mappings have been introduced and some of their characterization theorems and basic properties have also been studied in fuzzy topological spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [15]. There after realizing its potentiality, researchers investigated on fuzzy sets in different aspects and successfully applied it for further investigations in all the branches of science and technology. Chang [4] introduced the notion of fuzzy topology. Abd El-Monsef et al [1] introduced the concepts of  $\beta$ -open sets and  $\beta$ continuous functions in general topology and Fath Alla [2] introduced these concepts in fuzzy setting. Khalaf and Ahmed [8] introduced and studied a new class of semiopen sets, called  $S_{\beta}$ -open sets, then introduced and investigated  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous functions in general topological spaces. Besides these different researchers [3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14] contributed lots of work of fuzzy setting. Motivated by these works in this paper we have introduced fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mappings and have studied their basic properties in fuzzy setting. In section 2, the different concepts of known fuzzy sets and fuzzy mappings have been procured as ready reference. In section 3, the notion of fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mappings has been introduced and some of their basic properties would be investigated in fuzzy topological spaces. In section 4, the concept of fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open mappings has been introduced and studied.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, some preliminary results and definitions have been mentioned as ready reference.

**Definition 2.1.** [15] Let X be an arbitrary set. A fuzzy subset A in X is the collection of ordered pairs  $(x, \mu_A(x))$  with  $x \in X$  and a membership function

$$\mu_A: X \to [0,1]$$

The value  $\mu_A(x)$  of x denotes the degree to which an element x may be member of A. Thus a fuzzy subset A of X is defined by

$$A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in X\}.$$

The null fuzzy set  $0_X$  is the mapping from X into I which assumes only the value 0 and the whole fuzzy set  $1_X$  is the mapping from X into I which

takes the value 1 only.

**Definition 2.2.** [15] Let A and B be two fuzzy sets in a crisp set X and the membership functions of them be  $\mu_A$  and  $\mu_B$  respectively. Then

- 1. A is equal to B, i.e., A = B if and only if  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
- 2. A is called a subset of B if and only if  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
- 3. the Union of two fuzzy sets A and B is denoted by  $A \vee B$  and its membership function is given by  $\mu_{A \vee B} = \max(\mu_A, \mu_B)$ ,
- 4. the Intersection of two fuzzy sets A and B is denoted by  $A \wedge B$  and its membership function is given  $\mu_{A \wedge B} = \min(\mu_A, \mu_B)$ ,
- 5. the Complement of a fuzzy set A is defined as the negation of the specified membership function. Symbolically it can be written as  $\mu_A^c = 1 \mu_A$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [11] A fuzzy point  $x_p$  in X is a fuzzy set in X defined by

$$x_p(y) = \begin{cases} p(0$$

x and p are respectively the support and the value of  $x_p$ .

A fuzzy point  $x_p$  is said to belong to a fuzzy set A of X if and only if  $p \leq A(x)$ . A fuzzy set A in X is the union of all fuzzy points which belong to A.

**Definition 2.4.** [4] Suppose  $\tau$  is a family of fuzzy subsets in X which satisfies the following axioms:

- 1.  $0_X, 1_X \in \tau$ .
- 2. If  $A, B \in \tau$ , then  $A \wedge B \in \tau$ .
- 3. If  $A_j \in \tau$  for all j from the index set  $J, \forall_{j \in J} A_j \in \tau$ .

Then  $\tau$  is called a fuzzy topology for X and the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a fuzzy topological space. The elements of  $\tau$  are called fuzzy open subsets. The complement of each member in  $\tau$  is defined as a fuzzy closed set in X (with respect to  $\tau$ ) or simply a fuzzy closed set in X.

Throughout the paper, the spaces X and Y always represent fuzzy topological spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  respectively.

**Definition 2.5.** [2] Let X be a fuzzy topological space. A fuzzy set A of X is called fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set if  $A \leq clintcl(A)$ . The complement of a fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set is fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed set.

**Definition 2.6.** [2] Let A be a fuzzy set in a fuzzy topological space X. The fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure  $(\beta cl)$  and  $\beta$ -interior  $(\beta int)$  of A are defined as follows .

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\beta clA = \land \{B : A \leq B, B \text{ is fuzzy } \beta\text{-closed}\},

\beta intA = \lor \{B : A \geq B, B \text{ is fuzzy } \beta\text{-open}\}.

It is obvious that \beta cl(A)^c = (\beta intA)^c and \beta int(A)^c = (\beta clA)^c.
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**Definition 2.7.** [2] A function  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be fuzzy  $\beta$ -continuous (resp.  $M\beta$  - continuous) if the inverse image of every fuzzy open (resp. fuzzy  $\beta$ -open) set in Y is fuzzy  $\beta$ -open (resp. fuzzy  $\beta$ -open) set in X.

**Definition 2.8.** [5] A fuzzy semi open subset A of a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open if for each fuzzy point  $x_p \in A$  there exists a fuzzy  $\beta$ -closed set F such that  $x_p \in F \leq A$ . A fuzzy subset B of a fuzzy topological space X is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed if its complement is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open.

**Theorem 2.9.** [5] The union of an arbitrary collection of fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open sets in a fuzzy topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is also fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set.

**Remark 2.10.** [5] The intersection of two fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open sets is not a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set.

### 3. Fuzzy $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mappings

In this section, we introduce the concept of fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuity by using fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open sets. Several relations between these mappings and other types of fuzzy continuous mappings and spaces are also investigated.

**Definition 3.1.** A mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous at a fuzzy point  $x_p$  of X if for each fuzzy open set V of Y containing the image of  $x_p$ , there exists a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -copen set U in X containing  $x_p$  such that  $f(U)\leq V$ . If f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous at every point  $x_p$  of X, then it is called fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous.

**Proposition 3.2.** A mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of every fuzzy open set in Y is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X.

**Proof.** Necessity. Let f be a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mapping and V be any fuzzy open set in Y. To show that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X. If  $f^{-1}(V) = 0_X$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X. If  $f^{-1}(V) \neq 0_X$ , then there exists  $x_p \in f^{-1}(V)$ , which implies  $f(x_p) \in V$ . Since f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous, so there exists a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set U in X containing  $x_p$  such that  $f(U) \leq V$ . This implies  $x_p \in U \leq f^{-1}(V)$ , which shows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open in X.

**Sufficiency**. Let V be any fuzzy open set in Y and its inverse be fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open in X. Since  $f(x_p) \in V$ , then  $x_p \in f^{-1}(V)$  and by hypothesis  $f^{-1}(V)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X containing  $x_p$ , so  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \leq V$ . Therefore, f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.3.** Every fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mapping is fuzzy semicontinuous.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mapping.
- 2. The inverse image of every fuzzy open set in Y is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X.
- 3. The inverse image of every fuzzy closed set in Y is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed set in X.
- 4. For each fuzzy set A in X,  $f(S_{\beta}cl(A)) \leq clf(A)$ .
- 5. For each fuzzy set A in X,  $intf(A) \leq f(S_{\beta}int(A))$ .
- 6. For each fuzzy set B in Y,  $S_{\beta}clf^{-1}(B) \leq f^{-1}(clB)$ .
- 7. For each fuzzy set B in Y,  $f^{-1}(intB) \leq S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(B))$

#### **Proof.** $1 \Rightarrow 2$ follows from Proposition 3.2.

- $2 \Rightarrow 3$ . Let B be any fuzzy closed subset of Y. Then  $1_Y B$  is fuzzy open subset in Y and hence  $f^{-1}(1_Y B) = 1_X f^{-1}(B)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X. Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed set in X.
- $3 \Rightarrow 4$ . Let A be a fuzzy set in X, then  $f(A) \leq Y$ . But  $f(A) \leq clf(A)$  and by 3,  $f^{-1}(clA)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed set in X and  $A \leq f^{-1}(clf(A))$ , then  $S_{\beta}clA \leq f^{-1}(clf(A))$ . This implies  $f(S_{\beta}clA) \leq clf(A)$ .
- $4 \Rightarrow 5$ . Let A be a fuzzy set in X, then  $1_X A \leq X$  and then by 4,  $f(S_{\beta}cl(1_X A)) \leq clf(1_X A)$ . Therefore,  $f(1_X S_{\beta}intA) \leq cl(1_Y f(A))$ . This implies  $1_Y f(S_{\beta}int(A)) \leq 1_Y intf(A)$ . Thus  $intf(A) \leq f(S_{\beta}intA)$ .
- $5 \Rightarrow 6$ . Let B be a fuzzy set in Y, then  $f^{-1}(B) \leq X$  and then  $1_X f^{-1}(B) \leq X$ . Therefore  $int f(1_X f^{-1}(B)) \leq f(S_\beta int(1_X f^{-1}(B)))$ , then  $int(1_Y f(f^{-1}(B))) \leq f(1_X S_\beta clf^{-1}(B))$ , this implies  $int(1_Y B) \leq 1_Y f(S_\beta clf^{-1}(B))$ , then  $(1_Y clB) \leq 1_Y f(S_\beta clf^{-1}(B))$ , that is  $f(S_\beta clf^{-1}(B)) \leq clB$ . Hence  $S_\beta clf^{-1}(B) \leq f^{-1}(clB)$ .
- $6 \Rightarrow 7$ . Let B be a fuzzy set in Y, then  $1_Y A \leq Y$ . Therefore, by 6,  $S_{\beta}clf^{-1}(1_Y B) \leq f^{-1}(cl(1_Y B))$ , then  $S_{\beta}cl(1_X f^{-1}(B)) \leq f^{-1}(1_Y intB)$ , so we get  $1_X S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(B)) \leq (1_X f^{-1}(intB))$ , hence  $f^{-1}(intB) \leq S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(B))$

 $7 \Rightarrow 1$ . Let  $x_p$  be a fuzzy point of X and U be any fuzzy open set of Y containing  $f(x_p)$ , then by 7,

 $f^{-1}(intU) \leq S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(U))$ , this implies  $f^{-1}(U) \leq S_{\beta}f^{-1}(U)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(U)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X containing  $x_p$  such that  $f(f^{-1}(U)) \leq U$ . Thus f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mapping.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  be a surjective mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mapping.
- 2. For every fuzzy open set B in Y,  $intclf^{-1}(B) \le f^{-1}(clB)$  and  $f^{-1}(clB) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Lambda} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ .
- 3. For every fuzzy set B in Y,  $f^{-1}(intB) \leq clintf^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(intB) = \bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} F_i$  where  $F_i \in \beta C(X)$ .
- 4. For each fuzzy set A in X,  $f(intclA) \leq clf(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(clf(A)) = \bigwedge_{i \in \Lambda} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ .

**Proof.**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . Let B be a fuzzy set in Y. Then clB is fuzzy closed in Y. Since f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous, then by Theorem 3.4.,  $f^{-1}(clB)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$  closed in X. Therefore, by Proposition 3.2.,  $f^{-1}(clB)$  is fuzzy semiclosed set and  $f^{-1}(clB) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ . Thus  $intclf^{-1}(clB) \leq f^{-1}(clB)$  and  $f^{-1}(clB) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ . Hence  $intclf^{-1}(B) \leq f^{-1}(clB)$  and  $f^{-1}(clB) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ .

- $2 \Rightarrow 1$ . Let B be a fuzzy closed set of Y. Then by 2,  $intclf^{-1}(B) \le f^{-1}(clB) = f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(B) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(B) \in SC(X)$  and  $f^{-1}(B) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ . Thus by Proposition 3.2.,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed in X. Hence by Theorem 3.4., f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous mapping.
- $1 \Rightarrow 3$ . Let B be a fuzzy set in Y. Then intB is fuzzy open set in Y, since f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -continuous. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(intB)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open in X. This implies  $f^{-1}(intB) \in SO(X)$  and  $f^{-1}(intB) = \bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} F_i$  where  $F_i \in \beta C(X)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(intB) \leq clintf^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(intB) = \bigvee_{i \in \Lambda} F_i$  where  $F_i \in \beta C(X)$ .

- $3 \Rightarrow 1$ . Let B be any fuzzy open set in Y. Then int B = B and then by 3,  $f^{-1}(B) \leq clint f^{-1}(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(B) = \bigvee_{i \in \wedge} F_i$  where  $F_i \in \beta C(X)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(B) \in S_{\beta}O(X)$ . Hence f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$  continuous.
- $2 \Rightarrow 4$ . Let A be a fuzzy set of X. Then f(A) is a fuzzy set in Y and then by 2,  $intclf^{-1}(f(A)) \leq f^{-1}(clf(A))$  and  $f^{-1}(clf(A)) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ . Thus  $f(intclA) \leq clf(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(clf(A)) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ .
- $4 \Rightarrow 2$ . Let B be a fuzzy set of Y. Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy set in X. Therefore by 4,  $f(intclf^{-1}(B)) \leq clB$  and  $f^{-1}(clf(f^{-1}(B))) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ . This implies  $intclf^{-1}(B) \leq f^{-1}(clB)$  and  $f^{-1}(clB) = \wedge_{i \in \wedge} V_i$  where  $V_i \in \beta O(X)$ .

# 4. Fuzzy $S_{\beta}$ -open mappings

**Definition 4.1** A mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open if f(U) is fuzzy open in Y for each fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set U in X.

**Theorem 4.2.** A mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open if and only if for every fuzzy subset U of X,  $f(S_{\beta}int(U))\leq int(f(U))$ .

**Proof.** Let f be a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open mapping. Now, we have  $S_{\beta}int(U) \leq U$  and  $S_{\beta}int(U)$  is a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set. Hence we obtain that  $f(S_{\beta}int(U)) \leq f(U)$ . Since f is a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open mapping, that is  $f(U) \in \sigma$  and thus  $f(S_{\beta}int(U)) \leq int(f(U))$ .

Conversely, assume that condition holds. Let U be a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X.

Then  $f(U) = f(S_{\beta}int(U)) \leq int(f(U))$ . But  $int(f(U)) \leq f(U)$ . Consequently, f(U) = int(f(U)) and hence f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open mapping.

**Theorem 4.3.** If a mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open then for every fuzzy subset G of Y,  $S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(G))\leq f^{-1}int(G)$ .

**Proof.** Let G be an arbitrary fuzzy subset of Y.

Then  $S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(G))$  is a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X and f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open.

Then 
$$f(S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(G))) \leq int(f(f^{-1}(G))) \leq int(G)$$
.

So that  $S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(G)) \leq f^{-1}f(S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(G))) \leq f^{-1}(int(f(f^{-1}(G)))) \leq f^{-1}int(G)$ .

Thus  $S_{\beta}int(f^{-1}(G)) \leq f^{-1}(int(G))$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  be a mapping. Then the following are equivalent:

- 1. f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open.
- 2. For each fuzzy subset U of X,  $f(S_{\beta}int(U)) \leq int(f(U))$ .
- 3. For each fuzzy point  $x_p$  in X and each fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -neighborhood U of  $x_p$  in X there exists a fuzzy neighborhood V of  $f(x_p)$  in Y such that  $V \leq f(U)$ .

**Proof.**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . It follows from Theorem 4.2.

 $2 \Rightarrow 3$ . Assume 2 holds.

Let  $x_p$  be a fuzzy point in X and U be an arbitrary fuzzy  $S_\beta$ -neighborhood of  $x_p$  in X

Then there exists a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set V in X such that  $x_p \in V \leq U$ By 2, we have  $f(V) = f(S_{\beta}int(V)) \leq int(f(V))$  and hence f(V) =

int(f(V)).
Therefore it follows that f(V) is fuzzy open in Y such that  $f(x_p) \in f(V) \le f(U)$ .

Thus 3 holds.

 $3\Rightarrow 1.$  Assume 3 holds. Let U be an arbitrary fuzzy  $S_{\beta}\text{-neighborhood}$  in X.

Then for each  $y_p \in f(U)$ , by 3 there exists a fuzzy neighborhood  $V_{y_p}$  of  $y_p$  in X such that  $V_{y_p} \leq f(U)$ .

As  $V_{y_p}$  is a fuzzy neighborhood of Y, there exists a fuzzy open set  $W_{y_p}$  in Y such that  $y_p \in W_{y_p} \leq V_{y_p}$ . Thus,  $f(U) = \bigvee \{W_{y_p} : y_p \in f(U)\}$  is a fuzzy open set in Y. This implies that f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open.

**Theorem 4.5.** A mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open if and only if for any fuzzy subset B of Y and for any fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed set F of X containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ , there exists a fuzzy closed set A in Y containing B such that  $f^{-1}(A) \leq F$ .

**Proof.** Suppose, f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open. Let  $B \leq Y$  and F be a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed set in X containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ . Now put A = Y - f(X - F). It is clear that  $f^{-1}(B) \leq F$  implies  $B \leq A$ .

Since, f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open, we obtain that A is a fuzzy closed set of Y, then we have  $f^{-1}(A) \leq F$ .

Conversely, let U be a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open set in X and B = Y - f(U).

Then X - U is a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed set in X containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ .

By hypothesis, there exists a fuzzy closed set F of Y such that  $B \leq F$  and  $f^{-1}(F) \leq X - U$ .

Hence, we obtain  $f(U) \leq Y - F$ .

On the other hand, it follows that  $B \leq F$ ,  $Y - F \leq Y - B = f(U)$ .

Thus, we obtain f(U) = Y - F which is a fuzzy open set and hence f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open mapping.

Corollary 4.6. A mapping  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open if and only if  $f^{-1}(cl(B))\leq S_{\beta}cl(f^{-1}(B))$  for every fuzzy subset B of Y.

**Proof.** Suppose, f be fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open. For every fuzzy subset B of Y,  $f^{-1}(B) \leq S_{\beta}cl(f^{-1}(B))$ . Therefore by Theorem 4.5., there exists a fuzzy closed F in Y containing B such that  $f^{-1}(F) \leq S_{\beta}cl(f^{-1}(B))$ . Because  $cl(B) \leq cl(F) = F$ , we have  $f^{-1}(cl(B)) \leq f^{-1}(F)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f^{-1}(cl(B)) \leq S_{\beta}cl(f^{-1}(B))$ .

Conversely, let  $B \leq Y$  and F be a fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -closed set of X containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ . We have  $S_{\beta}cl(f^{-1}(B)) \leq S_{\beta}cl(F) = F$ . Put  $W = cl_Y(B)$ , then we have  $B \leq cl_Y(B) = W$  and W is fuzzy closed in Y and by hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(cl(B)) \leq S_{\beta}cl(f^{-1}(B))$ , so that  $f^{-1}(W) \leq F$ . Then by Theorem 4.5., the mapping f is fuzzy  $S_{\beta}$ -open.

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