

## ON FUZZY $S$ -WEAKLY $r$ - $M$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS ON FUZZY $r$ -MINIMAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We introduce the concept of fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous functions on fuzzy  $r$ -minimal spaces, and investigate some characterizations of such functions and the relations between the continuity and fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compactness on fuzzy  $r$ -minimal spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of fuzzy set was introduced by Zadeh [14]. Chang [2] defined fuzzy topological spaces using fuzzy sets. In [3, 11], Chattopadhyay, Hazra and Samanta introduced a smooth topological space which is a generalization of fuzzy topological space. In [12], Yoo et al. introduced the concept of fuzzy  $r$ -minimal space which is an extension of the smooth topological space. The concepts of fuzzy  $r$ -open sets, fuzzy  $r$ -semiopen sets, fuzzy  $r$ -preopen sets, fuzzy  $r$ - $\beta$ -open sets and fuzzy  $r$ -regular open sets were introduced in [1, 4, 5, 6], which are various kinds of fuzzy  $r$ -minimal structures. The concept of fuzzy  $r$ - $M$ -continuity was also introduced and investigated in [12]. In [9], we introduced and studied the concept of fuzzy weak  $r$ - $M$ -continuity. In this paper, we introduce the concept of fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous function, which is a generalization of fuzzy  $r$ - $M$ -continuous function. We investigate some characterizations of such continuity, and show that the relationships between fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuity and fuzzy  $r$ - $M$ -continuity. In particular, we obtain Theorem 3.11: Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . If  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semicompact set in  $X$  and if  $\mathcal{M}_Y$  has the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ , then  $f(A)$  is almost fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact.

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## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $I$  be the unit interval  $[0, 1]$  of the real line. A member  $A$  of  $I^X$  is called a fuzzy set of  $X$ . By  $\tilde{\mathbf{0}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}$  we denote constant maps on  $X$  with value 0 and 1, respectively. For any  $A \in I^X$ ,  $A^c$  denotes the complement  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - A$ . All other notations are standard notations of fuzzy set theory.

A *fuzzy point*  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  is a fuzzy set  $x_\alpha$  defined as follows

$$x_\alpha(y) = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{if } y = x, \\ 0 & \text{if } y \neq x. \end{cases}$$

A fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  is said to belong to a fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$ , denoted by  $x_\alpha \in A$ , if  $\alpha \leq A(x)$  for  $x \in X$ .

A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is the union of all fuzzy points which belong to  $A$ .

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $A \in I^X$  and  $B \in I^Y$ . Then  $f(A)$  is a fuzzy set in  $Y$ , defined by

$$f(A)(y) = \begin{cases} \sup_{z \in f^{-1}(y)} A(z), & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for  $y \in Y$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a fuzzy set in  $X$ , defined by  $f^{-1}(B)(x) = B(f(x))$ ,  $x \in X$ .

A *smooth topology* [11] on  $X$  is a map  $\mathcal{T} : I^X \rightarrow I$  which satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $\mathcal{T}(\tilde{\mathbf{0}}) = \mathcal{T}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}}) = 1$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}(A_1 \wedge A_2) \geq \mathcal{T}(A_1) \wedge \mathcal{T}(A_2)$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{T}(\bigvee A_i) \geq \bigwedge \mathcal{T}(A_i)$ .

The pair  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called a *smooth topological space*.

**Definition 2.1** ([12]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $r \in (0, 1] = I_0$ . A fuzzy family  $\mathcal{M} : I^X \rightarrow I$  on  $X$  is said to have a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal structure* if the family

$$\mathcal{M}_r = \{A \in I^X \mid \mathcal{M}(A) \geq r\}$$

contains  $\tilde{\mathbf{0}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}$ .

Then the  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  is called a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal space* (simply  *$r$ -FMS*) if  $\mathcal{M}$  has a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal structure. Every member of  $\mathcal{M}_r$  is called a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set*. A fuzzy set  $A$  is called a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed set* if the complement of  $A$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $r \in I_0$ . The fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closure and the fuzzy  $r$ -minimal interior of  $A$  [12], denoted by  $mC(A, r)$  and  $mI(A, r)$ , respectively, are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} mC(A, r) &= \bigcap \{B \in I^X : B^c \in \mathcal{M}_r \text{ and } A \subseteq B\}, \\ mI(A, r) &= \bigcup \{B \in I^X : B \in \mathcal{M}_r \text{ and } B \subseteq A\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.1** ([12]). Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $A, B$  in  $I^X$ .

- (1)  $mI(A, r) \subseteq A$  and if  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set, then  $mI(A, r) = A$ .
- (2)  $A \subseteq mC(A, r)$  and if  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed set, then  $mC(A, r) = A$ .
- (3) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $mI(A, r) \subseteq mI(B, r)$  and  $mC(A, r) \subseteq mC(B, r)$ .
- (4)  $mI(A, r) \cap mI(B, r) \supseteq mI(A \cap B, r)$  and  $mC(A, r) \cup mC(B, r) \subseteq mC(A \cup B, r)$ .
- (5)  $mI(mI(A, r), r) = mI(A, r)$  and  $mC(mC(A, r), r) = mC(A, r)$ .
- (6)  $\bar{\mathbf{1}} - mC(A, r) = mI(\bar{\mathbf{1}} - A, r)$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{1}} - mI(A, r) = mC(\bar{\mathbf{1}} - A, r)$ .

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$  be two  $r$ -FMS's. Then a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (1) *fuzzy  $r$ - $M$ -continuous* [12] if for every fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $A$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open in  $X$ ,
- (2) *fuzzy weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous* [9] if for fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  and each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $V$  containing  $f(x_\alpha)$ , there is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $U$  containing  $x_\alpha$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq mC(V, r)$ .

**Theorem 2.2** ([9]). Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq mI(f^{-1}(mC(V, r)), r)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $mC(f^{-1}(mI(B, r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed set  $B$  in  $Y$ .
- (4)  $mC(f^{-1}(V), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r))$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

### 3. Main Results

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $A \in I^X$ . Then a fuzzy set  $A$  is said to be *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen* [9] if  $A \subseteq mC(mI(A, r), r)$ . We showed that any union of fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen sets is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen [9].

For  $A \in I^X$ ,  $msC(A, r)$  and  $msI(A, r)$ , respectively, are defined as the following:

$$msC(A, r) = \cap \{F \in I^X : A \subseteq F, F \text{ is fuzzy } r\text{-minimal semiclosed}\}$$

$$msI(A, r) = \cup \{U \in I^X : U \subseteq A, U \text{ is fuzzy } r\text{-minimal semiopen}\}.$$

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be *fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous* if for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $A$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(A, r)), r)$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Every fuzzy weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous function is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous but the converse is not always true as shown in the next example.

fuzzy  $r$ - $M$ -continuous  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous  $\Rightarrow$  fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = I$ , and let  $A$  and  $B$  be two fuzzy sets in  $X$  defined as

$$A(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3} \text{ for } x \in I,$$

$$B(x) = \frac{1}{2}x \text{ for } x \in I.$$

Define a fuzzy family  $\mathcal{M} : I^X \rightarrow I$  by

$$\mathcal{M}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \sigma = \tilde{\mathbf{0}}, \tilde{\mathbf{1}}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \sigma = A, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

and a fuzzy family  $\mathcal{N} : I^X \rightarrow I$  by

$$\mathcal{N}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } \sigma = \tilde{\mathbf{0}}, \tilde{\mathbf{1}}, \\ \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } \sigma = B, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consider the identity function  $f : (X, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{N})$ . Note that:

$$mI(f^{-1}(mC(B, \frac{1}{2})), \frac{1}{2}) = mI(f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - B), \frac{1}{2}) = A;$$

$$msI(f^{-1}(mC(B, \frac{1}{2})), \frac{1}{2}) = msI(f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - B), \frac{1}{2}) = \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - B.$$

Clearly  $f$  is a fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $M$ -continuous function but it is not a fuzzy weakly  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $M$ -continuous function by Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . Then  $f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous if and only if for every fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  and each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $V$  containing  $f(x_\alpha)$ , there exists a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen set  $U$  containing  $x_\alpha$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq mC(V, r)$ .

*Proof.* If  $f$  is a fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous function, then for each fuzzy point  $x_\alpha$  in  $X$  and each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $V$  containing  $f(x_\alpha)$ , we have  $x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(V, r)), r)$ . Put  $U = msI(f^{-1}(mC(V, r)), r)$ . Then  $U$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen set such that  $x_\alpha \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r))$ . Thus  $f(U) \subseteq mC(V, r)$ .

For the converse, let  $V$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ . By hypothesis, for each  $x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(V)$ , there exists a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen set  $U$  containing  $x_\alpha$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq mC(V, r)$ . So  $\cup\{U : x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(V)\} \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r))$  for a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen set  $U$  containing  $x_\alpha$ . Since  $\cup\{U : x_\alpha \in f^{-1}(V)\}$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen, we have  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(V, r)), r)$ . Hence  $f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous.*
- (2)  *$msC(f^{-1}(mI(F, r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $F$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed subset of  $Y$ . Then since  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - F$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - F) &\subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - F, r)), r) \\ &= msI(f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - mI(F, r)), r) \\ &= msI(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - f^{-1}(mI(F, r)), r) \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - msC(f^{-1}(mI(F, r)), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(F, r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ .

Similarly, it is proved that (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). □

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\mathcal{M} : I^X \rightarrow I$  a fuzzy family on  $X$ . The fuzzy family  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to have the property  $(\mathcal{U})$  [12] if for  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}$  ( $i \in J$ ),

$$\mathcal{M}(\cup A_i) \geq \wedge \mathcal{M}(A_i).$$

**Theorem 3.4** ([12]). *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS with the property  $(\mathcal{U})$  and  $A \in I^X$ . Then*

- (1)  *$A$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open if and only if  $mI(A, r) = A$ .*
- (2)  *$A$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed if and only if  $mC(A, r) = A$ .*

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}_Y$  has the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ , then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous.*
- (2)  *$msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(B, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(B, r))$  for every fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ .*
- (3)  *$f^{-1}(mI(B, r)) \subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(mI(B, r), r)), r)$  for every fuzzy set  $B$  in  $Y$ .*
- (4)  *$msC(f^{-1}(V), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r))$  for every fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) For  $B \in I^Y$ , from the property  $(\mathcal{U})$  and Theorem 3.4, we have that  $mC(B, r)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal closed set in  $Y$ . By Theorem 3.3, we easily obtain  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(B, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(B, r))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) For  $B \in I^Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(mI(B, r)) &= \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - (f^{-1}(mC(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - B, r))) \\ &\subseteq \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - B, r), r)), r) \end{aligned}$$

$$= msI(f^{-1}(mC(mI(B, r), r)), r).$$

Hence,  $f^{-1}(mI(B, r)) \subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(mI(B, r), r)), r)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $V$  be any fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set of  $Y$ . Then from  $V \subseteq mI(mC(V, r), r)$ , it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - f^{-1}(mC(V, r)) &= f^{-1}(mI(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - V, r)) \\ &\subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(mI(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - V, r), r)), r) \\ &= msI(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - (f^{-1}(mI(mC(V, r), r))), r) \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(V, r), r)), r) \\ &\subseteq \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - msC(f^{-1}(V), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have  $msC(f^{-1}(V), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r))$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $V$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set in  $Y$ . By Theorem 3.4,  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - mC(V, r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open. So from  $V \subseteq mI(mC(V, r), r)$  and (4), it follows

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(V) &\subseteq f^{-1}(mI(mC(V, r), r)) \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - f^{-1}(mC(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - mC(V, r), r)) \\ &\subseteq \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - msC(f^{-1}(\tilde{\mathbf{1}} - mC(V, r)), r) \\ &= msI(f^{-1}(mC(V, r)), r). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous. □

**Definition 3.2** ([10]). Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $A \in I^X$ . Then a fuzzy set  $A$  is said to be

- (1) fuzzy  $r$ -minimal preopen if  $A \subseteq mI(mC(A, r), r)$ ;
- (2) fuzzy  $r$ -minimal regular open (resp., fuzzy  $r$ -minimal regular closed) if  $A = mI(mC(A, r), r)$  (resp.,  $A = mC(mI(A, r), r)$ ).

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}_Y$  has the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ , then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(G, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(G, r))$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set  $G$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(V, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r))$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal preopen set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (4)  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(K, r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal regular closed set  $K$  in  $Y$ .
- (5)  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(G, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(G, r))$  for each fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen set  $G$  in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $G$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set of  $Y$ ; then by Theorem 3.5 (2),  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(G, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(G, r))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $V \subseteq Y$  be fuzzy  $r$ -minimal preopen. Then  $V \subseteq mI(mC(V, r), r)$ . Set  $A = mI(mC(V, r), r)$ . Then by Theorem 3.6,  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set, and so  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(A, r), r)), r, r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(A, r))$ . From  $mC(A, r) = mC(V, r)$ , it follows

$$msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(V, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r)).$$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $K$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal regular closed set of  $Y$ . Since  $mI(K, r)$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal preopen set,

$$msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(mI(K, r), r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(mI(K, r), r)).$$

From  $mI(K, r) = mI(mC(mI(K, r), r), r)$  and  $K = mC(mI(K, r), r)$ , it follows  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(K, r), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) For any fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen set  $G$ , we know that  $G \subseteq mC(mI(mC(G, r), r), r) \subseteq mC(G, r)$ , and so  $mC(G, r)$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal regular closed. Hence  $msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(G, r), r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(G, r))$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $V$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open set. Then since  $V$  is also a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen set, from  $V \subseteq mI(mC(V, r), r)$  and (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} msC(f^{-1}(V), r) &\subseteq msC(f^{-1}(mI(mC(V, r), r)), r) \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}(mC(V, r)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Theorem 3.5 (4),  $f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous. □

We recall that the following notions introduced in [8, 13]: Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_i \in I^X : i \in J\}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal cover* if  $\cup\{A_i : i \in J\} = \mathbf{1}$ . It is a *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open(semiopen) cover* if each  $A_i$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open(semiopen) set. A subcover of a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal cover  $\mathcal{A}$  is a subfamily of it which also is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal cover. A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be *fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semicompact* (resp., *almost fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact*) if every fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen (resp., open) cover  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_i \in \mathcal{M}_r : i \in J\}$  of  $A$ , there exists  $J_0 = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n\} \subseteq J$  such that  $A \subseteq \cup_{k \in J_0} A_k$  (resp.,  $A \subseteq \cup_{k \in J_0} mC(A_k, r)$ ).

**Lemma 3.7** ([Theorem 3.8 of [7]]). *Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be an  $r$ -FMS and  $A \in I^X$ . Then*

- (1)  *$A$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen iff  $msI(A, r) = A$ .*
- (2)  *$F$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiclosed iff  $msC(F, r) = F$ .*
- (3)  *$msI(msI(A, r), r) = msI(A, r)$  and  $msC(msC(A, r), r) = msC(A, r)$ .*

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fuzzy weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous function between  $r$ -FMS's  $(X, \mathcal{M}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{M}_Y)$ . If  $A$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semicompact set in  $X$  and if  $\mathcal{M}_Y$  has the property  $(\mathcal{U})$ , then  $f(A)$  is almost fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{B_i \in I^Y : i \in J\}$  be a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal open cover of  $f(A)$  in  $Y$ . Then since  $f$  is fuzzy  $S$ -weakly  $r$ - $M$ -continuous, from Theorem 3.7 (3) and  $B_i = mI(B_i)$ , we have  $f^{-1}(B_i) \subseteq msI(f^{-1}(mC(B_i, r)), r)$  for each  $i \in J$ .

So  $\{msI(f^{-1}(mC(B_i))) : i \in J\}$  is a fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semiopen cover of  $A$  in  $X$ . Since  $A$  is fuzzy  $r$ -minimal semicompact, there exists a finite subset  $J_0 = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n\} \subseteq J$  such that

$$A \subseteq \cup_{k \in J_0} msI(f^{-1}(mC(B_k, r)), r) \subseteq f^{-1}(mC(B_k, r)).$$

This implies that  $f(A) \subseteq \cup_{k \in J_0} mC(B_k, r)$ . Hence  $f(A)$  is almost fuzzy  $r$ -minimal compact.  $\square$

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