

## Research Article

# Characterization of Fuzzy Soft Sets in Topological Spaces

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### Abstract

In the present paper, we give a detailed study of soft fuzzy sets in topological spaces. We study some aspects like separability, connectedness, their generalizations and relationships between them.

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### Introduction

The notion of connectedness in fuzzy topological spaces has been studied by [1-3]. In fuzzy soft setting, connectedness has been introduced in [4-7]. In [8] they introduced the generalized fuzzy soft connectedness and generalized fuzzy soft  $C_i$ -connectedness ( $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ ) in generalized fuzzy soft topological space and studied some of its basic properties. In this paper, we extend the notion of connectedness of fuzzy soft topological spaces to generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces in [9-11]. We introduce different notions of generalized fuzzy soft separated sets and study the relationship between them. The study is also devoted to introduce the different notions of connectedness in generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces and study the implications that exist between them [12,13]. Also, we study some characterizations of connectedness in generalized fuzzy soft setting [14-17].

### Materials and methods

In this section, we give some basic concepts on generalized fuzzy soft sets, generalized fuzzy soft topology and generalized fuzzy soft continuous mappings which will be needed in the sequel.

#### Definition 2.1

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A fuzzy set  $A$  in  $X$  is defined by a membership function  $\mu_A: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  whose value  $\mu_A(x)$  represents the "grade of membership" of  $x$  in  $A$  for  $x \in X$ . The set of all fuzzy sets in a set  $X$  is denoted by  $IX$ , where  $I$  is the closed unit interval  $[0,1]$ .

#### Definition 2.2

If  $A, B \in IX$ , then, we have:

- (i)  $A \leq B \Leftrightarrow (x) \leq \mu_B(x), \forall x \in X$ ;
- (ii)  $A = B \Leftrightarrow (x) = \mu_B(x), \forall x \in X$ ;
- (iii)  $C = A \vee B \Leftrightarrow (x) = \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \forall x \in X$ ;
- (iv)  $D = A \wedge B \Leftrightarrow (x) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \forall x \in X$ ;
- (v)  $E = AC \Leftrightarrow (x) = 1 - \mu_A(x), \forall x \in X$ .

#### Definition 2.3

Let  $X$  be an initial universe set and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $(X)$  denotes the power set of  $X$  and  $A \subseteq E$ . A pair  $(f, \cdot)$  is called a soft set over  $X$  if  $f$  is a mapping from  $A$  into  $P(X)$ , i.e.,  $f: A \rightarrow P(X)$ . In other words, a soft set is a parameterized family of subsets of the set  $X$ . For  $e \in A$ ,  $(e)$  may be considered as the set of  $e$ -approximate elements of the soft set  $(f, \cdot)$ .

#### Definition 2.4

Let  $X$  be an initial universe set and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $A \subseteq E$ . A fuzzy soft set  $fA$  over  $X$  is a mapping from  $E$  to  $IX$ , i.e.,  $fA: E \rightarrow IX$ , where  $(e) \neq \bar{0}$  if  $e \in A \subseteq E$ , and  $fA(e) = \bar{0}$  if  $e \notin A$ , where  $\bar{0}$  denotes the empty fuzzy set in  $X$ .

#### Definition 2.5

Let  $X$  be a universal set of elements and  $E$  be a universal set of parameters for  $X$ . Let  $F: E \rightarrow IX$  and  $\mu$  be a fuzzy subset of  $E$ , i.e.,  $\mu: E \rightarrow X$ . Let  $F\mu$  be the mapping  $F\mu: E \rightarrow IX \times I$  defined as follows:  $(e) = (F(e), \mu(e))$ , where  $F(e) \in IX$  and  $\mu(e) \in I$ . Then  $F\mu$  is called a generalized fuzzy soft set (GFSS in short) over  $(X)$ . The

family of all generalized fuzzy soft sets over  $(X, E)$  is denoted by  $GFS(X, E)$ .

### Definition 2.6

Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  be two  $GFSS$ s over  $(X, E)$ .  $F\mu$  is said to be a  $GFS$  subset of  $G\delta$  or  $G\delta$  is said to be a  $GFS$  super set of  $F\mu$  denoted by  $F\mu \subseteq G\delta$  if,

- (i)  $\mu$  is a fuzzy subset of  $\delta$ ;
- (ii)  $(e)$  is also a fuzzy subset of  $(e), \forall e \in E$ .

### Definition 2.7

Let  $F\mu$  be a  $GFSS$  over  $(X, E)$ . The generalized fuzzy soft complement of  $F\mu$ , denoted by  $F\mu^c$ , is defined by  $F\mu^c = G\delta$ , where  $(e) = \mu(e)$  and  $G(e) = Fc(e), \forall e \in E$ . Obviously  $(c)^c = F\mu$ .

### Definition 2.8

Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  be two  $GFSS$ s over  $(X, E)$ . The generalized fuzzy soft union ( $GFS$  union, in short) of  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$ , denoted by  $F\mu \sqcup G\delta$ , is the  $GFSS$   $H\nu$ , defined as  $H\nu: E \rightarrow IX \times I$  such that  $H\nu(e) = (H(e), \nu(e))$ , where  $H(e) = F(e) \vee G(e)$  and  $\nu(e) = \mu(e) \vee \delta(e), \forall e \in E$ . Let  $\{(F\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla\}$ , where  $\nabla$  is an index set, be a family of  $GFSS$ s. The  $GFS$  union of these family, denoted by  $\sqcup \lambda \in \nabla (F\mu)_\lambda$ , is The  $GFSS$   $H\nu$ , defined as  $H\nu: E \rightarrow IX \times I$  such that  $H\nu(e) = (H(e), \nu(e))$ , where  $H(e) = \vee \lambda \in \nabla (F(e))_\lambda$ , and  $\nu(e) = \vee \lambda \in \nabla (\mu(e))_\lambda, \forall e \in E$ .

### Definition 2.9

Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  be two  $GFSS$ s over  $(X, E)$ . The generalized fuzzy soft Intersection ( $GFS$  Intersection, in short) of  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$ , denoted by  $F\mu \sqcap G\delta$ , is the  $GFSS$   $M\sigma$ , defined as  $M\sigma: E \rightarrow IX \times I$  such that  $M\sigma(e) = (M(e), \sigma(e))$ , where  $M(e) = F(e) \wedge G(e)$  and  $\sigma(e) = \mu(e) \wedge \delta(e), \forall e \in E$ . Let  $\{(F\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla\}$ , where  $\nabla$  is an index set, be a family of  $GFSS$ s. The  $GFS$  Intersection of these family, denoted by  $\prod \lambda \in \nabla (F\mu)_\lambda$ , is the  $GFSS$   $M\sigma$ , defined as  $M\sigma: E \rightarrow IX \times I$  such that  $M\sigma(e) = (M(e), \sigma(e))$ , where  $M(e) = \wedge \lambda \in \nabla (F(e))_\lambda$ , and  $\sigma(e) = \wedge \lambda \in \nabla (\mu(e))_\lambda, \forall e \in E$ .

### Theorem 2.10

Let  $\{(F\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla\} \subseteq GFSS(X, E)$ . Then the following statements [3] hold:

- (i)  $[\sqcup \lambda \in \nabla (F\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla]^c = \prod \lambda \in \nabla (F\mu)_\lambda^c$ ,
- (ii)  $[\prod \lambda \in \nabla (F\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla]^c = \sqcup \lambda \in \nabla (F\mu)_\lambda^c$ .

### Definition 2.11

A  $GFSS$  is said to be a generalized null fuzzy soft set, denoted by  $\tilde{0}\theta$ , if  $\tilde{0}\theta: E \rightarrow IX \times I$  such that  $\tilde{0}\theta(e) = (\tilde{0}(e), \theta(e))$  where  $\tilde{0}(e) = \bar{0} \forall e \in E$  and  $\theta(e) = 0 \forall e \in E$  ( Where  $\bar{0}(x) = 0, \forall x \in X$  ).

### Definition 2.13

A  $GFSS$  is said to be a generalized absolute fuzzy soft set, denoted by  $\tilde{1}\Delta$ , if  $\tilde{1}\Delta: E \rightarrow IX \times I$ , where  $\tilde{1}\Delta(e) = (\tilde{1}(e), \Delta(e))$  is defined by  $\tilde{1}(e) = \bar{1}, \forall e \in E$  and  $\Delta(e) = 1, \forall e \in E$  ( Where  $\bar{1}(x) = 1, \forall x \in X$  ).

### Definition 2.14

Let  $T$  be a collection of generalized fuzzy soft sets over  $(X, E)$ . Then  $T$  is said to be a generalized fuzzy soft topology ( $GFS$  topology in short) over  $(X, E)$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\tilde{0}\theta$  and  $\tilde{1}\Delta$  are in  $T$ ;
- (ii) Arbitrary  $GFS$  unions of members of  $T$  belong to  $T$ ;
- (iii) Finite  $GFS$  intersections of members of  $T$  belong to  $T$ .

The triple  $(X, E, T)$  is called a generalized fuzzy soft topological space ( $GFST$ -space in short) over  $(X, E)$ . The members of  $T$  are called generalized fuzzy soft open sets [ $S$  open in short] in  $(X, T, E)$ .

### Definition 2.15

Let  $(X, E, T)$  be a  $GFST$ -space. A  $GFSS$   $F\mu$  over  $(X, E)$  is said to be a generalized fuzzy soft closed set in  $X$  [ $GFS$  closed in short], if its complement  $F\mu^c$  is  $GFS$  open. The collection of all  $GFS$  closed sets will be denoted by  $T_c$ .

### Definition 2.16

Let  $(X, E, T)$  be a  $GFST$ -space and  $F\mu \in GFSS(X, E)$ . The generalized fuzzy soft closure of  $F\mu$ , denoted by  $(F\mu)$ , is the intersection of all  $GFS$  closed superset of  $F\mu$ . i.e.,  $(F\mu) = \prod \{H\nu: H\nu \in T_c, F\mu \subseteq H\nu\}$ . Clearly,  $(F\mu)$  is the smallest  $GFS$  closed set over  $(X, E)$  which contains  $F\mu$ .

### Definition 2.17

The generalized fuzzy soft set  $F\mu \in G(X, E)$  is called a generalized fuzzy soft point ( $GFS$  point in short) if there exist  $e \in E$  and  $x \in X$  such that:

- (i)  $(e)(x) = \alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) and  $F(e)(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in X - \{x\}$ ,

(ii)  $(e)=\lambda$  ( $0<\lambda\leq 1$ ) and  $\mu(e')=0$  for all  $e'\in E-\{e\}$ . We denote this generalized fuzzy soft point  $F\mu=(\alpha, e, \lambda)$ .  $(x, \alpha)$  and  $(\alpha, e)$  are called respectively, the support and the value of  $(\alpha, e, \lambda)$ .

### Definition 2.18

Let  $F\mu$  be a *GFSS* over  $(X, \cdot)$ . We say that  $(\alpha, e) \in F\mu$  read as  $(\alpha, e, \lambda)$  belongs to the *GFSS*  $F\mu$  if for the element  $e \in E$ ,  $\alpha \leq F(e)(x)$  and  $\lambda \leq \mu(e)$ .

### Definition 2.19

For any two *GFSSs*  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  over  $(X, \cdot)$ .  $F\mu$  is said to be a generalized fuzzy soft quasi-coincident with  $G\delta$ , denoted by  $F\mu q G\delta$ , if there exist  $e \in E$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $(e)(x) + G(e)(x) > 1$  and  $\mu(e) + \delta(e) > 1$ . If  $F\mu$  is not generalized fuzzy soft quasi-coincident with  $G\delta$ , then we write  $F\mu \bar{q} G\delta$ , i.e., for every  $e \in E$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $(e)(x) + G(e)(x) \leq 1$  or for every  $e \in E$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $\mu(e) + \delta(e) \leq 1$ .

### Definition 2.20

Let  $(\alpha, e)$  be a *GFS* point and  $F\mu$  be a *GFSS* over  $(X, E)$ .  $(\alpha, e)$  is said to be generalized fuzzy soft quasi-coincident with  $F\mu$ , denoted by  $(\alpha, e, \lambda) q F\mu$ , if and only if there exists an element  $e \in E$  such that  $\alpha + F(e)(x) > 1$  and  $\lambda + \mu(e) > 1$ .

### Theorem 2.21

Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are *GFSSs* over  $(X, \cdot)$ . Then the following hold [17]:

- (i)  $F\mu \subseteq G\delta \Leftrightarrow F\mu \bar{q} (G\delta)c$ ;
- (ii)  $F\mu q G\delta \Rightarrow F\mu \cap G\delta \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (iii)  $(\alpha, e) \bar{q} F\mu \Leftrightarrow (\alpha, e, \lambda) \in (F\mu)c$ ;
- (iv)  $F\mu \bar{q} (F\mu)c$ .

### Definition 2.22

Let  $GF(X, E)$  and  $GFSS(Y, K)$  be the families of all generalized fuzzy soft sets over  $(X, E)$  and  $(Y, K)$ , respectively. Let  $u: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p: E \rightarrow K$  be two functions. Then a mapping  $fup: GFSS(X, E) \rightarrow GFSS(Y, K)$  is defined as follows: for a generalized fuzzy soft set  $F\mu \in GFSS(X, E)$ ,  $\forall k \in p(E) \subseteq K$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $fup(F\mu)(k)(y) = \{(\forall x \in u^{-1}(y) \forall e \in p^{-1}(k) F(e)(x), \forall e \in p^{-1}(k) \mu(e))$  if  $u^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset, p^{-1}(k) \neq \emptyset, (0, 0)$ , otherwise.  $fup$  is called a generalized fuzzy soft mapping [*GFS* mapping in short] and  $f(F\mu)$  is called a *GFS* image of a *GFSS*  $F\mu$ .

### Definition 2.23

Let  $u: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p: E \rightarrow K$  be mappings. Let  $f: GFSS(X, E) \rightarrow GFSS(Y, K)$  be a *GFS* mapping and  $G\delta \in GFSS(Y, K)$ . Then,  $fup^{-1}(G\delta) \in GFSS(X, E)$ , defined as follows:  $fup^{-1}(G\delta)(e)(x) = (G(p(e))(u(x)), \delta(p(e)))$ , for  $e \in E, x \in X$ .

$fup^{-1}(G\delta)$  is called a *GFS* inverse image of  $G\delta$ . If  $u$  and  $p$  are injective then the generalized fuzzy soft mapping  $fup$  is said to be injective. If  $u$  and  $p$  are surjective then the generalized fuzzy soft mapping  $fup$  is said to be surjective. The generalized fuzzy soft mapping  $fup$  is called constant, if  $u$  and  $p$  are constant.

### Definition 2.24

Let  $(X, T_1, E)$  and  $(Y, T_2, K)$  be two *GFST*-spaces, and  $fup: (X, T_1, E) \rightarrow (Y, T_2, K)$  be a *GFS* mapping. Then  $fup$  is called

- (i) generalized fuzzy soft continuous [*GFS*-continuous in short] if  $fup^{-1}(G\delta) \in T_1$  for all  $G\delta \in T_2$ .
- (ii) generalized fuzzy soft open [*GFS* open in short] if  $fup(F\mu) \in T_2$  for each  $F\mu \in T_1$ .

### Definition 2.25

Let  $(X, \cdot)$  be a *GFST*-space and  $F\mu \in GFSS(X, E)$ . Then,  $F\mu$  is called

- i. *GFSC1*-connected if and only if it does not exist two nonvoid *GFS* open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu \subseteq H\nu \cup K\gamma$ ,  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \subseteq F\mu c$ ,  $F\mu \cap H\nu \neq \emptyset$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma \neq \emptyset$ .

- ii. *GFSC2*-connected if and only if it does not exist two nonvoid *GFS* open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu \subseteq H\nu \cup K\gamma$ ,  $F\mu \cap H\nu \cap K\gamma = \emptyset$ ,  $F\mu \cap H\nu \neq \emptyset$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma \neq \emptyset$ .

- iii. *GFSC3*-connected if and only if it does not exist two nonvoid *GFS* open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu \subseteq H\nu \cup K\gamma$ ,  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \subseteq F\mu c$ ,  $H\nu \not\subseteq F\mu c$  and  $K\gamma \not\subseteq F\mu c$ .

- iv. *GFSC4*-connected if and only if it does not exist two nonvoid *GFS* open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu \subseteq H\nu \cup K\gamma$ ,  $F\mu \cap H\nu \cap K\gamma = \emptyset$ ,  $H\nu \not\subseteq F\mu c$  and  $K\gamma \not\subseteq F\mu c$ .

Otherwise,  $F\mu$  is called not *GFSCi*-connected set for  $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ .

### Remark 2.26

In the above definition, if we take  $\tilde{\Delta}$  instead of  $F$ , then the *GFST*-space  $(X, \cdot, E)$  is called *GFSCi*-connected space ( $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ ).

**Definition 2.27**

Two non-null GFSS sets  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  in GFST-space  $(X,.)$  are said to be generalized fuzzy soft  $Q$ -separated [GFS  $Q$ -separated, in short] if  $cl(F\mu) \cap G\delta = F\mu \cap cl(G\delta) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ .

**Definition 2.28**

Two non-null GFSSs  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  in GFST-space  $(X,.)$  are said to be generalized fuzzy soft weakly separated [in short, GFS weakly separated] if  $cl(F\mu) \cap G\delta$  and  $F\mu \cap cl(G\delta)$ .

**Definition 2.29**

Two non-null GFSSs  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  in GFST-space  $(X,.)$  are said to be generalized fuzzy soft separated [in short, GFS separated] if there exist GFS open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu \subseteq H\nu, G\delta \subseteq K\gamma$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma = G\delta \cap H\nu = \tilde{\emptyset}$ .

**Definition 2.30**

Let  $F\mu \in G(X,E)$ . The generalized fuzzy soft support (in short, GFS support) of  $F\mu$  defined by  $S(F\mu)$  is the set,  $S(F\mu) = \{x \in X, e \in E: F(e)(x) > 0 \text{ and } \mu(e) > 0\}$ .

**Definition 2.31**

Two non-null GFSSs  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are said to be GFS quasi-coincident with respect to  $F\mu$  if  $F(e)(x) + G(e)(x) > 1$  and  $\mu(e) + \delta(e) > 1$  for every  $x, e \in S(F\mu)$ .

**Definition 2.32**

Two non-null GFSSs  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  in a GFST-space  $(X,.)$  are said to be generalized fuzzy soft strongly separated [in short, GFS strongly separated] if there exist GFS open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that

- i.  $F\mu \subseteq H\nu, \subseteq K\gamma$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma = G\delta \cap H\nu = \tilde{\emptyset}$ ,
- ii.  $F\mu$  and  $H\nu$  are GFS quasi-coincident with respect to  $F\mu$ ,
- iii.  $G\delta$  and  $K\gamma$  are GFS quasi-coincident with respect to  $G\delta$ .

**Definition 2.33**

Let  $(X,.)$  be a GFST-space over  $(X,E)$  and  $G\delta$  be GFS subset of  $(X,E)$ . Then  $TG\delta = \{G\delta \cap F\mu: F\mu \in T\}$  is called a GFS relative topology and  $(G\delta, TG\delta, E)$  is called a GFS subspace of  $(X,T,E)$ . If  $G\delta \in T$  (resp,  $G\delta \in Tc$ ) then  $(G\delta, \delta, E)$  is called generalized fuzzy soft open (resp. closed) subspace of  $(X,T,E)$ .

**Definition 2.34**

A GFSS  $F\mu$  in a GFST-space  $(X,T,E)$  is called GFS  $Q$ -connected set if there does not two

non-null GFS  $Q$ -separated sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu = H\nu \cup K\gamma$ , Otherwise,  $F\mu$  is called not GFS  $Q$ -connected set.

**Definition 2.35**

A GFSS  $F\mu$  in a GFST-space  $(X,T,E)$  is called GFS weakly-connected set if there does not two non-null GFS weakly separated sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu = H\nu \cup K\gamma$ , Otherwise,  $F\mu$  is called not GFS weakly-connected set.

**Definition 2.36**

A GFSS  $F\mu$  in a GFST-space  $(X, E)$  is called GFS  $s$ -connected (respectively, GFS strongly-connected) set if there does not two non-null GFS separated (respectively, not strongly separated) sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu = H\nu \cup K\gamma$ , Otherwise,  $F\mu$  is called not GFS  $s$ -connected (respectively, GFS strongly-connected) set.

**Definition 2.37**

A GFSS  $F\mu$  in a GFST-space  $(X, E)$  is called generalized fuzzy soft clopen set (GFS clopen set, in short) if  $F\mu, \mu \in T$ .

**Definition 2.38**

A GFSS  $F\mu$  in a GFST-space  $(X, E)$  is called GFS clopen-connected set in  $(X,.)$  if there does not exist any non-null proper GFS clopen set in  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E)$ . In this definitions, if we take  $\tilde{\Delta}$  instead of  $F\mu$ , then the GFST-space  $(X,.)$  is called GFS  $Q$ -connected (respectively, GFS weakly-connected, GFS  $s$ -connected, GFS strongly-connected, GFS clopen-connected) space.

**Results and discussions**

At this juncture, we will introduce different notions of generalized fuzzy soft separated sets and study the relation between these notions. We also carry out characterizations of the generalized fuzzy soft separated sets.

**Theorem 3.1**

Let  $(X,.)$  be a GFST-space,  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  be two GFS closed sets in  $(X,E)$ . Then  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are GFS  $Q$ -separated sets if and only if  $F\mu \cap G\delta = \tilde{\emptyset}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are GFS  $Q$ -separated sets. Then  $(F\mu) \cap G\delta = F\mu \cap cl(G\delta) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . Since  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are GFS closed sets then,  $F\mu \cap G\delta = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . Conversely, let  $F\mu \cap G\delta = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . Since

$F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$  closed sets, then  
 $(F\mu) \cap G\delta = F\mu \cap G\delta = \tilde{0}\theta$  and  
 $F\mu \cap cl(G\delta) = F\mu \cap G\delta = \tilde{0}\theta$ . It follows that,  $F\mu$  and  
 $G\delta$  are  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated sets.

### Theorem 3.2

Let  $H\nu$ , be  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated sets of  $GFST$ -space  $(X, T, E)$  and  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu, G\delta \sqsubseteq K\gamma$ . Then,  $F\mu, G\delta$  are  $GFSQ$ -separated sets.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu$ . Then,  $(F\mu) \sqsubseteq cl(H\nu)$ . It follows that,  
 $(F\mu) \cap G\delta \sqsubseteq cl(F\mu) \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq cl(H\nu) \cap K\gamma = \tilde{0}\theta$ . Also,  
since  $G\delta \sqsubseteq K\gamma$ . Then,  $(G\delta) \sqsubseteq cl(K\gamma)$ . Hence,  
 $F\mu \cap (G\delta) \sqsubseteq H\nu \cap cl(K\gamma) = \tilde{0}\theta$ . Thus  $F\mu$ , are  
 $GFSQ$ -separated sets.

### Theorem 3.3

Let  $(X, .)$  be a  $GFST$ -space and  $F\mu, G\delta \in GFS(X, E)$ . Then,  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$  weakly separated sets if and only if there exist  $GFS$  open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu, \sqsubseteq K\gamma$ , and  $F\mu q K\gamma$  and  $G\delta q H\nu$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$  weakly separated sets in  $(X, .)$ . Then  $(F\mu) q G\delta$  and  $F\mu q cl(G\delta)$ . Therefore,  $G\delta \sqsubseteq [cl(F\mu)]c$  and  $F\mu \sqsubseteq [cl(G\delta)]c$ . Taking  $H\nu = [cl(G\delta)]c$  and  $K\gamma = [cl(F\mu)]c$ . Then,  $H\nu, \in T$ ,  $F\mu q K\gamma$  and  $G\delta q H\nu$ . The converse is obvious.

### Theorem 3.4

Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated (respectively, separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) sets in  $(X, .)$  and  $H\nu \sqsubseteq F\mu, \gamma \sqsubseteq G\delta$ . Then,  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  are  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated (respectively, separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) sets in  $(X, .)$ .

**Proof.** As a sample, we will prove the case  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated. Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated in  $(X, .)$ . Then,  
 $(F\mu) \cap G\delta = F\mu \cap cl(G\delta) = \tilde{0}\theta$ . Since  $H\nu \sqsubseteq F\mu, \sqsubseteq G\delta$ , then  
 $(H\nu) \cap K\gamma = H\nu \cap cl(K\gamma) = \tilde{0}\theta$ , therefore,  $H\nu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated set in  $(X, E)$ .

### Theorem 3.5

Let  $(X, .)$  be a  $GFST$ -space and  $F\mu, G\delta \in GFS(X, E)$ . Then,  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated in  $(X, .)$  if and only if there exist  $GFS$  closed sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu, \delta \sqsubseteq K\gamma$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma = G\delta \cap H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated in  $(X, .)$ . Then,  $(F\mu) \cap G\delta = F\mu \cap cl(G\delta) = \tilde{0}\theta$ . Taking  $H\nu = (F\mu)$  and  $K\gamma = cl(G\delta)$ . Therefore,  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  are  $GFS$  closed sets in  $(X, .)$  such that

$F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu, \delta \sqsubseteq K\gamma$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma = G\delta \cap H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$ . The converse is obvious.

### Theorem 3.6

Let  $(X, ., E)$  be a  $GFST$ -space and  $G\delta \sqsubseteq F\mu \in GFSS(X, E)$ . Then,  
 $clF\mu(G\delta) = cl(G\delta) \cap F\mu$ , where  $clF(G\delta)$  denotes the  $GFS$  closure in the  $GFS$  subspace  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E)$ .

**Proof.** We know  $(G\delta)$  is  $GFS$  closed set in  $(X, T, E) \Rightarrow cl(G\delta) \cap F\mu$  is  $GFS$  closed set in  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E)$ . Now,  $G\delta \sqsubseteq cl(G\delta) \cap F\mu$  and  $GFS$  closure of  $G\delta$  in  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E)$  is the smallest  $GFS$  closed set containing  $G\delta$ , so,  $GFS$  closure of  $G\delta$  in  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E)$  is contained in  $cl(G\delta) \cap F\mu$  i.e.,  
 $clF\mu(G\delta) \sqsubseteq cl(G\delta) \cap F\mu$ .

Conversely, let  $clF(G\delta)$  be a  $GFS$  closure of  $G\delta$  in  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E)$ . Since,  $cl(G\delta)$  is  $GFS$  closed set in  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E) \Rightarrow clF\mu(G\delta) = K\gamma \cap F\mu$  where  $K\gamma$  is  $GFS$  closed set in  $(X, T, E)$ . Then,  $K\gamma$  is  $GFS$  closed set containing  $G\delta \Rightarrow (G\delta) \sqsubseteq K\gamma \Rightarrow cl(G\delta) \cap F\mu \sqsubseteq K\gamma \cap F\mu \sqsubseteq clF\mu(G\delta)$ .

### Theorem 3.7

Let  $(X, E)$  be a  $GFST$ -space and  $G\delta \sqsubseteq F\mu \in GF(X, E)$ . If  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  are  $GFS$  separated ( respectively,  $Q$ -separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) in  $(F\mu, TF\mu, E)$ , then  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  are  $GFS$  separated ( respectively,  $Q$ -separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) in  $(G\delta, TG\delta, E)$ .

**Proof.** As a sample, we will prove the case  $GFS$  weakly separated. Let  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  be  $GFS$  weakly separated sets in  $(F\mu, \mu, E)$ . Then,  $cl(H\nu) q K\gamma$  and  $H\nu q clF\mu(K\gamma)$ . Since,  $G\delta \sqsubseteq F\mu$ . Then,  
 $clG\delta(H\nu) = clF\mu(H\nu) \cap G\delta \sqsubseteq clF\mu(H\nu)$  and  
 $clG\delta(K\gamma) = clF\mu(K\gamma) \cap G\delta \sqsubseteq clF\mu(K\gamma)$ . Therefore,  
 $cl(H\nu) q K\gamma$  and  $H\nu q clG\delta(K\gamma)$ . Thus,  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  be  $GFS$  weakly separated in  $(G\delta, \delta, E)$ . At this point, we introduce different notions of connectedness of  $GFSSs$  and study the relation between these notions. We also characterize generalized fuzzy soft connected sets.

### Theorem 3.8

The  $GFS$ -weakly connected set in  $(X, .)$  is a  $GFS$   $Q$ -connected.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a  $GFS$ -weakly connected set in  $(X, .)$ . Suppose  $F\mu$  is not a  $GFS$   $Q$ -connected. Then, there exist two non-null  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ . Now we have  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  are non-null  $GFS$  weakly separated sets in  $(X, .)$  such that  $F\mu = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ .

Therefore,  $F\mu$  is not a  $GFS$ -weakly connected set in  $(X,.)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $F\mu$  is a  $GFS$   $Q$ -connected.

**Remark 3.10.**

A  $GFS$   $Q$ -connected set may not be  $GFS$  weakly-connected

**Theorem 3.11**

A  $GFSC1$ -connected set in  $(X,.)$  is  $GFS$  weakly-connected.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a  $GFSC1$ -connected set in  $(X,.)$ . Suppose  $F\mu$  is not  $GFS$  weakly-connected. Then, there exist two nonvoid  $GFS$  weakly separated sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ . By Theorem 3.3, there exist  $GFS$  open sets  $M\psi$  and  $N\eta$  such that  $H\nu \sqsubseteq M\psi, \sqsubseteq N\eta, H\nu q N\eta$  and  $M\psi q K\gamma$ . Then,  $F\mu \sqsubseteq M\psi \sqcup N\eta$ . Also,  $F\mu \cap M\psi \neq \tilde{0}\theta$ . For, if  $F\mu \cap M\psi = \tilde{0}\theta$ , then  $F\mu \cap H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$  so that  $H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$  (since  $F\mu = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$  implies that  $H\nu \sqsubseteq F\mu$ ), which contradiction that  $H\nu$  is a non-null. Similarly,  $F\mu \cap N\eta \neq \tilde{0}\theta$ . Also,  $M\psi \cap N\eta \sqsubseteq (F\mu)c$ . For, if  $M\psi \cap N\eta \not\sqsubseteq F\mu c$ , then there exist  $x \in X, e \in E$  such that  $M(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x), \psi(e) > 1 - \mu(e)$  and  $N(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x), \eta(e) > 1 - \mu(e)$ . This means  $M(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1, \psi(e) + \mu(e) > 1$  and  $N(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1, \eta(e) + \mu(e) > 1$ . Since,  $F\mu = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ , then  $M(e)(x) + H(e)(x) > 1, \psi(e) + \nu(e) > 1$  or  $M(e)(x) + K(e)(x) > 1, \psi(e) + \gamma(e) > 1$  and  $N(e)(x) + H(e)(x) > 1, \eta(e) + \nu(e) > 1$  or  $N(e)(x) + K(e)(x) > 1, \eta(e) + \gamma(e) > 1$ . Hence,  $(M\psi q H\nu$  or  $M\psi q K\gamma)$  and  $(N\eta q H\nu$  or  $N\eta q K\gamma)$ . This a contradiction. So,  $F\mu$  is a  $GFS$  weakly-connected.

**Remark 3.12**

The  $GFS$  weakly-connected set may not be a  $GFSC1$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.13**

A  $GFS$  weakly-connected set in  $(X,.)$  is  $GFSC2$ -connected.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a  $GFS$  weakly-connected set in  $(X,.)$ . Suppose  $F\mu$  is not  $GFSC2$ -connected. Then, there exist  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma \in T$  such that  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma, F\mu \cap H\nu \cap K\gamma = \tilde{0}\theta, F\mu \cap H\nu \neq \tilde{0}\theta$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma \neq \tilde{0}\theta$ . Then,  $F\mu = M\psi \sqcup N\eta$  where  $M\psi = F\mu \cap H\nu \sqsubseteq H\nu$  and  $N\eta = F\mu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq K\gamma$ . Since  $F\mu \cap H\nu \cap K\gamma = \tilde{0}\theta$  and  $M\psi \sqsubseteq H\nu$ , then  $F\mu \cap M\psi \cap K\gamma = \tilde{0}\theta$ . Also, since  $M\psi \sqsubseteq F\mu$ , then  $M\psi \cap K\gamma = \tilde{0}\theta$ . Therefore,  $M\psi q K\gamma$ . Similarly,  $N\eta q H\nu$ . Hence,  $F\mu$  is not a  $GFS$  weakly-connected. This complete the proof.

**Theorem 3.14**

A  $GFS$  weakly-connected set in  $(X,.)$  is  $GFSC3$ -connected.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a  $GFS$  weakly-connected set in  $(X,.)$ . Suppose  $F\mu$  is not  $GFSC3$ -connected. Then, there exist  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma \in T$  such that  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma, H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c, H\nu \not\sqsubseteq F\mu c$  and  $K\gamma \not\sqsubseteq F\mu c$ . Then,  $F\mu = M\psi \sqcup N\eta$  where  $M\psi = F\mu \cap H\nu \sqsubseteq H\nu$  and  $N\eta = F\mu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq K\gamma$ . Let  $J\sigma$  and  $L\rho \in G(X, E)$  defined by:  $J\sigma = \{M\psi, H\nu \supseteq K\gamma, \tilde{0}\theta\}$ , otherwise  $L\rho = \{N\eta, K\gamma \supseteq H\nu, \tilde{0}\theta\}$ , otherwise. Then  $F\mu = J\sigma \sqcup L\rho$ .

Now,  $(e)(x) \neq 0, \sigma(e) \neq 0$ . For,  $(e)(x) = 0, \sigma(e) = 0$ . Since,  $H\nu \not\sqsubseteq F\mu c$ , then there exist  $x \in X, e \in E$  such that  $H(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1, \nu(e) + \mu(e) > 1$ . Then,  $(e)(x) > K(e)(x), \nu(e) > \gamma(e)$ . For,  $H(e)(x) \leq K(e)(x), \nu(e) \leq \gamma(e)$  implies  $K(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1, \gamma(e) + \mu(e) > 1$  and hence  $(H\nu \cap K\gamma)(e)(x) > 1 - F\mu(e)(x)$  i.e.,  $H(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x), \nu(e) > 1 - \mu(e)$  and  $K(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x), \gamma(e) > 1 - \mu(e)$  this is a contradiction with  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c$ . So,  $(e)(x) \neq 0, \sigma(e) \neq 0$ . Similarly,  $(e)(x) \neq 0, \rho(e) \neq 0$ . Also,  $J\sigma \sqsubseteq M\psi \sqsubseteq H\nu$  and  $L\rho \sqsubseteq N\eta \sqsubseteq K\gamma$ . Now,  $J\sigma q K\gamma$ . For, if  $J\sigma q K\gamma$ , then there exist  $x \in X, e \in E$  such that  $J(e)(x) + K(e)(x) > 1, \sigma(e) + \gamma(e) > 1$  and hence  $J(e)(x) > 0, \sigma(e) > 0$ . This means  $H(e)(x) \geq K(e)(x), \nu(e) \leq \gamma(e)$  and so  $F(e)(x) = M(e)(x), \mu(e) = \psi(e)$  implying  $F(e)(x) + H(e)(x) > 1, \mu(e) + \nu(e) > 1$  and thus  $(H\nu \cap K\gamma)(e)(x) > 1 - F\mu(e)(x)$  which is a contradiction with  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c$ . Similarly,  $L\rho q H\nu$ . Thus,  $J\sigma$  and  $L\rho$  are  $GFS$  weakly separated and  $F\mu = J\sigma \sqcup L\rho$ . So,  $F\mu$  is not a  $GFS$  weakly-connected. This a contradiction. Then  $F\mu$  is a  $GFSC3$ -connected.

**Remark 3.15**

The  $GFSC3$ -connected set (respectively,  $GFSC2$ -connected) may not be a  $GFS$  weakly-connected.

**Theorem 3.16**

The  $GFSC3$ -connected set in  $(X,.)$  is a  $GFS$   $Q$ -connected.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a  $GFSC3$ -connected set in  $(X,.)$ . Suppose  $F\mu$  is not  $GFS$   $Q$ -connected. Then, there exist two non-null  $GFS$   $Q$ -separated sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  such that  $F\mu = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma, (H\nu) \cap K\gamma = H\nu \cap cl(K\gamma) = \tilde{0}\theta$ . This implies that  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq [cl(H\nu)]c$  and  $H\nu \sqsubseteq [cl(K\gamma)]c$ . Let  $M\psi = [cl(H\nu)]c$  and  $N\eta = [cl(K\gamma)]c$ . Then,  $M\psi$  and  $N\eta$  are non-null  $GFS$  open sets such that  $F\mu \sqsubseteq M\psi \sqcup N\eta$ . Now,  $M\psi \cap N\eta = [cl(H\nu)]c \cap [cl(K\gamma)]c = [cl(H\nu) \sqcup cl(K\gamma)]$

$c=[cl(Hv\sqcup K\gamma)]c\subseteq F\mu c$ . Also,  $M\psi\nsubseteq F\mu c$ . For, if  $M\psi\subseteq F\mu c$ , then  $F\mu\subseteq M\psi c=(Hv)$  which would imply  $K\gamma=\tilde{0}\theta$  ( since  $cl(Hv)\cap K\gamma=\tilde{0}\theta$  ). This is a contradiction. Similarly,  $N\eta\nsubseteq F\mu c$ . Therefore,  $F\mu$  is not *GFSC3*-connected. So,  $F\mu$  is *GFS Q*-connected.

### Theorem 3.17

A *GFSS*  $F\mu$  in  $(X, .)$  is *GFSC2*-connected if and only if  $F\mu$  is *GFS s*-connected.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a *GFSC2*-connected set in  $(X,.)$ . Suppose  $F\mu$  is not a *GFS s*-connected. Then there exist non-null *GFS* separated sets  $Hv$  and  $K\gamma$  in  $(X,.)$  such that  $F\mu=Hv\sqcup K\gamma$ . Then, there exist two non- null *GFS* open sets  $M\psi$  and  $N\eta$  such that  $Hv\subseteq M\psi$ ,  $K\gamma\subseteq N\eta$ , and  $Hv\cap N\eta=K\gamma\cap M\psi=\tilde{0}\theta$ . Then,  $F\mu\subseteq M\psi\sqcup N\eta$ . Now,

$F\mu\cap M\psi\cap N\eta=(Hv\sqcup K\gamma)\cap M\psi\cap N\eta=(Hv\cap M\psi\cap N\eta)\sqcup(K\gamma\cap M\psi\cap N\eta)=\tilde{0}\theta$  and  
 $F\mu\cap M\psi=(Hv\sqcup K\gamma)\cap M\psi=(Hv\cap M\psi)\sqcup(K\gamma\cap M\psi)=Hv\neq\tilde{0}\theta$ . Similarly,  $F\mu\cap N\eta\neq\tilde{0}\theta$ . So,  $F\mu$  is not *GFSC2*-connected which is a contradiction. Conversely, let  $F\mu$  be *GFS s*-connected. Suppose that  $F\mu$  is not *GFSC2*-connected. Then there exist two non-null *GFS* open sets  $M\psi$  and  $N\eta$  such that  $F\mu\subseteq M\psi\sqcup N\eta$ ,  $F\mu\cap M\psi\cap N\eta=\tilde{0}\theta$ ,  $F\mu\cap M\psi\neq\tilde{0}\theta$ ,  $F\mu\cap N\eta\neq\tilde{0}\theta$ . Hence,  $F\mu=Hv\sqcup K\gamma$  where  $Hv=F\mu\cap M\psi\subseteq M\psi$  and  $K\gamma=F\mu\cap N\eta\subseteq N\eta$ . Also,  $K\gamma\cap M\psi=(F\mu\cap N\eta)\cap M\psi=\tilde{0}\theta$ , Similarly,  $Hv\cap N\eta=\tilde{0}\theta$ . So,  $F\mu$  is not *GFS s*-connected and this complete the proof.

### Theorem 3.18

The *GFSC4*-connected set in  $(X, .)$  is a *GFS* strongly-connected.

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a *GFSC4*-connected set in  $(X,.)$ . Suppose  $F\mu$  is not a *GFS* strongly-connected. Then there exist two non-null *GFS* strongly separated sets  $Hv$  and  $K\gamma$  in  $(X,.)$  such that  $F\mu=Hv\sqcup K\gamma$ . So, there exist two non- null *GFS* open sets  $M\psi$  and  $N\eta$  such that  $Hv\subseteq M\psi$ ,  $K\gamma\subseteq N\eta$ , and  $Hv\cap N\eta=K\gamma\cap M\psi=\tilde{0}\theta$ ,  $Hv$  and  $M\psi$  *GFS* quasi-coincident with respect to  $Hv$ , and  $K\gamma$  and  $N\eta$  *GFS* quasi-coincident with respect to  $K\gamma$ . Then, for every  $x, e\in S(Hv)$  we have  $H(e)(x)+M(e)(x)>1$  and  $v(e)+\psi(e)>1$  and for every  $x, e\in S(K\gamma)$  we have  $K(e)(x)+N(e)(x)>1$  and  $\gamma(e)+\eta(e)>1$ . Then,  $F\mu\subseteq M\psi\sqcup N\eta$ . Also,  $F\mu\cap M\psi\cap N\eta=\tilde{0}\theta$ . Again,  
 $F(e)(x)+M(e)(x)>H(e)(x)+M(e)(x)$  and  
 $\mu(e)+\psi(e)>v(e)+\psi(e)>$  for every  $x, e\in S(Hv)$ . Therefore,  $M\psi\nsubseteq F\mu c$ , Similarly,  $N\eta\nsubseteq F\mu c$ . Thus,

$F\mu$  is not a *GFSC4*-connected. This is a contradiction. So,  $F\mu$  is a *GFS* strongly-connected.

### Theorem 3.19

Let  $(X, T1, E)$  and  $(Y, T2, K)$  be a *GFST*-spaces and  $fup:(X, T1, E)\rightarrow(Y, T1, K)$  be a *GFS*-continuous bijective mapping. If  $F\mu$  is a *GFSCi*-connected (respectively, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS* strongly-connected, *GFS* weakly-connected, *GFS* clopen-connected) set in  $(X,.)$  for  $i=1, 2$ , then  $f\mu(F\mu)$  is a *GFSCi*-connected (respectively, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS* strongly-connected, *GFS* weakly-connected, *GFS* clopen-connected) set in  $(Y, K)$  for  $i=1, 2$ .

**Proof.** The case of *GFSCi*-connected set ( $i=1,2$ ) previously proved (see [11]). Now, we prove the case of *GFS* clopen-connected. Let  $F\mu$  be a *GFS*-clopen connected set in  $(X, .)$ . Suppose  $f(F\mu)$  is not a *GFS* clopen-connected set in  $(Y, K)$ . Then,  $f(F\mu)$  has non-null proper clopen *GFS* subset of  $J\sigma$ . So, there exist  $S\varepsilon\in T2$  and  $L\rho\in T2c$  such that  $J\sigma=f(F\mu)\cap S\varepsilon=fup(F\mu)\cap L\rho$ . Since,  $fup$  is injective mapping, then  $fup^{-1}(J\sigma)=F\mu\cap fup^{-1}(S\varepsilon)=F\mu\cap fup^{-1}(L\rho)$ . Also, since  $S\varepsilon\in T2$  and  $L\rho\in T2c$  and  $fup$  is a *GFS*-continuous mapping, then  $fup^{-1}(S\varepsilon)\in T1$  and  $fup^{-1}(L\rho)\in T1c$ . Hence,  $fup^{-1}(J\sigma)$  is non-null proper clopen *GFS* subset of  $F\mu$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $f(F\mu)$  is a *GFS*-clopen connected set in  $(Y, K)$ . The cases of *GFSC3*-connected and *GFSC4*-connected sets we need to the *GFS*-continuous surjective mapping previously proved (see [11]).

### Theorem 3.20

Let  $(X, T1, E)$  and  $(Y, T2, K)$  be a *GFST*-spaces and  $fup:(X, T1, E)\rightarrow(Y, T1, K)$  be a *GFS* injective mapping. If  $F\mu$  is a *GFS Q*-connected set in  $(X,.)$ , then  $f\mu(F\mu)$  is a *GFS Q*-connected set in  $(Y, K)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F\mu$  be a *GFS Q*-connected set in  $(X,.)$ . Suppose  $f(F\mu)$  is not a *GFS Q*-connected set in  $(Y, K)$ . Then, there exist two non- null *GFS Q* separated sets  $J\sigma$  and  $L\rho$  in  $(X,.)$  such that  $f(F\mu) =J\sigma\sqcup L\rho$ ,  $cl(J\sigma)\cap L\rho=J\sigma\cap cl(L\rho)=\tilde{0}\theta Y$ . Since,  $fup$  is injective mapping, then  $fup^{-1}(fup(F\mu)) =fup^{-1}(J\sigma)\sqcup fup^{-1}(L\rho)$ , This means that,  $fup^{-1}(J\sigma)$ ,  $fup^{-1}(L\rho)$  are *GFS Q* separated sets of  $F\mu$  in  $(X, E)$ , which is contradicts of the *GFS Q*-connectedness of  $F\mu$  in  $(X, E)$ .

$cl(fup^{-1}(J\sigma)) \cap fup^{-1}(L\rho) \subseteq fup^{-1}(cl(J\sigma)) \cap fup^{-1}(L\rho) = fup^{-1}(cl(J\sigma) \cap L\rho) = fup^{-1}(\tilde{0}\theta Y) = \tilde{0}\theta X$ ,  
 $fup^{-1}(J\sigma) \cap cl(fup^{-1}(L\rho)) \subseteq fup^{-1}(J\sigma \cap fup^{-1}(cl(L\rho))) = fup^{-1}(L\rho \cap cl(L\rho)) = fup^{-1}(\tilde{0}\theta Y) = \tilde{0}\theta X$ .

Therefore,  $f(F\mu)$  is a *GFS Q*-connected set in  $(Y, K)$ .

### Theorem 3.21

Let  $(X, T1, E)$  and  $(Y, T2, K)$  be a *GFST*-spaces and  $fup: (X, T1, E) \rightarrow (Y, T2, K)$  be a *GFS*-bijective open mapping. If  $G\delta$  is a *GFSCi*-connected (respectively, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS clopen*-connected) set in  $(Y, E)$  for  $i=1,2,3,4$ , then  $fup^{-1}(G\delta)$  is a *GFSCi*-connected (respectively, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS-clopen* connected) set in  $(Y, E)$  for  $i=1,2,3,4$ .

**Proof.** The case of *GFSCi*-connected set ( $i=1,2,3,4$ ) previously proved (see [13]). Now, we will prove the case of *GFS s*-connected. Let  $G\delta$  is a *GFS s*-connected set in  $(Y)$ . Suppose  $fup^{-1}(G\delta)$  is not a *GFS s*-connected set in  $(X, E)$ . Then, there exist two non- null *GFS* separated sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  in  $(X)$  such that  $fup^{-1}(G\delta) = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ . Therefore, there exist two non- null *GFS* open sets  $M\psi$  and  $N\eta$  in  $(X)$  such that  $H\nu \subseteq M\psi$  and  $K\gamma \subseteq N\eta$  and  $H\nu \cap N\eta = K\gamma \cap M\psi = \tilde{0}$ . Since,  $fup$  is a *GFS* surjective mapping, then  $f(fup^{-1}(G\delta)) = G\delta$  and so  $G\delta = fup(H\nu \sqcup K\gamma) = fup(H\nu) \sqcup fup(K\gamma)$ . Since,  $fup$  is a *GFS* open mapping, then  $f(M\psi)$  and  $f(N\eta)$  are non-null *GFS* open sets in  $(Y, K)$  such that  $fup(H\nu) \subseteq fup(M\psi)$ ,  $fup(K\gamma) \subseteq fup(N\eta)$ . Since,  $fup$  is a *GFS* injective mapping, then  $fup(H\nu) \cap fup(N\eta) = fup(H\nu \cap N\eta) = \tilde{0}\theta Y$  and  $fup(K\gamma) \cap fup(M\psi) = \tilde{0}\theta Y$ . It follows that  $G\delta$  is not a *GFS s*-connected set, a contradiction.

### Theorem 3.22

If  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are intersecting *GFSC1*- (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected) sets in  $(X)$ . Then,  $F\mu \sqcup G\delta$  is a *GFSC1*-connected (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected) set in  $(X, .)$ .

**Proof.** The cases of *GFSC1*-connected and *GFSC2*connected sets is previously proved (see [14]). Now, we will prove the case of *GFS Q*-

connected sets. Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are intersecting *GFS Q*-connected sets in  $(X)$ . Suppose  $F\mu \sqcup G\delta$  is not a *GFS Q*-connected set. Then, there exist two non- null *GFS Q*-separated sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  in  $(X)$  such that  $F\mu \sqcup G\delta = H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ . Therefore,  $F\mu \cap H\nu$ ,  $F\mu \cap K\gamma$ ,  $G\delta \cap H\nu$  and  $G\delta \cap K\gamma$  are non-null *GFS Q*-separated sets in  $(X)$ , as subsets of  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$ . Since,  $F\mu = (F\mu \cap H\nu) \sqcup (F\mu \cap K\gamma)$  and  $G\delta = (G\delta \cap H\nu) \sqcup (G\delta \cap K\gamma)$ , then  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are not *GFS Q*-connected which is a contradiction.

### Theorem 3.23

Let  $\{(F\mu): i \in J\}$  be a family of a *GFSC1*-connected (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected) sets in  $(X)$  such that for  $i, j \in J$ , the *GFSSs*  $(F\mu)_i$  and  $(F\mu)_j$  are intersecting. Then,  $F\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F\mu)_i$  is a *GFSC1*-connected (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ .

**Proof.** The case of *GFSC1*-connected set previously proved (see [5]). Now, we will prove the case of *GFSC2*-connected set. Let  $\{(F\mu): i \in J\}$  be family of *GFSC2*-connected sets in  $(X)$ . Suppose that  $F\mu$  is not a *GFSC2*-connected set in  $(X)$ . Then, there exist two *GFS* open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  in  $(X)$  such that  $F\mu \subseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ ,  $F\mu \cap H\nu \cap K\gamma = \tilde{0}\theta$ ,  $F\mu \cap H\nu \neq \tilde{0}\theta$  and  $F\mu \cap K\gamma \neq \tilde{0}\theta$ . Now, let  $(F\mu)_0$  be any *GFSS* of the given family. Then,  $(F\mu)_0 \subseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ ,  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \subseteq (F\mu)_0 c$ . But,  $(F\mu)_0$  is a *GFSC2*-connected set. Hence,  $(F\mu)_0 \cap H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$  or  $(F\mu)_0 \cap K\gamma = \tilde{0}\theta$ . Now if  $(F\mu)_0 \cap H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$ , we can prove that  $(F\mu)_i \cap H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$  for each  $i \in J - \{i_0\}$  and so  $F\mu \cap H\nu = \tilde{0}\theta$ . This complete the proof.

### Corollary 3.24

If  $\{(F\mu): i \in J\}$  is a family of a *GFSC1*-connected (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected) sets in  $X$  and  $\cap_{i \in J} (F\mu)_i \neq \tilde{0}\theta$ , then  $F\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F\mu)_i$  is a *GFSC1*-connected (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS s*-connected, *GFS weakly*-connected, *GFS Q*-connected, *GFS strongly*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ .

### Theorem 3.25

If  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are *GFS quasi-coincident GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected) sets in  $(X)$ , then  $F\mu \sqcup G\delta$  is a *GFSC3*-



connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ .

**Proof.** As a sample, we will prove the case *GFSC3*-connected. Let  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  be *GFS* quasi-coincident *GFSC3*-connected sets in  $(X, E)$ . Suppose there exist two non-null *GFS* open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  in  $(X, E)$  such that  $F\mu \sqcup G\delta \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$  and  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq (F\mu \sqcup G\delta)c$ . (1) [ we prove that  $H\nu \sqsubseteq (F\mu \sqcup G\delta)c$  or  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq (F\mu \sqcup G\delta)c$  ] Therefore,  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ ,  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c$ ,  $G\delta \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$  and  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq G\delta c$ . Since,  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are *GFSC3*-connected, then  $(H\nu \sqsubseteq F\mu c$  or  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c)$  and  $(H\nu \sqsubseteq G\delta c$  or  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq G\delta c)$ . Moreover, since  $F\mu$  and  $G\delta$  are *GFS* quasi-coincident, there exist  $x \in X, e \in E$  such that

$(e)(x) > 1 - (e)(x)$  and  $\mu(e) > 1 - \delta(e)$ . (2) Now, consider the following cases:

*Case 1.* Suppose  $H\nu \sqsubseteq F\mu c$ . Then, by (2) we have,  $1 - H(e)(x) \geq F(e)(x) > 1 - G(e)(x)$  and  $1 - \nu(e) \geq \mu(e) > 1 - \delta(e) \Rightarrow H(e)(x) < G(e)(x)$  and  $\nu(e) < \delta(e)$ . (3) We claim that,  $K\gamma \not\sqsubseteq G\delta c$ . For if not, then  $K(e)(x) \leq 1 - G(e)(x) < F(e)(x)$  and  $\gamma(e) \leq 1 - \delta(e) < \mu(e)$ . (4) Now by (3) and (4), we have  $H(e)(x) \vee K(e)(x) < F(e)(x) \vee G(e)(x)$  and  $\nu(e) \vee \gamma(e) < \mu(e) \vee \delta(e)$  which implies  $F\mu \sqcup G\delta \not\sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ , this contradicts (1). Hence,  $H\nu \sqsubseteq G\delta c$ . Therefore,  $H\nu \sqsubseteq F\mu c \cap G\delta c = (F\mu \sqcup G\delta)c$ .

*Case 2.* Suppose  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c$ . Here, we can show as in Case 1 that  $H\nu \not\sqsubseteq G\delta c$ . Therefore,  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq G\delta c$ . Hence,  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq G\delta c$ . Therefore,  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c \cap G\delta c = (F\mu \sqcup G\delta)c$ . This complete the proof.

### Theorem 3.26

Let  $\{(F\mu): i \in J\}$  be a family of *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected,) sets in  $(X, E)$  such that for  $i, j \in J$ , the *GFSSs*  $(F\mu)i$  and  $(F\mu)j$  are *GFS* quasi-coincident. Then,  $F\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F\mu)i$  is a *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\{(F\mu): i \in J\}$  be family of *GFSC3*-connected sets in  $(X, E)$ . Suppose there exist two *GFS* open sets  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  in  $(X, E)$  such that  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$  and  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c$ . Let  $(F\mu)0$  be any *GFSS* of the given family. Then,  $(F\mu)0 \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$ ,  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq (F\mu)0c$ . Since,  $(F\mu)0$  is a *GFSC3*-connected set, we have  $H\nu \sqsubseteq (F\mu)0c$  or  $K\gamma \sqsubseteq (F\mu)0c$ . Now, the result follows in view of the facts that  $(F\mu)0 \sqsubseteq H\nu c$ , then  $(F\mu)i \sqsubseteq H\nu c$  for each  $i \in J - \{0\}$ , since  $(F\mu)0$  and  $(F\mu)i$  are *GFS* quasi-coincident *GFSC3*-connected sets, and  $H\nu \sqsubseteq [\sqcup_{i \in J} (F\mu)i]c = F\mu c$ . Hence,  $F\mu$  is a *GFSC3*-connected. Similarly, if  $\{(F\mu): i \in J\}$  is

family of *GFSC4*-connected sets in  $(X, E)$  such that for  $i, j \in J$ , the *GFSSs*  $(F\mu)i$  and  $(F\mu)j$  are *GFS* quasi-coincident, then,  $F\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F\mu)i$  is a *GFSC4*-connected set in  $(X, E)$ . This completes the proof.

### Corollary 3.27

Let  $\{(F\mu): i \in J\}$  be a family of a *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected,) sets in  $(X, E)$  and  $(x\alpha, e\lambda)$  be a *GFS* point such that  $\alpha > 1/2$ ,  $\lambda > 1/2$  and  $(x\alpha, e\lambda) \in \sqcap_{i \in J} (F\mu)i$ . Then  $\sqcup_{i \in J} (F\mu)i$  is a *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $(x\alpha, e\lambda) \in \sqcap_{i \in J} (F\mu)i$ , then  $(x\alpha, e\lambda) \in (F\mu)i$  for each  $i \in J$ . Therefore,  $(F\mu)$  and  $(F\mu)$  are *GFS* quasi-coincident for each  $i, j \in J$ . By Theorem 4.13,  $\sqcup_{i \in J} (F\mu)i$  is a *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ .

### Theorem 3.28

If  $F\mu$  is a *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected, *GFS* strongly-connected, *GFS Q*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$  and  $F\mu \sqsubseteq G\delta \sqsubseteq c(F\mu)$ , then  $G\delta$  is also a *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected, *GFS* strongly-connected, *GFS Q*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ . In particular  $(F\mu)$  is *GFSC3*-connected (respectively, *GFSC4*-connected, *GFS* strongly-connected, *GFS Q*-connected) set in  $(X, E)$ .

**Proof.** As a sample, we will prove the case *GFSC3*-connected. Let  $H\nu$  and  $K\gamma$  be *GFS* open sets in  $(X, E)$  such that  $G\delta \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$  and  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq G\delta c$ . Then,  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu \sqcup K\gamma$  and  $H\nu \cap K\gamma \sqsubseteq F\mu c$ . Since  $F\mu$  is a *GFSC3*-connected set, we have  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu c$  or  $F\mu \sqsubseteq K\gamma c$ . But, if  $F\mu \sqsubseteq H\nu c$ , then  $(F\mu) \sqsubseteq H\nu c$  and on the other hand, if  $F\mu \sqsubseteq K\gamma c$ , then  $cl(F\mu) \sqsubseteq K\gamma c$ . Therefore,  $G\delta \sqsubseteq (F\mu) \sqsubseteq H\nu c$  or  $G\delta \sqsubseteq cl(F\mu) \sqsubseteq K\gamma c$ . Hence,  $G\delta$  is a *GFSC3*-connected set in  $(X, E)$ . This completes the proof.

### Conclusions

In the present paper have extended the notion of connectedness of fuzzy soft topological spaces to generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces. We have introduced different notions of generalized fuzzy soft separated sets and studied the relationship between them. The study has also been devoted to introduce the different notions of connectedness in generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces and study the implications that exist between them. However, we note that the last theorem above fails in case of *GFSC1*-connectedness (respectively, *GFSC2*-

connectedness, *GFS* clopen-connectedness, *GFS* weakly-connectedness, *GFS* *s*-connectedness) which is a departure from general topology. In fact, closure of a *GFSC1*-connected (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS* clopen-connected, *GFS* weakly-connected, *GFS* *s*-connected) set need not be a *GFSC1*-connected (respectively, *GFSC2*-connected, *GFS* clopen-connected, *GFS* weakly-connected, *GFS* *s*-connected).

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