



## $e^*$ -CONNECTEDNESS IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper the concept of types of intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -connected and intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -extremally disconnected in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces are introduced and studied. Here we introduce the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_5$ -connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_S$ -connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_M$ -connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -strongly connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -super connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_i$ -connectedness ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), and obtain several properties and some characterizations concerning connectedness in these spaces.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Ever since the introduction of fuzzy sets by Zadeh [15], the fuzzy concept has invaded almost all branches of mathematics. The concept of fuzzy topological spaces was introduced and developed by Chang [2]. Atanassov [1] introduced the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy sets, Coker [3] introduced the intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces. Several types of fuzzy connectedness in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces were defined by Turnali and Coker [14]. The initiation of  $e^*$ -open sets in topological spaces is due to Ekici [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]. Sobana et.al [12] were introduced the concept of fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces (briefly., IFTS's). In this paper we have introduced some types of intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -connected and intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -extremally disconnected spaces and studied their properties and characterizations.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

We recall the following definition.

**Definition 2.1.** [1] Let  $X$  be a nonempty fixed set and  $I$  be the closed interval in  $[0, 1]$ . An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS)  $A$  is an object of the following form  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle ; x \in X \}$  where the mappings  $\mu_A(x) : X \rightarrow I$  and  $\nu_A(x) : X \rightarrow I$  denote the degree of membership (namely)  $\mu_A(x)$  and the degree of non membership (namely)  $\nu_A(x)$  for each element  $x \in X$  to the set  $A$  respectively, and  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$  for each  $x \in X$ .

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**Definition 2.2.** [1] Let  $A$  and  $B$  are intuitionistic fuzzy sets of the form  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  and  $B = \{ \langle x, \mu_B(x), \nu_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ . Then

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_B(x)$ ;
- (ii)  $\overline{A}$  (or  $A^c$ ) =  $\{ \langle x, \nu_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ;
- (iii)  $A \cap B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \wedge \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \vee \nu_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ;
- (iv)  $A \cup B = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x) \vee \mu_B(x), \nu_A(x) \wedge \nu_B(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ;
- (v)  $[ ]A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), 1 - \mu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ;
- (vi)  $\langle \rangle A = \{ \langle x, 1 - \nu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ ;

We will use the notation  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle : x \in X \}$  instead of  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [4]  $\mathbb{0} = \{ \langle x, 0, 1 \rangle : x \in X \}$  and  $\mathbb{1} = \{ \langle x, 1, 0 \rangle : x \in X \}$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . An intuitionistic fuzzy point  $(IFP)_{p(\alpha, \beta)}$  is

intuitionistic fuzzy set defined by  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \begin{cases} (\alpha, \beta) & \text{if } x=p \\ (0, 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

**Definition 2.4.** [3] An intuitionistic fuzzy topology (IFT) in Coker's sense on a nonempty set  $X$  is a family  $T$  of intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $X$  satisfying the following axioms:

- (i)  $\mathbb{0}, \mathbb{1} \in T$ ;
- (ii)  $G_1 \cap G_2 \in T$ , for any  $G_1, G_2 \in T$ ;
- (iii)  $\cup G_i \in T$  for any arbitrary family  $\{G_i; i \in J\} \subseteq T$ .

In this paper by  $(X, T)$  or simply by  $X$  we will denote the intuitionistic fuzzy topological space (IFTS). Each IFS which belongs to  $T$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy open set (IFOS) in  $X$ . The complement  $\overline{A}$  of an IFOS  $A$  in  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy closed set (IFCS) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [10] Let  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  be an IFP in IFTS  $X$ . An IFS  $A$  in  $X$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy neighborhood (IFN) of  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  if there exists an IFOS  $B$  in  $X$  such that  $p_{(\alpha, \beta)} \in B \subseteq A$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two non-empty sets and  $f : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  be a function [3]. If  $B = \{ \langle y, \mu_B(y), \nu_B(y) \rangle : y \in Y \}$  is an IFS in  $Y$ , then the pre-image of  $B$  under  $f$  is denoted and defined by  $f^{-1}(B) = \{ \langle x, f^{-1}(\mu_B(x)), f^{-1}(\nu_B(x)) \rangle : x \in X \}$ . Since  $\mu_B(x), \nu_B(x)$  are fuzzy sets, we explain that  $f^{-1}(\mu_B(x)) = \mu_B(x)(f(x)), f^{-1}(\nu_B(x)) = \nu_B(x)(f(x))$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [3] Let  $(X, T)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle : x \in X \}$  be an IFS in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic fuzzy closure and intuitionistic fuzzy interior of  $A$  are defined by

- (i)  $cl(A) = \bigcap \{ C : C \text{ is an IFCS in } X \text{ and } C \supseteq A \}$ ;
- (ii)  $int(A) = \bigcup \{ D : D \text{ is an IFOS in } X \text{ and } D \subseteq A \}$ ;

It can be also shown that  $cl(A)$  is an IFCS,  $int(A)$  is an IFOS in  $X$  and  $A$  is an IFCS in  $X$  if and only if  $cl(A) = A$ ;  $A$  is an IFOS in  $X$  if and only if  $int(A) = A$

**Proposition 2.1.** [3] Let  $(X, T)$  be an IFTS and  $A, B$  be intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $X$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (i)  $cl(\overline{A}) = \overline{(int(A))}$ ,  $int(\overline{A}) = \overline{(cl(A))}$ ;
- (ii)  $int(A) \subseteq A \subseteq cl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [12] Let  $A$  be an IFS in an IFTS  $(X, T)$ .  $A$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open set (IFe\*OS, for short) in  $X$  if  $A \subseteq cl_{intcl_\delta}(A)$ . The Complement of  $A$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -closed set (IFe\*CS, for short) in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $A$  be IFS in an IFTS  $(X, T)$ .  $A$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy regular open set [13] (briefly IFROS) if  $A = intcl(A)$  and intuitionistic fuzzy regular closed set (briefly IFRCS) if  $A = cl_{int}(A)$

**Definition 2.9.** [13] Let  $(X, T)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle$  be a IFS in  $X$ . Then the fuzzy  $\delta$  closure of  $A$  are denoted and defined by  $cl_\delta(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an IFRCS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}$  and  $int_\delta(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an IFROS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}$ .

**Definition 2.10.** [3] Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be IFTS's. A function  $f : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy continuous if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFOS in  $X$  for every  $B \in S$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [14]

- (i)  $A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \subseteq \overline{B}$ .
- (ii)  $A \not\subseteq B \Rightarrow A \cap B \neq \emptyset$

**Definition 2.11.** [4] Two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be q-coincident ( $AqB$ ) if and only if there exists an element  $x \in X$  such that  $\mu_A(x) > \nu_B(x)$  or  $\nu_A(x) < \mu_B(x)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be not q-coincident ( $A\bar{q}B$ ) if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [11] An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $A$  and  $B$  if there is no IFOS  $E$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $A \subseteq E$  and  $E\bar{q}B$ .

### 3. TYPES OF INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY $e^*$ -CONNECTEDNESS IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be IFTS's. A function  $f : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFe\*OS in  $X$  for every  $B \in S$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an IFTS and  $A = \langle x, \mu_A, \nu_A \rangle$  be an IFS in  $X$ . Then the intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -interior and intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -closure are defined and denoted by:

$$e^*cl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an IFe*CS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}$$

and

$$e^*int(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an IFe*OS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}.$$

It is clear that  $A$  is an IFe\*CS (IFe\*OS) in  $X$  iff  $A = cl_{e^*}(A)$  ( $A = int_{e^*}(A)$ ).

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $A$  be IFS in an IFTS  $(X, T)$ .  $A$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -regular open set (briefly IFe\*ROS) if  $A = e^*int(e^*cl(A))$  and intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -regular closed set (briefly IFe\*RCS) if  $A = e^*cl(e^*int(A))$

**Definition 3.4.** An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is IFe\*-disconnected if there exists intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets  $P, Q$  in  $X$ ,  $P \neq \emptyset, Q \neq \emptyset$  such that  $P \cup Q = \mathbf{1}$  and  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$ . If  $X$  is not IFe\*-disconnected then it is said to be IFe\*-connected.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $T = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{1}, P\}$  where  $P = \{\langle x, (\frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4}), (\frac{a}{0.7}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X\}$ ,  $Q = \{\langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}), (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X\}$ ,  $P$  and  $Q$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$ ,  $P \neq \emptyset, Q \neq \emptyset$  and  $P \cup Q = P \neq \mathbf{1}, P \cap Q = Q \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is IFe\*-connected.

**Example 3.6.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}), (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}), (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$ ,  $Q \neq \emptyset$ ,  $R \neq \emptyset$  and  $Q \cup R = \mathbf{1}$ ,  $Q \cap R = \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -disconnected.

**Definition 3.7.** An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -disconnected if there exists IFS  $P$  in  $X$ , which is both  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS and  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS such that  $P \neq \emptyset$ , and  $P \neq \mathbf{1}$ . If  $X$  is not  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -disconnected then it is said to be  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -connected.

**Example 3.8.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}), (\frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, x \in X \}$   $Q$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS in  $X$ , but  $Q$  is not  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS since  $\text{clint}(cl_\delta(Q)) \not\subseteq Q$

**Example 3.9.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}), (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $Q$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$ . Also  $Q$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS since  $\text{clint}(cl_\delta(Q)) = \emptyset \leq Q$ . Hence there exists an IFS  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $\mathbf{1} \neq Q \neq \emptyset$  which is both  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS and  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS in  $X$ . Thus  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -disconnected.

**Proposition 3.1.**  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -connectedness implies  $\text{IFe}^*$ -connectedness.

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists nonempty intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $P \cup Q = \mathbf{1}$  and  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$  ( $\text{IFe}^*$ -disconnected) then  $\mu_P \vee \mu_Q = \mathbf{1}$ ,  $\nu_P \wedge \nu_Q = \emptyset$  and  $\mu_P \vee \mu_Q = \emptyset$ ,  $\nu_P \wedge \nu_Q = \mathbf{1}$ . In other words  $\bar{Q} = P$ . Hence  $P$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -clopen which implies  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -disconnected.  $\square$

But the converse need not be true as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.10.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}), (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS in  $X$ . Also  $P \cup Q \neq \mathbf{1} = P$ ,  $P \cap Q \neq \emptyset = Q$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -connected. Since IFS  $P$  is both  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS and  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS in  $X$ ,  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -disconnected.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $f : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  be a  $\text{IFe}^*$ -irresolute surjection,  $(X, T)$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -connected, then  $(Y, S)$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -connected.

*Proof.* Assume that  $(Y, S)$  is not  $\text{IFe}^*$ -connected then there exists nonempty intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $(Y, S)$  such that  $P \cup Q = \mathbf{1}$  and  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -irresolute mapping,  $R = f^{-1}(P) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U = f^{-1}(Q) \neq \emptyset$  which are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$ . And  $f^{-1}(P) \cup f^{-1}(Q) = f^{-1}(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{1}$  which implies  $R \cup U = \mathbf{1}$ .  $f^{-1}(P) \cap f^{-1}(Q) = f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  which implies  $R \cap U = \emptyset$ . Thus  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -disconnected, which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $Y$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -connected.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.**  $(X, T)$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -connected iff there exists no nonempty intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $P = \bar{Q}$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $P$  and  $Q$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$  such that  $P \neq \emptyset \neq Q$  and  $P = \bar{Q}$ . Since  $P = \bar{Q}$ ,  $\bar{Q}$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS and  $Q$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS, and  $P \neq \emptyset$  implies  $Q \neq \mathbf{1}$ . But this is a contradiction to the fact that  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_5$ -connected. Conversely, let  $P$  be both  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS and  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS in  $X$  such that  $\emptyset \neq P \neq \mathbf{1}$ . Now take  $Q = \bar{P}$ .  $Q$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS and  $P \neq \mathbf{1}$  which implies  $Q = \bar{P} \neq \emptyset$  which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 3.11.** An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -strongly connected if there exists no nonempty  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS's  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $\mu_P + \mu_Q \leq 1$ ,  $\nu_P + \nu_Q \geq 1$

In otherwords, an IFTS  $(X, T)$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -strongly connected if there exists no nonempty  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS's  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** *An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected if there exists no  $IFe^*$ OS's  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$ ,  $P \neq \perp \neq Q$  such that  $\mu_P + \mu_Q \geq 1$ ,  $\nu_P + \nu_Q \leq 1$*

**Example 3.12.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $P$  is an  $IFe^*$ OS in  $X$ .  $P$  and  $Q$  is an  $IFe^*$ OS in  $X$  since  $Q \subseteq clint(cl_\delta(Q))$ . Also  $\mu_P + \mu_Q \leq 1$ ,  $\nu_P + \nu_Q \geq 1$ . Hence  $X$  is  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $f : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  be a  $IFe^*$ -irresolute surjection. If  $X$  is an  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected, then so is  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is not  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected then there exists  $IFe^*$ CS  $C$  and  $D$  in  $Y$  such that  $C \neq \emptyset$ ,  $D \neq \emptyset$ ,  $C \cap D = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $IFe^*$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(C)$ ,  $f^{-1}(D)$  are  $IFe^*$ CSs in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D) = \emptyset$ ,  $f^{-1}(C) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $f^{-1}(D) \neq \emptyset$ . (If  $f^{-1}(C) = \emptyset$ , then  $f(f^{-1}(C)) = C$  which implies  $f(\emptyset) = C$ . So  $C = \emptyset$  a contradiction) Hence  $X$  is  $IFe^*$ -strongly disconnected, a contradiction. Thus  $(Y, S)$  is  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected.  $\square$

$IFe^*$ -strongly connected does not imply  $IFe^*C_5$ -connected, and  $IFe^*C_5$ -connected does not imply  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected. For this purpose we see the following examples:

**Example 3.13.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $X$  is  $IFe^*C_5$ -connected. Since  $Q \subseteq clint(cl_\delta(Q))$ . Also  $\mu_P + \mu_Q \leq 1$ ,  $\nu_P + \nu_Q \geq 1$ . Hence  $X$  is  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected. But  $X$  is not  $IFe^*C_5$ -connected, since  $Q$  is both  $IFe^*$ OS and  $IFe^*$ CS in  $X$ .

**Example 3.14.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.4}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $X$  is  $IFe^*C_5$ -connected. But  $X$  is not  $IFe^*$ -strongly connected since  $Q$  and  $R$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$  such that  $\mu_Q + \mu_R \geq 1$ ,  $\nu_Q + \nu_R \leq 1$ .

**Definition 3.15.**  $P$  and  $Q$  are non-zero intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $(X, T)$ . Then  $P$  and  $Q$  are said to be

- (i)  $IFe^*$ -weakly separated if  $e^*cl(P) \subseteq \overline{Q}$  and  $e^*cl(Q) \subseteq \overline{P}$ .
- (ii)  $IFe^*$ -q-separated if  $(e^*cl(P)) \cap Q = \emptyset = P \cap (e^*cl(Q))$ .

**Definition 3.16.** An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is said to be  $IFe^*C_5$ -disconnected if there exists  $IFe^*$ -weakly separated non-zero intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \cup Q = \perp$ .

**Example 3.17.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$ ,  $e^*cl(Q) \subseteq R$  and  $e^*cl(R) \subseteq Q$ . Hence  $Q$  and  $R$  are  $IFe^*$ -weakly separated and  $Q \cup R = \perp$ . So  $X$  is  $IFe^*C_5$ -disconnected.

**Definition 3.18.** An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is said to be  $IFe^*C_M$ -disconnected if there exists  $IFe^*$ -q-separated non-zero intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \cup Q = \perp$ .

**Example 3.19.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$ ,  $(e^*cl(Q)) \cap R = \emptyset$  and  $Q \cap (e^*cl(R)) = \emptyset$  which implies  $Q$  and  $R$  are  $IFe^*$ -q-separated and  $Q \cup R = \perp$ . Hence  $X$  is  $IFe^*C_M$ -disconnected.

**Remark.** *An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is  $IFe^*C_S$ -connected if and only if  $(X, T)$  is  $IFe^*C_M$ -connected.*

**Definition 3.20.** An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is said to be  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super disconnected if there exists an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -regular open set  $P$  in  $X$  such that  $\mathbb{0} \neq P \neq \mathbb{1}$ .  $X$  is called  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super connected if  $X$  is not  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super disconnected.

**Example 3.21.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $X$  and  $e^*int(e^*cl(Q)) = Q$ . This implies  $Q$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -regular open set in  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super disconnected.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an IFTS. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super connected
- (ii) For each  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS  $P \neq \mathbb{0}$  in  $X$ , we have  $e^*clP = \mathbb{1}$
- (iii) For each  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS  $P \neq \mathbb{1}$  in  $X$ , we have  $e^*intP = \mathbb{0}$
- (iv) There exists no  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS's  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $P \neq \mathbb{0} \neq Q$  and  $P \subseteq \overline{Q}$
- (v) There exists no  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS's  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $P \neq \mathbb{0} \neq Q, Q = \overline{e^*clP}$  and  $P = \overline{e^*clQ}$
- (vi) There exists no  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS's  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $P \neq \mathbb{1} \neq Q, Q = \overline{e^*intP}$  and  $P = \overline{e^*intQ}$

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Assume that there exists an  $P \neq \mathbb{0}$  such that  $e^*cl(P) \neq \mathbb{1}$ . Take  $P = e^*int(e^*cl(P))$ . Then  $P$  is proper  $e^*$ -regular open set in  $X$  which contradicts that  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super connectedness.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $P \neq \mathbb{1}$  be an  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS in  $X$ . If we take  $Q = \overline{P}$  then  $Q$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS in  $X$  and  $Q \neq \mathbb{0}$ . Hence by (ii)  $e^*cl(Q) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \overline{e^*cl(Q)} = \mathbb{0} \Rightarrow e^*int(\overline{Q}) = \mathbb{0} \Rightarrow e^*int(A) = \mathbb{0}$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS in  $X$  such that  $P \neq \mathbb{0} \neq Q$  and  $P \subseteq \overline{Q}$ . Since  $\overline{Q}$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ CS in  $X$ ,  $\overline{Q} \neq \mathbb{1}$  by (iii)  $e^*int\overline{Q} = \mathbb{0}$ . But  $P \subseteq \overline{Q}$  implies  $\mathbb{0} \neq P = e^*int(P) \subseteq e^*int(\overline{Q}) = \mathbb{0}$  which is a contradiction.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $\mathbb{0} \neq P \neq \mathbb{1}$  be an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -regular open set in  $X$ . If we take  $Q = \overline{e^*cl(P)}$ , we get  $Q \neq \mathbb{0}$ . (If not  $Q = \mathbb{0}$  implies  $e^*cl(P) = \mathbb{0} \Rightarrow e^*cl(P) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow P = e^*int(e^*cl(P)) = e^*int(\mathbb{1}) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow P = \mathbb{1}$  a contradiction to  $P \neq \mathbb{1}$ ). We also have  $P \subseteq \overline{Q}$  which is also a contradiction. Therefore  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super connected.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (v): Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \neq \mathbb{0} \neq Q, Q = \overline{e^*cl(P)}$  and  $P = \overline{e^*cl(Q)}$ . Now we have  $e^*int(e^*cl(P)) = e^*int(\overline{Q}) = \overline{e^*cl(Q)} = P, P \neq \mathbb{0}$  and  $P \neq \mathbb{1}$ , since if  $P = \mathbb{1}$  then  $\mathbb{1} = \overline{e^*cl(Q)} \Rightarrow e^*cl(Q) = \mathbb{0} \Rightarrow Q = \mathbb{0}$ . But  $Q \neq \mathbb{0}$ . Therefore  $P \neq \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow P$  is proper  $\text{IFe}^*$ -regular open set in  $(X, T)$  which is contradiction to (i). Hence (v) is true.

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $P$  be  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS in  $X$  such that  $P = e^*int(e^*cl(P)), \mathbb{0} \neq P \neq \mathbb{1}$ . Now take  $Q = \overline{e^*cl(P)}$ . In this case, we get  $Q \neq \mathbb{0}$  and  $Q$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ OS in  $X$  and  $Q = \overline{e^*cl(P)}$  and  $e^*cl(Q) = e^*cl(\overline{e^*cl(P)}) = \overline{(e^*int(e^*cl(P)))} = e^*int(e^*cl(P)) = P$ . But this is a contradiction to (v). Therefore  $(X, T)$  is  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super connected space.

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi): Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be  $\text{IFe}^*$ -closed sets in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \neq \mathbb{1} \neq Q, Q = \overline{e^*int(P)}$  and  $P = \overline{e^*int(Q)}$ . Taking  $C = \overline{P}$  and  $D = \overline{Q}$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  become  $\text{IFe}^*$ -open sets in  $(X, T)$  and  $C \neq \mathbb{0} \neq D, \overline{e^*cl(C)} = \overline{e^*cl(\overline{P})} = \overline{(e^*int(\overline{P}))} = e^*int(P) = \overline{Q} = D$  and similarly  $\overline{e^*cl(D)} = C$ . But this is a contradiction to (v). Hence (vi) is true.

(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): We can prove this by the similar way as in (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi). □

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $f : (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  be a  $\text{IFe}^*$ -irresolute surjection. If  $X$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -super connected, then so is  $Y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is IFe<sup>\*</sup>-super disconnected. Then there exists IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS's  $C$  and  $D$  in  $Y$  such that  $C \neq \emptyset \neq D$ ,  $C \subseteq \overline{D}$ . Since  $f$  is IFe<sup>\*</sup>-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(C)$  and  $f^{-1}(D)$  are IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS's in  $X$  and  $C \subseteq \overline{D}$  implies  $f^{-1}(C) \subseteq f^{-1}(D) = \overline{f^{-1}(D)}$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(C) \neq \emptyset \neq f^{-1}(\overline{D})$  which means that  $X$  is IFe<sup>\*</sup>-super disconnected which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 3.22.** An IFTS  $(X, T)$  is called intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_5$ -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $P$  and  $Q$  if there is no IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS  $E$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \subseteq E$  and  $E\overline{q}Q$ .

**Example 3.23.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.6}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.9}, \frac{b}{0.6}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.1}, \frac{b}{0.2}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $P$  is IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS in  $(X, T)$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -connected between  $P$  and  $Q$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** If an IFTS  $(X, T)$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_5$ -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $P$  and  $Q$ , then it is intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $P$  and  $Q$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, T)$  is not intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected between two intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $P$  and  $Q$  then there exists an IFOS  $E$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \subseteq E$  and  $E\overline{q}Q$ . Since every IFOS in IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS, there exists an IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS  $E$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \subseteq E$  and  $E\overline{q}Q$  which implies  $(X, T)$  is not intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -connected between  $P$  and  $Q$ , a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore,  $(X, T)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected between  $P$  and  $Q$ .  $\square$

However, the converse of the above Theorem is need not be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.24.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.1}, \frac{b}{0.2}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.9}, \frac{b}{0.6}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.7}, \frac{b}{0.4}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.4}) \rangle, x \in X \}$   $P$  is IFOS in  $(X, T)$ . Then  $(X, T)$  intuitionistic fuzzy  $C_5$ -connected between  $Q$  and  $R$ . Consider IFS  $D = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $D$  is an IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS such that  $Q \subseteq D$  and  $D \subseteq \overline{R}$  which implies  $(X, T)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -disconnected between  $Q$  and  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $(X, T)$  be an IFTS and  $P$  and  $Q$  be intuitionistic fuzzy sets in  $(X, T)$ . If  $PqQ$  then  $(X, T)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_5$ -connected between  $P$  and  $Q$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $(X, T)$  is not intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_5$ -connected between  $P$  and  $Q$ . Then there exists an IFe<sup>\*</sup>OS  $E$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $P \subseteq E$  and  $E \subseteq \overline{Q}$ . This implies that  $P \subseteq \overline{Q}$ . That is  $P\overline{q}Q$  which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Therefore  $(X, T)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_5$ -connected between  $P$  and  $Q$ .  $\square$

However, the converse of the above Theorem is need not be true, as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.25.** In Example 3.5, Consider the intuitionistic fuzzy sets  $Q = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.6}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $R = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.9}, \frac{b}{0.6}) \rangle, (\frac{a}{0.1}, \frac{b}{0.2}) \rangle, x \in X \}$ ,  $P$  is IFeOS in  $(X, T)$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -connected between  $P$  and  $Q$ . But  $P$  is not  $q$ -coincident with  $Q$ , since  $\mu_P(x) < \nu_Q(x)$ .

**Definition 3.26.** Let  $N$  be an IFS in IFTS  $(X, T)$

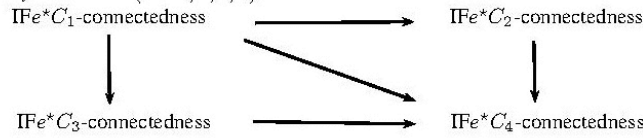
(a) If there exists intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets  $M$  and  $W$  in  $X$  satisfying the following properties, then  $N$  is called IFe<sup>\*</sup> $C_i$ -disconnected (i=1,2,3,4):

$$e^*C_1 : N \subseteq M \cup W, M \cap W \subseteq \overline{N}, N \cap M \neq \emptyset, N \cap W \neq \emptyset,$$

$$e^*C_2 : N \subseteq M \cup W, N \cap M \cap W = \emptyset, N \cap M \neq \emptyset, N \cap W \neq \emptyset,$$

$e^*C_3 : N \subseteq M \cup W, M \cap W \subseteq \overline{N}, M \not\subseteq \overline{N}, W \not\subseteq \overline{N},$   
 $e^*C_4 : N \subseteq M \cup W, N \cap M \cap W = \emptyset, M \not\subseteq \overline{N}, W \not\subseteq \overline{N},$   
 (b)  $N$  is said to be  $\text{IFe}^*C_i$ -connected ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) if  $N$  is not  $\text{IFe}^*C_i$ -disconnected ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ).

Obviously, we can obtain the following implications between several types of  $\text{IFe}^*C_i$ -connected ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ):



**Example 3.27.** In Example 3.5,  $M = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}), (\frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0.3}) \rangle, x \in X \}, W = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}), (\frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.4}) \rangle, x \in X \},$  be  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$ . Consider the IFS  $N = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}), (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X \},$   $N$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_2$ -connected,  $\text{IFe}^*C_3$ -connected,  $\text{IFe}^*C_4$ -connected but  $\text{IFe}^*C_1$ -disconnected.

**Example 3.28.** In Example 3.5,  $M = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.3}, \frac{b}{0}), (\frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{1}) \rangle, x \in X \}, W = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0}, \frac{b}{1}), (\frac{a}{1}, \frac{b}{0}) \rangle, x \in X \},$  be  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$ . Consider the IFS  $N = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}), (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X \},$   $N$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_2$ -disconnected but  $\text{IFe}^*C_4$ -connected.

**Example 3.29.** In Example 3.5,  $M = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.8}, \frac{b}{0.7}), (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.1}) \rangle, x \in X \}, W = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.8}), (\frac{a}{0.4}, \frac{b}{0.4}) \rangle, x \in X \},$  be  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$ . Consider the IFS  $N = \{ \langle x, (\frac{a}{0.2}, \frac{b}{0.3}), (\frac{a}{0.6}, \frac{b}{0.5}) \rangle, x \in X \},$   $N$  is  $\text{IFe}^*C_3$ -disconnected but  $\text{IFe}^*C_4$ -connected.

#### 4. INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY $e^*$ -EXTREMALLY DISCONNECTEDNESS IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X, T)$  be any IFTS.  $X$  is called  $\text{IFe}^*$ -extremally disconnected if the  $e^*$ -closure of every  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$  in  $X$  is  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** For an IFTS  $(X, T)$  the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $(X, T)$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -extremally disconnected space.
- (ii) For each  $\text{IFe}^*\text{CS } P, e^*\text{int}(P)$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{CS}$ .
- (iii) For each  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS } P, e^*\text{cl}(P) = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(P)}$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{CS}$ .
- (iv) For each intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  with  $e^*\text{cl}(P) = \overline{Q}, e^*\text{cl}(P) = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(P)}$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $P$  be any  $\text{IFe}^*\text{CS}$ . Then  $\overline{P}$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$ . So  $e^*\text{cl}(\overline{P}) = \overline{e^*\text{int}(P)}$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$ . Thus  $e^*\text{int}(P)$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{CS}$  in  $(X, T)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $P$  be an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$ . Then  $e^*\text{cl}(\overline{e^*\text{cl}(P)}) = e^*\text{cl}(e^*\text{int}(\overline{P})), \overline{e^*\text{cl}(P)} = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(e^*\text{int}(\overline{P}))}$ . Since  $P$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}, \overline{P}$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{CS}$ . So by (ii)  $e^*\text{int}(\overline{P})$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*\text{CS}$ . That is  $e^*\text{cl}(e^*\text{int}(\overline{P})) = e^*\text{int}(\overline{P})$ . Hence  $e^*\text{cl}(e^*\text{int}(\overline{P})) = e^*\text{int}(\overline{P}) = e^*\text{cl}(P)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be any two intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -open sets in  $(X, T)$  such that  $e^*\text{cl}(P) = \overline{Q}$ . (iii) implies  $e^*\text{cl}(P) = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(P)} = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(Q)} = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(Q)}$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $P$  be any  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$  in  $(X, T)$ . Put  $Q = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(P)}$ . Then  $e^*\text{cl}(P) = \overline{Q}$ . Hence by (iv)  $e^*\text{cl}(P) = \overline{e^*\text{cl}(Q)}$ . Therefore  $e^*\text{cl}(P)$  is  $\text{IFe}^*\text{OS}$  in  $(X, T)$ . That is  $(X, T)$  is an  $\text{IFe}^*$ -extremally disconnected space.  $\square$



## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have introduced and studied the concept of types of intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -connected and intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -extremally disconnected in intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces are introduced and studied. Here we introduce the concepts of intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_5$ -connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_S$ -connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_M$ -connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -strongly connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*$ -super connectedness, intuitionistic fuzzy  $e^*C_i$ -connectedness ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), and obtained several properties and some characterizations concerning connectedness in these spaces.

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