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## **On Intuitionistic Fuzzy Structure Space On** Γ-Ring

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ABSTRACT. In this research article, we investigate and study the intuitionistic fuzzy structure space of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M set up by the class of intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of M called the intuitionistic fuzzy prime spectrum of  $\Gamma$ -ring. Apart from studying basic properties of this structure space, we explore separation axioms, compactness, irreducibility and connectedness in this structure space.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Algebraic systems found to take a noteworthy role in mathematics with ample applications in numerous directions such as theoretical physics, computer sciences, control engineering, information sciences, coding theory etc. The prime spectrum of a ring with unity is a space formed by introducing Zariski topology on the set of all prime ideals in a commutative ring with unity which plays a crucial role in commutative algebra (for detail see [5, 10]).

It is well known that the concept of a  $\Gamma$ -ring was initially introduced and investigated by Nobusawa [14]. Barnes [4] weakened slightly the conditions in the definition of the  $\Gamma$ -ring in the sense of Nobusawa. Since then, many researchers have investigated various properties of this  $\Gamma$ -ring. Any ring can be regarded as a  $\Gamma$ -ring by suitably choosing  $\Gamma$ . Many primary results in ring theory have been broaden to  $\Gamma$ -rings. R. Paul [19] studied various types of ideals in  $\Gamma$ -ring and the corresponding operator rings.

W. E. Coppage and J. Luh [6] studied radical of  $\Gamma$ -ring. Y. B. Jun [12], elucidate fuzzy prime ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -ring and derived a number of characterization for a fuzzy ideal to be a fuzzy prime ideal. T. K. Dutta and T. Chanda [8] proved the same result in a different way and also proved handful characterization of fuzzy prime ideals. B. A. Ersoy [9] defined fuzzy semi-prime ideal and obtained some results. A. K. Aggarwal et al in [1] studied some theorems on fuzzy prime ideals of  $\Gamma$ -ring.

The conception of intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS) was first launched by Atanassaov [2, 3], as an extension to the notion of fuzzy set (FS) given by Zadeh [25]. Kim et al in [13] examined the intuitionistic fuzzification of ideal of  $\Gamma$ -ring which were further studied by Palaniappan at al in [15, 16, 17]. The notion of IF prime ideal and IF semi-prime were studied by Palaniappan and Ramachandran in [18]. Authors in [21] studied the notion of IF characteristic ideals of a  $\Gamma$ -ring and obtained a one to one correlation between the set of all IF characteristic ideals of  $\Gamma$ -ring and that of its operator ring. Further in [22] they introduced the notion of IF prime radical and IF primary ideal of a of  $\Gamma$ -ring. An extension of IF ideal of  $\Gamma$ -ring was introduced in [23] which is used to characterise IF prime and IF semi-prime ideals. In [11] S. M. Goswami et al studied structure space of semi-ring and  $\Gamma$ -Semirings.

In 2017, P. K. Sharma et al. in [20] introduced the notion of IF prime spectrum of a commutative ring with identity and studied it. Since  $\Gamma$ -ring is a generalization of ring,

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it is natural to investigate the ring theoretic analogues in these general settings. Keeping this view in mind we introduce in this paper a topology on the set of all IF prime ideals of a commutative  $\Gamma$ -ring M with identity and denote the resulting structure space by IFSpec(M). We study separation axioms, compactness, irreducibility and connectedness in this structure space.

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we recollect a few definitions and results, which are necessary for the development of the article,

**Definition 2.1.** ([14, 4]) If (M, +) and  $(\Gamma, +)$  are additive Abelian groups. Then M is called a  $\Gamma$ -ring ( in the sense of Barnes [2]) if there exist mapping  $M \times \Gamma \times M \to M$ ,  $(m_1, \alpha, m_2) \mapsto m_1 \alpha m_2, m_1, m_2 \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$  holding the following circumstances: (1)  $m_1 \alpha m_2 \in M$ . (2)  $(m_1+m_2)\alpha m_3 = m_1 \alpha m_3 + m_2 \alpha m_3, m_1(\alpha+\beta)m_2 = m_1 \alpha m_2 + m_1 \beta m_2, m_1 \alpha (m_2+m_3) = m_1 \alpha m_2 + m_1 \alpha m_3$ .

(3)  $(m_1 \alpha m_2)\beta m_3 = m_1 \alpha (m_2 \beta m_3)$ . for all  $m_1, m_2, m_3 \in M$ , and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

A non-void subset N of M is considered as left (right) ideal of M provided N is an additive subgroup of M and  $M\Gamma N \subseteq N(N\Gamma M \subseteq N)$ . Also, N is called an ideal of M if N is both left and right ideal. A mapping  $f: M \to M'$  of  $\Gamma$ -rings is called a  $\Gamma$ -homomorphism [4] if  $f(m_1 + m_2) = f(m_1) + f(m_2)$  and  $f(m_1 \alpha m_2) = f(m_1)\alpha f(m_2)$  for all  $m_1, m_2 \in M, \alpha \in \Gamma$ . When M' = M, then a  $\Gamma$ -homomorphism is called a  $\Gamma$ -endomorphism, further a one-one and onto  $\Gamma$ -endomorphism is called a  $\Gamma$ -automorphism.

**Definition 2.2.** ([6]) A non-zero element m of a commutative  $\Gamma$ -ring M is called a unit element if for every pair of non-zero elements  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$  there exist an element m' in M such that  $m\gamma_1m'\gamma_2x = x$  for all  $x \in M$ .

**Definition 2.3.** ([6, 24]) An element m of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M is called nilpotent if for any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  there exists a positive integer n depending on  $\gamma$  such that  $(m\gamma)^n m = (m\gamma)(m\gamma)...(m\gamma)m = 0_M$ . A subset S of M is said to be nil if each element of S is nilpotent. The nil radical of M is defined as the sum of all nil ideals of M.

In a  $\Gamma$ -ring the prime radical is a subset of the nil radical.

**Definition 2.4.** Let *M* be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $m \in M$ , then the principal ideal generated by *m*, denoted by  $\langle m \rangle$  is the intersection of all ideals containing *m* and is the set of all finite sums of the elements of the form  $nm + a\gamma_1m + m\gamma_2b + c\gamma_3m\gamma_4d$ , where *n* is an integer,  $a, b, c, d \in M$ ,  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4 \in \Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.5.** ([7]) A  $\Gamma$ -ring M is called a Boolean  $\Gamma$ -ring if  $\forall m \in M, m\gamma m = m$ , for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** ([7]) Let M be a Boolean  $\Gamma$ -ring with unity  $\mathbf{e}$ . Then (i)  $m = -m, \forall m \in M$ ; (ii)  $m_1 \gamma m_2 = m_2 \gamma m_1, \forall m_1, m_2 \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$ , i.e., M is commutative.  $\Gamma$ -ring. (iii) m is idempotent element in M if and only if  $\mathbf{e} - m$  is idempotent element in M.

**Definition 2.6.** ([10]) A topological space (X, T) is called irreducible if every pair of nonempty open subsets of the space X has a non-empty intersection.

**Definition 2.7.** ([2, 3]) An IFS *A* of a non-void set *X* is described by the formation  $A = \{ < x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) > : x \in X \}$ , where  $\mu_A, \nu_A : X \to [0, 1]$  denote the degree of membership

(namely  $\mu_A(x)$ ) and the degree of non-membership (namely  $\nu_A(x)$ ) of each element  $x \in X$  to A respectively and  $0 \le \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \le 1$  for each  $x \in X$ .

### **Remark 2.1.** ([2, 3])

(i) When  $\mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) = 1$ , i.e.,  $\nu_A(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x) = \mu_{A^c}(x)$ . Then *A* is called a fuzzy set. (ii) An IFS  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$  is shortly denoted by  $A(x) = (\mu_A(x), \nu_A(x))$ , for all  $x \in X$ . We will write IFS(X), the set of all IFSs of *X*.

If  $A, B \in IFS(X)$ , then  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_B(x), \forall x \in X$ and  $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . For any subset Y of X, the IF characteristic function  $\chi_Y$ is an IFS of X, defined as  $\chi_Y(x) = (1,0), \forall x \in Y$  and  $\chi_Y(x) = (0,1), \forall x \in X \setminus Y$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [0,1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . Then the crisp set  $A_{(\alpha,\beta)} = \{x \in X : \mu_A(x) \geq \alpha \text{ and } \nu_A(x) \leq \beta\}$  is called the  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -level cut subset of A. Also the IFS  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  of X defined as  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)}(y) = (\alpha,\beta)$ , if y = x, otherwise (0,1) is called the intuitionistic fuzzy point (IFP) in X with support x. By  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \in A$  we mean  $\mu_A(x) \geq \alpha$  and  $\nu_A(x) \leq \beta$ . Further if  $f : X \to Y$  is a mapping and A, B be respectively IFS of X and Y. Then the image f(A) is an IFS of Y is defined as  $\mu_{f(A)}(y) = Sup\{\mu_A(x) : f(x) = y\}, \nu_{f(A)}(y) = Inf\{\nu_A(x) : f(x) = y\}$ , for all  $y \in Y$  and the inverse image  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an IFS of X is defined as  $\mu_{f^{-1}(B)}(x) = \mu_B(f(x))$ ,  $\nu_{f^{-1}(B)}(x) = \nu_B(f(x))$ , for all  $x \in X$ , i.e.,  $f^{-1}(B)(x) = B(f(x))$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Also the IFS A of X is said to be f-invariant if for any  $x, y \in X$ , whenever f(x) = f(y) implies A(x) = A(y).

**Definition 2.8.** ([15]) Let *A* and *B* be two IFSs of a  $\Gamma$ -ring *M* and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then the product  $A\Gamma B$  and the composition  $A \circ B$  of *A* and *B* are defined by

$$A\Gamma B(m) = \begin{cases} (\lor_{m=m_1\gamma m_2}(\mu_A(m_1) \land \mu_B(m_2)), \land_{m=m_1\gamma m_2}(\nu_A(m_1) \lor \nu_B(m_2)), & \text{if } m = m_1\gamma m_2 \\ (0,1), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$A \circ B(m) = \begin{cases} (\bigvee_{m = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \gamma z_i} (\mu_A(y_i) \land \mu_B(z_i)), \land_{m = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \gamma z_i} (\nu_A(y_i) \lor \nu_B(z_i))), & \text{if } m = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \gamma z_i (\mu_A(y_i) \land \mu_B(z_i)), \land_{m = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \gamma z_i} (\mu_A(y_i) \lor \mu_B(z_i)), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 2.2.** ([15]) If *A* and *B* be two IFSs of a  $\Gamma$ -ring *M*, then  $A\Gamma B \subseteq A \circ B \subseteq A \cap B$ 

**Definition 2.9.** ([15]) Let *A* be an IFS of a  $\Gamma$ -ring *M*. Then *A* is called an intuitionistic fuzzy ideal (IFI) of *M* if for all  $m_1, m_2 \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$ , the following circumstances holds: (i)  $\mu_A(m_1 - m_2) \ge \mu_A(m_1) \land \mu_A(m_2)$ ; (ii)  $\mu_A(m_1 \alpha m_2) \ge \mu_A(m_1) \lor \mu_A(m_2)$ ; (iii)  $\nu_A(m_1 - m_2) \le \nu_A(m_1) \lor \nu_A(m_2)$ ; (iv)  $\nu_A(m_1 \alpha m_2) \le \nu_A(m_1) \land \nu_A(m_2)$ .

The IFS  $\tilde{0}$  and  $\tilde{1}$  defined by  $\tilde{0}(m) = (0,1)$  and  $\tilde{1}(m) = (1,0), \forall m \in M$  are IFIs of M. These are called trivial IFIs of M. Also if A is an IFI of M, then  $\mu_A(0_M) \ge \mu_A(m)$  and  $\nu_A(0_M) \le \nu_A(m), \forall m \in M$  (See [12]).

**Remark 2.3.** ([15, 17, 18]) If A, B and C be IFIs of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M, then  $A\Gamma B, A \circ B, A \cap B$  are also IFI of M. Further,  $A\Gamma B \subseteq C$  if and only if  $A \circ B \subseteq C$ .

**Definition 2.10.** ([18]) Let *P* be an IFI of a  $\Gamma$ -ring *M*. Then *P* is said to be IF prime (IF semi-prime) if *P* is non-constant and for any IFIs *A*, *B* of *M*,  $A\Gamma B \subseteq P$  implies  $A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$  (for any IFI *A* of *M* such that  $A\Gamma A \subseteq P$  implies  $A \subseteq P$ ).

**Remark 2.4.** ([18]) Let  $x_{(p,q)}, y_{(t,s)} \in IFP(M)$ . Then  $x_{(p,q)}\Gamma y_{(t,s)} = (x\Gamma y)_{(p \wedge t, q \vee s)}$ 

**Theorem 2.2.** ([18]) Let M be a commutative  $\Gamma$ -ring and A be an IFI of M. Then following are equivalent

(i)  $x_{(p,q)}\Gamma y_{(t,s)} \subseteq A \Rightarrow x_{(p,q)} \subseteq A \text{ or } y_{(t,s)} \subseteq A, \text{ where } x_{(p,q)}, y_{(t,s)} \in IFP(M).$ (ii) A is an IF prime ideal of M.

**Theorem 2.3.** ([18]) Let A be an IFI of  $\Gamma$ -ring M. Then each (p,q)-level cut set  $A_{(p,q)}$  is either empty or an ideal of M, where  $p \leq \mu_A(0_M)$  and  $q \geq \nu_A(0_M)$ . In particular  $A_{(1,0)}$  which is denoted by  $A_*$ , i.e., the set  $A_* = \{x \in M : \mu_A(x) = \mu_A(0_M) \text{ and } \nu_A(x) = \nu_A(0_M)\}$  is ideal of M. If  $A \in IFPI(M)$ , then  $A_*$  is a prime ideal of M.

**Theorem 2.4.** ([18]) If P is an IF prime ideal of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M, then the following conditions hold: (i)  $P(0_M) = (1,0)$ , (ii)  $P_*$  is a prime ideal of M, (iii)  $Img(P) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}$ , where  $t, s \in [0,1)$  such that  $t + s \leq 1$ .

**Definition 2.11.** ([20]) A non-constant IFI A of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M is called an IF maximal ideal if,  $Img(A) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}$ , where  $t, s \in [0,1)$  such that  $t + s \leq 1$  and  $A_*$  is a maximal ideal of M.

Clearly every IF maximal ideal A of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M is an IF prime ideal of M.

#### 3. Intuitionistic fuzzy structure space of $\Gamma$ -ring

In this section, we introduce a topological structure on the collection  $\mathcal{X}$  of all IF prime ideals of  $\Gamma$ -ring M and investigate some of its properties.

#### Remark 3.5.

(i)  $\mathcal{X} = \{P : P \text{ is an IF prime ideal of } \Gamma\text{-ring } M\}$ (ii)  $\mathcal{V}(A) = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : A \subseteq P\}$ , where *A* is any *IFS* of *M*. (iii)  $\mathcal{X}(A) = \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(A)$ , the complement of  $\mathcal{V}(A)$  in  $\mathcal{X}$ , i.e., =  $\{P \in \mathcal{X} : A \nsubseteq P\}$ (iv) For any IFS *B* of *M*, < *B* > denote the *IFI* generated by *B*.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $\tau = \{\mathcal{X}(A) : A \text{ is an IFPI of } M\} = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : A \nsubseteq P\}.$ Then  $\tau$  is a topology on  $\mathcal{X}$  and the ordered pair  $(\mathcal{X}, \tau)$  is a topological space.

*Proof.* Consider the trivial IFIs *A* = 0 and *B* = 1 of *M*. Then *V*(*A*) = *V*(0) = *X* and *V*(*B*) = *V*(1) = ∅, so as *X*(0) = ∅ and *X*(1) = *X* implies ∅, *X* ∈ *τ*. Next, let *A*<sub>1</sub> and *A*<sub>2</sub> be any two IFIs of *M*. Then *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) ∪ *V*(*A*<sub>2</sub>) ⇒ *A*<sub>1</sub> ⊆ *B* or *A*<sub>2</sub> ⊆ *B* ⇒ *A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub> ⊆ *B* ⇒ *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub>) and *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) ∪ *V*(*A*<sub>2</sub>) ⇒ *A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub> ⊆ *B* ⇒ *A*<sub>1</sub>∩*A*<sub>2</sub> ⊆ *B* = ⇒ *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub>) and *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub> ⊆ *B* [ As *B* is intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of *M*] ⇒ *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) or *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>2</sub>) ⇒ *B* ∈ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) ∪ *V*(*A*<sub>2</sub>). Hence *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) ∪ *V*(*A*<sub>2</sub>) = *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub>) ⇒ *X* \ (*V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) ∪ *V*(*A*<sub>2</sub>)) = *X* \ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub>) ⇒ (*X* \ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub>)) ∩ (*X* \ *V*(*A*<sub>2</sub>)) = *X* \ *V*(*A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub>), i.e., *X*(*A*<sub>1</sub>) ∩ *X*(*A*<sub>2</sub>) = *X*(*A*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *A*<sub>2</sub>). From this we conclude that *τ* is closed under finite intersections. Now, suppose that {*A*<sub>*i*</sub> : *i* ∈ Λ} be any family of IFIs of *M*. It can be confirmed that ∩{*V*(*A*<sub>*i*)</sub> : *i* ∈ Λ} = *X*(< ∪{*A*<sub>*i*</sub> : *i* ∈ Λ} >). In another way, {*X*(*A*<sub>*i*</sub>) : *i* ∈ Λ} = *X*(< ∪{*A*<sub>*i*</sub> : *i* ∈ Λ} >). Hence *τ* is closed under arbitrary unions. Hence, *τ* defines a topology on *X*.

**Remark 3.6.** The topological space  $(X, \tau)$  defined in Theorem (3.5) is assigned as the IF prime spectrum of *M* and is denoted by IFSpec(M) or , for comfort, we denote it by  $\mathcal{X}$  only.

**Example 3.1.** (1) Consider  $M = \Gamma = \mathbb{Z}$ , the ring of integers. Then M is a  $\Gamma$ -ring. Suppose that  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a prime integer. Then for every  $t, s \in [0, 1)$  such that  $t + s \leq 1$ , define  $P_{t,s} \in IFS(M)$ 

as

$$\mu_{P_{t,s}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in \\ t, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_{P_{t,s}}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in \\ s, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in M$ . Then by Theorem (2.4),  $P_{s,t}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of M.

Thus,  $IFSpec(M) = \{P_{t,s}, where t, s \in [0,1) \text{ such that } t + s \leq 1 \text{ and } p \text{ is prime element of } \mathbb{Z} \}.$ 

(2) Consider  $M = \Gamma = \mathbf{Z}_2$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}_2 = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}\}$  be a boolean ring. Then M is a  $\Gamma$ -ring and for every  $t, s \in [0, 1)$  such that  $t + s \leq 1$ , define  $P_{t,s} \in IFS(M)$  as

$$\mu_{P_{t,s}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = \bar{0} \\ t, & \text{if } x = \bar{1} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_{P_{t,s}}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = \bar{0} \\ s, & \text{if } x = \bar{1}. \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in M$ . Then by Theorem (2.4),  $P_{t,s}$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of M.

Thus,  $IFSpec(M) = \{P_{t,s}, where t, s \in [0,1) \text{ such that } t + s \leq 1\}.$ 

**Proposition 3.1.** Let M, N be  $\Gamma$ -rings. If  $f : M \to N$  is a surjective homomorphism, then  $\forall x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ , we have

$$f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = (f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)}$$

*Proof.* Let  $y \in N$  be any element, then  $f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})(y) = (\mu_{f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})}(y), \nu_{f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})}(y))$ , where  $\mu_{f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})}(y) = Sup\{\mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(p) : f(p) = y\} = \begin{cases} \alpha, & \text{if } p = x \text{ (i.e., } y = f(x)); \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  and

$$\begin{split} \nu_{f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})}(y) &= Inf\{\nu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(p): f(p) = y\} = \begin{cases} \beta, & \text{if } p = x \text{ (i.e., } y = f(x)\text{);} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} = \nu_{(f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(y) \\ \text{Hence } f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) &= (f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)}. \end{split}$$

Recollect that a topological space  $\mathcal{Y}$  is compact if and only if every covering of  $\mathcal{Y}$  by basic open sets is reducible to a finite sub covering of  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . Then the following statements are true (i)  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}((x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ , for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . (ii)  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$  if and only if x is nilpotent. (iii)  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}$  if x is a unit in M.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x, y \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . Let  $P \in \mathcal{X}$ . Then  $\mu_P(0_M) = 1, \nu_P(0_M) = 0, Img(P) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}$ , where  $t, s \in [0, 1)$  such that  $t + s \leq 1$ ,  $P_*$  is a prime ideal of M (by Theorem (2.4)). Suppose  $P \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ , then  $P \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  and  $P \in \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  $\Leftrightarrow x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \nsubseteq P, y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \oiint P \Leftrightarrow \mu_P(x) < \alpha, \nu_P(x) > \beta$  and  $\mu_P(y) < \alpha, \nu_P(y) > \beta$  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha = \mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) > \mu_P(x), \beta = \nu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) < \nu_P(x)$  and  $\alpha = \mu_{y_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(y) > \mu_P(y), \beta = \nu_{y_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(y) < \nu_P(y)$  $\Leftrightarrow x, y \notin P_*$ , for if  $x, y \in P_*$ , then  $\alpha > \mu_P(x) = \mu_P(y) = 1$  and  $\beta < \nu_P(x) = \nu_P(y) = 0$  $\Leftrightarrow x\gamma y \notin P_*$ , for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , as  $P_*$  is a prime ideal of M.  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha > \mu_P(x\gamma y)$  and  $\beta < \nu_P(x\gamma y)$ , since  $Img(P) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}, t, s \in [0,1)$  such that  $t + s \leq 1$  $\Leftrightarrow (x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \nsubseteq P \Leftrightarrow P \in \mathcal{X}((x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ . This proves that  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}((x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ , for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

(ii) Suppose *J* be any prime ideal of *M* and  $\chi_J$  be the intuitionistic fuzzy characteristic function of *J*. Then from Theorem (2.4) we have  $\chi_J \in \mathcal{X}$ . Further, if  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$  then  $\mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}$  that implies  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq \chi_J$  and therefore,  $\mu_{\chi_J}(x) \ge \alpha > 0$  and  $\nu_{\chi_J}(x) \le \beta < 1$  so that  $\mu_{\chi_J}(x) = 1$  and  $\nu_{\chi_J}(x) = 0$  and so  $x \in J$ . Thus  $x \in \cap \{J : J \text{ is a prime ideal of } M \}$ . As the prime radical is subset of the nil radical so x is nilpotent.

Conversely, assume that x is nilpotent. Then for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  depending on  $\gamma$  so that  $(x\gamma)^n x = 0_M$ . Let  $P \in \mathcal{X}$  be any element. Then  $\mu_P((x\gamma)^n x) = \mu_P(0_M) = 1$  and  $\nu_P((x\gamma)^n x) = \nu_P(0_M) = 0$ . Therefore  $1 = \mu_P((x\gamma)^n x) \ge \mu_P(x)$  and  $0 = \nu_P((x\gamma)^n x) \le \nu_P(x)$  implies that  $\mu_P(x) = 1$  and  $\nu_P(x) = 0$ . So  $x \in P_*$ . But  $P_*$  is a prime ideal of M. Hence  $\alpha = \mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) \le \mu_P(x)$  and  $\beta = \nu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) \ge \nu_P(x)$ , whence  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq P, \forall P \in \mathcal{X}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$ .

(iii) Suppose *J* and  $\chi_J$  be same as in part (ii). Now if  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}$  then  $\mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$  that implies  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin \chi_J$  and thus  $\mu_{\chi_J}(x) < \alpha$  and  $\nu_{\chi_J}(x) > \beta$  so that  $x \notin J$ . Hence  $x \notin \bigcup \{J : J \text{ is a prime ideal of } M \}$ . This shows that x is a unit.

The following example show that the converse of Theorem (3.6)(iii) is not true in general. This is a deviation of the result from the crisp theory (see [5], Proposition (2.2)).

**Example 3.2.** Consider M,  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathcal{X} = IFSpec(M)$  as in Example (3.1)(1). Define  $A \in \mathcal{X}$  as follow

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in <2>\\ 0.6, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in <2>\\ 0.3, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Take  $\alpha = 0.5, \beta = 0.4$  and x = 1. Then we see that IFP  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq A$ , hence  $A \notin \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ , and consequently  $\mathcal{X} \neq \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** The subfamily  $\{\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) : x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in (0,1] \text{ s.t. } \alpha + \beta \leq 1\}$  of  $\tau$  is a base for  $\tau$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{X}(A) \in \tau$ , where *A* is an IFI of *M*. Let  $B \in \mathcal{X}(A)$ . Then  $A \nsubseteq B$ . This implies that there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $\mu_A(x) > \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) < \nu_B(x)$ . Thus  $x \notin B_*$  and hence  $\mu_B(x) = t$  and  $\nu_B(x) = s$ , for some  $t, s \in [0, 1)$  with  $t + s \leq 1$ . Let  $\mu_A(x) = \alpha > 0, \nu_A(x) = \beta < 1$ . Clearly  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \nsubseteq B$  and so  $B \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ .

Now,  $\mathcal{V}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ , because if  $P \in \mathcal{V}(A)$  then  $A \subseteq P$  and so  $\mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) = \alpha = \mu_A(x) < \mu_P(x)$  and  $\nu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) = \beta = \nu_A(x) > \nu_P(x)$ . This implies that  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq P$  and thus  $P \in \mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ . Hence  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \subseteq \mathcal{X}(A)$ . Thus  $B \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \subseteq \mathcal{X}(A)$ . Hence the subfamily  $\{\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) : x \in M, \alpha, \beta \in (0,1] \text{ such that } \alpha + \beta \leq 1\}$  is a base for  $\tau$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.3.** The subset  $\mathcal{Y} = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : Img(P) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}, where t, s \in [0,1) with t + s \leq 1\}$ , is compact with respect to the subspace topology.

*Proof.* Proceeding in the same manner as in Proposition (3.2), we can easily verify that the family  $\{\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} : x \in M, \text{ and } \gamma \in (t,1] \text{ and } \delta \in [0,s) \text{ such that } \gamma + \delta \leq 1\}$  forms a base for  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Now, suppose that  $\{\mathcal{X}((x_i)_{(p,q)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} : i \in \Lambda \text{ and } (p,q) \in K \times S \subseteq (t,1] \times [0,s)\}$  is a covering of  $\mathcal{Y}$  taken from the basic open sets. Suppose  $\gamma = Sup\{p : p \in K\}$  and

 $\delta = Inf\{q: q \in S\}$ . Then the family  $\{\mathcal{X}((x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}: i \in \Lambda\}$  also covers  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Now,

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{Y} &= & \cup \{\mathcal{X}((x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} : i \in \Lambda\} \\ &= & (\cup \{\mathcal{X}((x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) : i \in \Lambda\}) \cap \mathcal{Y} \\ &= & (\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(\cup \{(x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)} : i \in \Lambda\})) \cap \mathcal{Y} \\ &= & (\mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{Y}) \setminus (\mathcal{V}(\cup \{(x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)} : i \in \Lambda\}) \cap \mathcal{Y}) \\ &= & \mathcal{Y} \setminus (\mathcal{V}(\cup \{(x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)} : i \in \Lambda\}) \cap \mathcal{Y}). \end{split}$$

This show that  $\mathcal{V}(\cup\{(x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)}: i \in \Lambda\}) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \emptyset$ . Further, suppose that *J* be any prime ideal of  $\Gamma$ -ring *M*. Consider an IFI *A* of *M* given by

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in J \\ \alpha, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in J \\ \beta, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, A is an IFPI of M and  $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ . So  $A \notin \mathcal{V}(\cup\{(x_i)_{(\gamma,\delta)} : i \in \Lambda\})$ . Hence  $(x_j)_{(\gamma,\delta)} \notin A$ for some  $j \in \Lambda$ . Thus  $\gamma > \mu_A(x_i)$  and  $\delta < \nu_A(x_i)$  for some  $j \in \Lambda$ . As a result,  $x_i \notin J$ . This proves that there is no prime ideal of M containing the set  $\{x_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ . Therefore, A for all l = 1, 2, ..., n and  $e_l = \sum_{q=1}^{n} m_{q_l} \gamma_{q_l} x_{q_l}$ , where  $n_l$  is a finite positive integer,  $m_{q_l} \in M, \ x_{q_l} \in \{x_j : J \in \Lambda\}, \ \gamma_{q_l} \in \Gamma \text{ for all } q = 1, 2, ..., n_l \text{ and } l = 1, 2, ..., n_l \text{ Now we claim that } \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \emptyset, \text{ as } A \in \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^n (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^n (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{V} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{V} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V} \text{ implies } \mathcal{V} \text{ i$  $\bigcup_{l=1}^{n} \bigcup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)} \subseteq A$  and  $Img(A) = \{(1,0), (\alpha,\beta)\}$ . This imply  $\gamma = \mu_{(x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}}(x_{q_l}) \leq \mu_A(x_{q_l}) \text{ and } \delta = \nu_{(x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}}(x_{q_l}) \geq \nu_A(x_{q_l}), \forall q = 1, 2, ..., n_l, l = 0$ 1, 2, ..., n.  $\Rightarrow \mu_A(x_{q_l}) = 1, \nu_A(x_{q_l}) = 0$ , for all  $q = 1, 2, ..., n_l, l = 1, 2, ..., n$ , since  $\gamma > \alpha, \delta < \beta$ .  $\Rightarrow x_{q_l} \in A_*$  for all  $q = 1, 2, ..., n_l, l = 1, 2, ..., n_l$  $\Rightarrow e_l \in A_*$  for all l = 1, 2, ..., n $\Rightarrow x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \delta_i e_i \in A_* = J$ , which is a contradiction. Thus we have  $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Y} \setminus (\mathcal{V}(\bigcup_{l=1}^{n} \bigcup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y})$  $= (\mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{Y}) \setminus (\mathcal{V}(\bigcup_{l=1}^{n} \bigcup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y})$  $= (\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(\bigcup_{l=1}^{n} \bigcup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)})) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  $= (\bigcup_{l=1}^{n} \bigcup_{q=1}^{n_l} \mathcal{X}(x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  $= \bigcup_{l=1}^{n} \bigcup_{q=1}^{n_l} (\mathcal{X}(x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)} \cap \mathcal{Y}).$ 

This proves that  $\{\mathcal{X}((x_{q_l})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} : q = 1, 2, ..., n_l, l = 1, 2, ..., n\}$  covers  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{Y}$  is compact.

#### 4. SEPARATION AXIOMS OF IF SPEC(M)

We know that a topological space  $\mathcal{X}$  is called  $T_0$ , if  $\forall, x \neq y \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\exists$  at least one open set containing x but not y (or  $\exists$  an open set containing y but not x). Also we know that a topological space is called  $T_1$  if and only if every subset containing one point is closed set.

**Proposition 4.4.** The space X is  $T_0$ 

*Proof.* Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $A \neq B$ . Then either  $A \nsubseteq B$  or  $B \nsubseteq A$ . Let  $B \nsubseteq A$ . Then  $B \in \mathcal{X}(A)$ . Also,  $A \notin \mathcal{X}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{X}(A)$  is open. Therefore,  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $T_0$  space.

In the following examples we show that there exists some element of basis of  $\mathcal{X}$  which is not closed, and it is even possible that  $\mathcal{X}$  is not  $T_1$  and hence not  $T_2$ . These results are also deviation from the results in crisp theory (see [5], Theorem (4.12)).

**Example 4.3.** Consider M and  $\Gamma$  as in Example (3.1)(2). Then  $\mathcal{X} = \{P_{t,s}, \text{ where } t, s \in [0, 1) \text{ such that } t + s \leq 1\}$ , where  $P_{t,s}$  is defined as

$$\mu_{P_{t,s}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = \bar{0} \\ t, & \text{if } x = \bar{1} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_{P_{t,s}}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = \bar{0} \\ s, & \text{if } x = \bar{1}. \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in M$ . Now we show that if  $x = \overline{1}$  and  $\alpha = 0.6, \beta = 0.3$ , then  $\mathcal{X}(\overline{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  is not closed. Suppose on the contrary that  $\mathcal{X}(\overline{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  is closed. Then there exists subset  $K \times S$  of  $[0,1] \times [0,1]$  such that  $\mathcal{X}(\overline{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \cap \{\mathcal{V}(y_{(p,q)}) : (p,q) \in K \times S, y \in \mathbb{Z}_2\}$ . If  $y = \overline{1}$  and  $(p,q) \in K \times S = (\alpha,1] \times [0,\beta)$  such that  $p + q \leq 1$ , then it is not difficult to check that  $\mathcal{X}(\overline{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \nsubseteq \mathcal{V}(\overline{1}_{(p,q)})$  and if  $y = \overline{1}$  and p = 0, q = 1 or  $y = \overline{0}, (p,q) \in [0,1] \times [0,1]$ , then it is seen that  $\mathcal{V}(y_{(p,q)}) = \mathcal{X}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{X}(\overline{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  must be equal to  $\mathcal{X}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathcal{X}(\overline{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  is not closed.

**Example 4.4.** Consider the space  $\mathcal{X}$  as in Example (4.3). Choose  $P_{0.6,0.3}, P_{0.5,0.4} \in \mathcal{X}$ . Let W be an open set containing  $P_{0.6,0.3}$ . Then  $W = \bigcap \{\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(p,q)}) : (p,q) \in K \times S\}$  for some  $K \times S \subseteq (0,1] \times (0,1]$ . Thus there exists  $(p,q) \in K \times S$  such that  $P_{0.6,0.3} \in \mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(p,q)})$ . So p > 0.6 > 0.5 and q < 0.3 < 0.4. Consequently  $P_{0.5,0.4} \in \mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(p,q)}) \subseteq W$ . In other words any open neighbourhood of  $P_{0.6,0.3}$  also contain  $P_{0.5,0.4}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{X}$  is not  $T_1$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $A \in \mathcal{X}$  then  $\mathcal{V}(A) = cl\{A\}$ , the closure of A in  $\mathcal{X}$ . Further  $B \in cl\{A\}$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $A, B \in \mathcal{X}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{V}(A)$  is a closed subset of  $\mathcal{X}$  containing A. Therefore  $cl\{A\} \subseteq \mathcal{V}(A)$ For the reverse inclusion, consider  $B \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $B \notin cl\{A\}$ . Then,  $\exists$  an open set  $\mathcal{X}(C)$ where C is an IFI of M containing B but not A. Therefore,  $C \nsubseteq B$  but  $C \subseteq A$ . So  $A \nsubseteq B$ and hence  $B \notin \mathcal{V}(A)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{V}(A) \subseteq cl\{A\}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{V}(A) = cl\{A\}$ .

Further,  $B \in cl\{A\}$  if and only if  $B \in \mathcal{V}(A)$ , which is equivalent to  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be same as in Proposition (3.3). If  $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ , then  $\{A\}$  is closed in  $\mathcal{Y}$  if and only if A is an IF maximal ideal of M. (In other words,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is  $T_1$  if and only if every singleton element of  $\mathcal{Y}$  is an IF maximal ideal of M.)

*Proof.* Let  $A \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $\{A\}$  be closed. Then  $\mathcal{V}(A) = cl\{A\} = \{A\}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \{A\}$ , by Proposition (4.5). Now, we show that A is an IF maximal ideal. As  $A \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $Img(A) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}$ . So it is left to prove that the ideal  $A_* = \{x \in M : \mu_A(x) = 1 \text{ and } \mu_A(x) = 0\}$  is maximal. For this, it is enough to show that there is no prime ideal of M properly containing  $A_*$ . Let J be a prime ideal of M properly containing  $A_*$ .

Let B be an IFI of M defined by

$$\mu_B(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in J \\ t, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_B(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in J \\ s, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{where } t+s \le 1$$

Then  $B \in \mathcal{Y}$  and A is properly contained in B. This contradicts the fact that  $\mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \{A\}$ . This proves that  $A_*$  is a maximal ideal of M and so A is an IF maximal ideal of M.

Conversely, let  $A \in \mathcal{Y}$  and A is an IF maximal ideal. Then the ideal  $A_* = \{x \in M : \mu_A(x) = 1 \text{ and } \mu_A(x) = 0\}$  is maximal ideal of M. We claim that  $\mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \{A\}$ . Clearly,  $\{A\} \subseteq \mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ . Next

$$B \in \mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow A_* \subseteq B_* \Rightarrow A_* = B_*$$

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since  $A_*$  is maximal ideal. Thus we have A = B, since  $Img(A) = Img(B) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \{A\}$ . Consequently,  $\{A\}$  is a closed subset of  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

We know that a topological space  $\mathcal{X}$  is Hausdorff (or  $T_2$  space), if and only if  $\forall, x \neq y \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\exists$  two disjoint open sets one containing x and another containing y. As a remarkable deviation from commutative algebra, we notice that for a  $\Gamma$ -ring M in which each prime ideal is maximal ideal, the space IFSpec(M) is not Hausdorff, but, it may, a portion of its subspaces are demonstrated to be Hausdorff.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -ring whose each prime ideal is a maximal ideal. Then the space  $\mathcal{X} = IFSpec(M)$  is not  $T_2$ .

*Proof.* For the proof we show that  $\exists$  two distinct elements A, B of  $\mathcal{X} = IFSpec(M)$  that cannot be separated by two disjoint basic open sets.

Consider a prime ideal J and two IF prime ideals A and B of M as follow

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in J \\ 0.1, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in J \\ 0.2, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases};$$
$$\mu_B(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in J \\ 0.3, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_B(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in J \\ 0.4, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Consider  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  and  $\mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  be two basic open sets in  $\mathcal{X}$  containing A and B respectively, where  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in (0,1]$  s.t.  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . Then  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin A$  and  $y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin B$  and so  $x \notin A_* = J$  and  $y \notin B_* = J$ . Since J is prime ideal in M, so  $x\gamma y \notin J$ , for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then  $x\gamma y$  is not nilpotent and so by Theorem (3.6) (i) and (ii) we have  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = X((x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathcal{X}$  is not  $T_2$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** Let M be a Boolean  $\Gamma$ -ring with unity e. Let  $t, s \in [0, 1)$  with  $t+s \leq 1$  and suppose  $\mathcal{Y} = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : Img(P) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}\}, x, y \in M$ , and  $\gamma, \delta \in (0,1]$  so that  $\gamma + \delta \leq 1$ . Then: (i) The set  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  is a clopen set in  $\mathcal{Y}$ , provided  $\gamma > t$  and  $\delta < s$ . (ii)  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cup \mathcal{X}(y_{(\gamma,\delta)}) = \mathcal{X}(z_{(\gamma,\delta)})$  for some  $z \in M$ . (iii) The space  $\mathcal{Y}$  is  $T_2$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)})$  is open set in  $\mathcal{X}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  is open set in  $\mathcal{Y}$ . We now show that  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{V}((\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ . [This would simply implies that  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)})$  is closed set in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

If  $A \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  then  $\mu_A(x) < \gamma, \nu_A(x) > \delta$ , but  $Img(A) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}$  so that  $\mu_A(x) = t, \nu_A(x) = s$ . Hence  $\gamma > t$  and  $\delta < s$  and  $x \notin A_*$ . This implies that  $\gamma > t$  and  $\delta < s$  and  $\mathbf{e} - x \in A_*$ , since  $x\Gamma(\mathbf{e} - x) = x\Gamma\mathbf{e} - x\Gamma x = x - x = 0 \in A_*$  and the ideal  $A_*$  is prime implies that  $(\mathbf{e} - x) \in A_*$ . As a result,  $\mu_A(\mathbf{e} - x) = 1$  and  $\nu_A(\mathbf{e} - x) = 0$  so that  $(\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\gamma,\delta)} \subseteq A$  and thus  $A \in \mathcal{V}((\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ .

Conversely, let  $A \in \mathcal{V}((\mathbf{e}-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  then  $(\mathbf{e}-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)} \subseteq A$  and  $Img(A) = \{(1,0),(t,s)\}$ which implies that  $\gamma \leq \mu_A(\mathbf{e}-x)$  and  $\delta \geq \nu_A(\mathbf{e}-x)$ . Hence  $t < \mu_A(\mathbf{e}-x)$  and  $s > \mu_A(\mathbf{e}-x)$ and thus  $\mu_A(\mathbf{e}-x) = 1$  and  $\nu_A(\mathbf{e}-x) = 0$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{e}-x \in A_*$  and hence  $x \in A_*$  so that  $\mu_A(x) = t < \gamma$  and  $\nu_A(x) = s > \delta$ . This means that  $x_{(\gamma,\delta)} \nsubseteq A$  and thus  $A \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{V}((\mathbf{e}-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ .

(ii) If  $A \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cup \mathcal{X}(y_{(\gamma,\delta)})$  then  $x_{(\gamma,\delta)} \nsubseteq A$  or  $y_{(\gamma,\delta)} \nsubseteq A$  (which mean that  $\mu_A(x) < \gamma$  and  $\nu_A(x) > \delta$  or  $\mu_A(y) < \gamma$  and  $\nu_A(y) > \delta$ ). This implies that  $x \notin A_*$  or  $y \notin A_*$  and thus

 $\mathbf{e} - x \notin A_*$  or  $\mathbf{e} - y \notin A_*$ . As a result,  $(\mathbf{e} - x)\Gamma(\mathbf{e} - y) = \mathbf{e} - x - y + x\Gamma y \notin A_*$ , so that  $x + y - x\Gamma y \notin A_*$ . Hence  $A \in \mathcal{X}(z_{(\gamma, \delta)})$ , where  $z = x + y - x\Gamma y$ .

(iii) Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{X}, A \neq B$ . Then A and B are IF prime ideals of M and  $Img(A) = Img(B) = \{(1,0), (t,s)\}$ . As we know that every prime ideal in a Boolean  $\Gamma$ -ring is maximal ideal. It follows that  $A_*, B_*$  are maximal ideals of M. So  $A_* \notin B_*$ , since  $A \neq B$ . Choose  $x \in A_*$  and  $x \notin B_*$ . Then  $\mathbf{e} - x \in B_*$  and  $\mathbf{e} - x \notin A_*$ . Now,  $\mu_B(x) = \mu_A(\mathbf{e} - x) = t$  and  $\nu_B(x) = \nu_A(\mathbf{e} - x) = s$  and  $\mu_A(x) = 1 = \mu_B(\mathbf{e} - x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) = 0 = \nu_B(\mathbf{e} - x)$ . Let  $\alpha \in (t, 1)$  and  $\beta \in (0, s)$  such that  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . Then  $\mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) = \alpha > t = \mu_B(x)$  and  $\nu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) = \beta < s = \nu_B(x)$  so that  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin B$ . Hence  $B \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ . Also,  $\mu_{(\mathbf{e}-x)_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(\mathbf{e} - x) = \alpha > t = \mu_A(\mathbf{e} - x)$  and  $\nu_{(\mathbf{e}-x)_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(\mathbf{e} - x) = \beta < s = \nu_A(\mathbf{e} - x)$ , so that  $(\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin A$ . Hence  $A \in \mathcal{X}((\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ . Then, by Theorem (3.6)(i), we have  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}((\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}((x\Gamma(\mathbf{e} - x))_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}((0)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$  [ As M is Boolean  $\Gamma$ -ring]. Consequently,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is Hausdorff.

**Theorem 4.9.** If *M* is Boolean  $\Gamma$ -ring,  $t, s \in [0, 1)$  with  $t + s \leq 1$  and  $\mathcal{Y} = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : Img(P) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}\}$ , then the space  $\mathcal{Y}$  is compact, Hausdorff.

 $\Box$ 

*Proof.* Follows immediately from Proposition (3.3) and Theorem (4.8)(i),(iii).

# 5. Intuitionistic fuzzy prime radical and algebraic nature of intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal under $\Gamma$ -homomorphism

**Definition 5.12.** ([22]) Let M be a  $\Gamma$ -ring. For any IFI A of M. The IFS  $\sqrt{A}$  defined by

$$\mu_{\sqrt{A}}(x) = \vee \{\mu_A((x\gamma)^{n-1}x) : n \in \mathbf{N}\} \text{ and } \nu_{\sqrt{A}}(x) = \wedge \{\nu_A((x\gamma)^{n-1}) : n \in \mathbf{N})\}$$

is called the IF prime radical of *A*, where  $(x\gamma)^{n-1}x = x$ , for  $n = 1, \gamma \in \Gamma$ . Further,  $\sqrt{A}$  is the smallest IF semi-prime ideal of *M* containing *A*.

**Proposition 5.7.** ([22]) For every IFIs A and B of  $\Gamma$ -ring M, we have (i)  $A \subseteq \sqrt{A}$ ; (ii)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \sqrt{A} \subseteq \sqrt{B}$ ; (iii)  $\sqrt{\sqrt{A}} = \sqrt{A}$ .

**Proposition 5.8.** ([22]) Let A be an IFPI of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M. Then  $\sqrt{A} = A$  and hence every IFPI is IF semi prime ideal.

**Theorem 5.10.** Let A be any IFI of a  $\Gamma$ -ring M. Then (i)  $\mathcal{V}(A) = \mathcal{V}(\sqrt{A})$ (ii)  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  if and only if  $\sqrt{\langle x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle}$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in (0,1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ .

*Proof.* (i) Suppose  $B \in \mathcal{V}(A)$  be any element. Then  $A \subseteq B$ , where B is an IFPI of M, then from Proposition (5.8) we have  $\sqrt{B} = B$ , therefore we have  $A \subseteq \sqrt{B}$ . Hence  $B \in \mathcal{V}(\sqrt{A})$ , so that  $\mathcal{V}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(\sqrt{A})$ . The reverse inclusion is clear-cut.

(ii) If  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ , then  $\mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{V}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  which implies  $\mathcal{V}(\langle x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle) = \mathcal{V}(\langle y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle)$ . This mean  $\cap \{B : B \in \mathcal{V}(\langle x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle)\} = \cap \{B : B \in \mathcal{V}(\langle y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle)\}$  and therefore,  $\sqrt{\langle x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle}$ .

Conversely, let  $\sqrt{\langle x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle}$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{lll} B \in \mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) & \Leftrightarrow & x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq B \\ & \Leftrightarrow & < x_{(\alpha,\beta)} > \subseteq B \\ & \Leftrightarrow & \sqrt{< x_{(\alpha,\beta)} >} \subseteq B \\ & \Leftrightarrow & \sqrt{< y_{(\alpha,\beta)} >} \subseteq B \\ & \Leftrightarrow & y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq B \text{ as before} \\ & \Leftrightarrow & B \in \mathcal{V}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}). \end{array}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{V}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  so that  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ .

It is prompt from above Theorem (5.10) that the topology  $\tau$  is exactly the collection of all open sets  $\mathcal{X}(A)$ , where *A* runs over IF semi-prime ideals of *M*.

Now we recall the following results for immediate use

**Definition 5.13.** ([18]) Let  $f : M \to N$  be a function. An IFS A of M is called an f - invariant if  $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow A(x) = A(y)$ , i.e.,  $\mu_A(x) = \mu_A(y)$  and  $\nu_A(x) = \nu_A(y)$ , where  $x, y \in M$ .

If *A* be any *f* - invariant IFS of *M*, then  $f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$ .

**Theorem 5.11.** ([18]) Let  $f : M \to N$  is a surjective  $\Gamma$ -homomorphism and A be any f-invariant IF prime ideal of M and B be any IF prime ideal of N. Then f(A) and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are IF prime ideal of N and M respectively.

**Theorem 5.12.** Let  $f: M \to N$  is a surjective  $\Gamma$ -homomorphism and  $\mathcal{X} = IFSpec(M)$ ,  $\mathcal{X}' = IFSpec(N)$ ,  $\mathcal{X}^* = \{A \in \mathcal{X} : A \text{ is } f\text{-invariant }\}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}'(B) = \mathcal{X}' \setminus \mathcal{V}(B)$ , where B is any IFI of N, and h be a map from  $\mathcal{X}'$  to  $\mathcal{X}^*$  defined by  $h(A') = f^{-1}(A')$ ,  $A' \in \mathcal{X}'$ . Then the following considerations are equivalent

(i) h is continuous

(ii) h is open, and

(iii) h is a homeomorphism of  $\mathcal{X}'$  onto  $\mathcal{X}^*$  in other words the map h is an embedding of  $\mathcal{X}'$  onto  $\mathcal{X}^*$ .

Proof. (i) Let  $A' \in \mathcal{X}'$ . It follows from Theorem(5.11) that  $f^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{X}$ . Also,  $f^{-1}(A')$  is f-invariant, since for all  $a, b \in M$ , if f(a) = f(b), then  $\mu_{A'}(f(a)) = \mu_{A'}(f(b))$  and  $\nu_{A'}(f(a)) = \nu_{A'}(f(b)) \Rightarrow \mu_{f^{-1}(A')}(a) = \mu_{f^{-1}(A')}(b)$  and  $\nu_{f^{-1}(A')}(a) = \nu_{f^{-1}(A')}(b)$ , i.e.,  $f^{-1}(A')(a) = f^{-1}(A')(b)$ . Hence  $h(A') = f^{-1}(A') \in \mathcal{X}^*$ . Next we show that  $h^{-1}(\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}^*) = \mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ . Since  $A' \in h^{-1}(\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \Leftrightarrow h(A') \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})$   $\Leftrightarrow x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \nsubseteq h(A') = f^{-1}(A')$   $\Leftrightarrow (f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)} = f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \nsubseteq A'$ , by Proposition (3.1)  $\Leftrightarrow A' \in \mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ .

This shows that the pre-image of any basic open set in  $\mathcal{X}^*$  is open set in  $\mathcal{X}'$ . Hence *h* is continuous.

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)}), x \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in (0,1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ , be any basic open set in  $\mathcal{X}'$ . Let  $B \in \mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ . Then  $B = h(A') = f^{-1}(A')$  for some  $A' \in \mathcal{X}'$  such that  $(f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin A'$ . As in part (1) we can show that B is f - invariant. Next,  $h(\mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})) = \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}^*$ , because  $A \in h(X'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})) \Leftrightarrow h^{-1}(A) \in X'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  and A is f-invariant  $\Leftrightarrow f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = (f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)} \nsubseteq h^{-1}(A) = f(A)$   $\Leftrightarrow x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \nsubseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$ , since A is f-invariant  $\Leftrightarrow A \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}^*$ .

Thus the direct image of each basic open set in  $\mathcal{X}'$  is open in  $\mathcal{X}^*$  and so *h* is open.

(iii) In the light of part (i) and part (ii), it is enough to prove that h is one-one and onto. Let  $A', B' \in \mathcal{X}'$ . Then  $h(A') = h(B') \Rightarrow f^{-1}(A') = f^{-1}(B') \Rightarrow f(f^{-1}(A')) = f(f^{-1}(B'))$ . As f is onto, therefore, we get A' = B'. Thus f is one-one. Finally, let  $A \in \mathcal{X}^*$ . Then A is an f-invariant IF prime ideal of M and Therefore by Theorem (5.11), f(A) is an IF prime ideal of N. Further,  $h(f(A)) = f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$ . Since A is f-invariant. Therefore h is onto.

#### 6. IRREDUCIBILITY AND CONNECTEDNESS OF IF SPEC(M)

Recollect that a space is an irreducible if and only if the intersection of any two nonempty basic open sets is non-empty. Also it is disconnected if and only if it can be written as the union of two non-empty disjoint closed subsets.

**Definition 6.14.** The intersection of all IF prime ideals of *M* is called the IF nil radical of  $\Gamma$ -ring *M* and is written as IFnil(M).

**Theorem 6.13.** The space  $\mathcal{X}$  is irreducible if and only if  $IFnil(M) \in \mathcal{X}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be irreducible and let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the nil radical of  $\Gamma$ -ring M. Then

$$\mu_{IFnil(M)}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{N} \\ 0, & \text{if } M \setminus \mathcal{N} \end{cases}; \quad \nu_{IFnil(M)}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{N} \\ 1, & \text{if } M \setminus \mathcal{N} \end{cases}$$

Next, let  $x, y \in M$  and let  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$  with  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . Then  $x\gamma y \in \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow x\gamma y$  is nilpotent and thus  $\mathcal{X}((x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$  by Theorem (3.6)(ii). Therefore,  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$ , since  $\mathcal{X}$  is irreducible. Hence either x or y is nilpotent, and thus  $x \in \mathcal{N}$  or  $y \in \mathcal{N}$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{N}$  is prime ideal of M, whence it follows from Theorem (2.4) that  $IFnil(M) \in \mathcal{X}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $IFnil(M) \in \mathcal{X}$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}$  is prime ideal of M. Let  $x, y \in M$ and let  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$  implies that  $\mathcal{X}((x\Gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$ , by Theorem (3.6)(i), and thus  $x\gamma y$  is nilpotent for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , by Theorem (3.5)(ii). Then  $x\gamma y \in \mathcal{N}$  and so  $x \in \mathcal{N}$  or  $y \in \mathcal{N}$ , which means x is nilpotent or y is nilpotent. Hence  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$  or  $\mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$ , by Theorem (3.6)(ii). This shows that the intersection of any two non-empty basic open sets is non-empty. Hence,  $\mathcal{X}$  is irreducible.

**Theorem 6.14.** *The space*  $\mathcal{X}$  *is disconnected if and only if* M *has a non-trivial idempotent element. Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be disconnected. Then there exist IFIs A and B of M such that  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{V}(A) \cup \mathcal{V}(B), \mathcal{V}(A), \mathcal{V}(B) \neq \emptyset, \mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{V}(B) = \emptyset.$ 

Now,  $\mathcal{V}(A) \cap \mathcal{V}(B) = \emptyset$  implies  $\mathcal{V}(A \oplus B) = \emptyset$  so that  $\mu_{A \oplus B}(x) = 1$  and  $\nu_{A \oplus B}(x) = 0$ ; for all  $x \in M$ . So,  $Sup_{\mathbf{e}=m+n}\{max\{\mu_A(m), \mu_B(n)\}\} = 1$  and  $Inf_{\mathbf{e}=m+n}\{min\{\nu_A(m), \nu_B(n)\}\} = 0$ , where  $\mathbf{e}$  is the unity of  $M \Rightarrow \mu_A(m) = \mu_B(n) = 1$  and  $\nu_A(m) = \nu_B(n) = 0$ , for all  $m, n \in M$  such that  $\mathbf{e} = m + n$ . Let  $I = A_*$  and  $J = B_*$ . Let K be the prime ideal of M and  $\chi_K$  be its intuitionistic fuzzy characteristic function. Then  $\chi_K \in \mathcal{X}$ . Since

 $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{V}(A) \cup \mathcal{V}(B) = \mathcal{V}(A \cap B)$ , it follows that  $A \cap B \subseteq \chi_K$ .

Next, if  $x \in I \cap J$ , then  $\mu_{A \cap B}(x) = 1$  and  $\nu_{A \cap B}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_{\chi_K}(x) = 1$  and  $\nu_{\chi_K}(x) = 0$ and then  $x \in K$ . Thus  $x \in \cap \{K : K \text{ is a prime ideal of } M\}$ . This implies that x is a nilpotent element. This shows that every element of  $I \cap J$  is nilpotent.

Clearly,  $M/(I \cap J) = I/(I \cap J) \oplus J/(I \cap J)$ , Therefore,  $\mathbf{e} + (I \cap J) = i + (I \cap J) + j + (I \cap J)$ , for some  $i \in I, j \in J$ . So that  $i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i) \in (I \cap J)$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and hence  $i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i)$  is nilpotent. Thus  $(i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i)\gamma)^m i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i) = 0$  for some  $m \in Z^+$ . Consequently,  $(i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i)\gamma)^m = (i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i)\gamma)^{m+1}Q((i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i)))$ , for some polynomial  $Q(i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i))$  in  $(i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i))$ . Let  $x = (i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i)\gamma)^m Q(i\gamma(\mathbf{e} - i))$ . It is now simple matter to verify that  $x \neq 0, x \neq \mathbf{e}$ , and  $x\gamma x = x$ .

Conversely, for any non-trivial idempotent element x of M, it can be easily verified that  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cup \mathcal{V}((\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\alpha,\beta)}), \mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \neq \emptyset, \mathcal{V}((\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \neq \emptyset,$  $\mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{V}((\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \emptyset$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$ . This establishes that  $\mathcal{X}$  is disconnected.

**Corollary 6.1.** The space  $\mathcal{X}$  is connected if and only if  $0_M$  and  $\mathbf{e}$  are the only idempotent in M.

#### 7. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we have constituted a topology on  $\mathcal{X} = IFSpec(M)$ , the collection of all intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideals of a commutative  $\Gamma$ -ring M with unity, which is called Zariski topology. By using the bases for the Zariski topology, it is shown that the subspace  $\mathcal{Y}$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  is compact. Further the space  $\mathcal{X}$  is always  $T_0$  but not  $T_1$  and hence not  $T_2$ , however when M is a Boolean  $\Gamma$ -ring, then we have constructed a subspace which is  $T_2$  space. We have also shown that subspace  $\mathcal{Y}$  is  $T_1$  if and only if every singleton element of  $\mathcal{Y}$  is IF maximal ideal of M. Further for a homomorphism f from a  $\Gamma$ -ring M onto a  $\Gamma$ -ring N, it is shown that  $\mathcal{X}' = IFSpec(N)$  is homeomorphic to the subset  $\mathcal{X}^* = \{A \in \mathcal{X} : A \text{ is } f\text{- invariant } \}$  consisting of  $f\text{-invariant elements of } \mathcal{X} = IFSpec(M)$ . Also, the space  $\mathcal{X}$  is irreducible if and only if the intersection of all the elements of  $\mathcal{X}$  is also an element of  $\mathcal{X}$ . However the space  $\mathcal{X}$  is connected if and only if  $0_M$  and  $\mathbf{e}$  are the only idempotent elements in M.

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