

# On Intuitionistic Fuzzy Structure Space On $\Gamma$ -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 broadened 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 Atanassov [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 et 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  $\Gamma$ -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.

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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, 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  $M \times \Gamma \times M \rightarrow M$ ,  $(m_1, \alpha, m_2) \mapsto m_1\alpha m_2$ ,  $m_1, m_2 \in M, \gamma \in \Gamma$  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  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  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  $m\gamma_1 m' \gamma_2 x = x$  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  $(m\gamma)^n m = (m\gamma)(m\gamma)\dots(m\gamma)m = 0_M$ . 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  $nm + a\gamma_1 m + m\gamma_2 b + c\gamma_3 m\gamma_4 d$ , 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  $e$ . 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  $e - m$  is idempotent element in  $M$ .

**Definition 2.6.** ([10]) A topological space  $(X, T)$  is called irreducible if every pair of non-empty 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  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle : x \in X \}$ , where  $\mu_A, \nu_A : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  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  $0 \leq \mu_A(x) + \nu_A(x) \leq 1$  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  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  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

$$A\Gamma B(m) = \begin{cases} (\vee_{m=m_1\gamma m_2}(\mu_A(m_1) \wedge \mu_B(m_2)), \wedge_{m=m_1\gamma m_2}(\nu_A(m_1) \vee \nu_B(m_2))), & \text{if } m = m_1\gamma m_2 \\ (0, 1), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$A \circ B(m) = \begin{cases} (\vee_{m=\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \gamma z_i}(\mu_A(y_i) \wedge \mu_B(z_i)), \wedge_{m=\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \gamma z_i}(\nu_A(y_i) \vee \nu_B(z_i))), & \text{if } m = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \gamma z_i \\ (0, 1), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**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)  $\mu_A(m_1 - m_2) \geq \mu_A(m_1) \wedge \mu_A(m_2)$ ;
- (ii)  $\mu_A(m_1 \alpha m_2) \geq \mu_A(m_1) \vee \mu_A(m_2)$ ;
- (iii)  $\nu_A(m_1 - m_2) \leq \nu_A(m_1) \vee \nu_A(m_2)$ ;
- (iv)  $\nu_A(m_1 \alpha m_2) \leq \nu_A(m_1) \wedge \nu_A(m_2)$ .

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  $\mu_A(0_M) \geq \mu_A(m)$  and  $\nu_A(0_M) \leq \nu_A(m), \forall m \in M$  (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)  $x_{(p,q)}\Gamma y_{(t,s)} \subseteq A \Rightarrow x_{(p,q)} \subseteq A$  or  $y_{(t,s)} \subseteq A$ , 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.,  $= \{P \in \mathcal{X} : A \not\subseteq P\}$
- (iv) For any IFS  $B$  of  $M$ ,  $\langle B \rangle$  denote the IFI generated by  $B$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -ring and  $\tau = \{\mathcal{X}(A) : A \text{ is an IFPI of } M\} = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : A \not\subseteq P\}$ . Then  $\tau$  is a topology on  $\mathcal{X}$  and the ordered pair  $(\mathcal{X}, \tau)$  is a topological space.

*Proof.* Consider the trivial IFIs  $A = \tilde{0}$  and  $B = \tilde{1}$  of  $M$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}(A) = \mathcal{V}(\tilde{0}) = \mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{V}(B) = \mathcal{V}(\tilde{1}) = \emptyset$ , so as  $\mathcal{X}(\tilde{0}) = \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{X}(\tilde{1}) = \mathcal{X}$  implies  $\emptyset, \mathcal{X} \in \tau$ .

Next, let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be any two IFIs of  $M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} B \in \mathcal{V}(A_1) \cup \mathcal{V}(A_2) &\Rightarrow A_1 \subseteq B \text{ or } A_2 \subseteq B \Rightarrow A_1 \cap A_2 \subseteq B \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{V}(A_1 \cap A_2) \text{ and} \\ B \in \mathcal{V}(A_1 \cap A_2) &\Rightarrow A_1 \cap A_2 \subseteq B \Rightarrow A_1 \Gamma A_2 \subseteq B \text{ [ As } A_1 \Gamma A_2 \subseteq A_1 \cap A_2 \text{ ]} \\ &\Rightarrow A_1 \subseteq B \text{ or } A_2 \subseteq B \text{ [ As } B \text{ is intuitionistic fuzzy prime ideal of } M \text{ ]} \\ &\Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{V}(A_1) \text{ or } B \in \mathcal{V}(A_2) \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{V}(A_1) \cup \mathcal{V}(A_2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{V}(A_1) \cup \mathcal{V}(A_2) = \mathcal{V}(A_1 \cap A_2) \Rightarrow \mathcal{X} \setminus (\mathcal{V}(A_1) \cup \mathcal{V}(A_2)) = \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(A_1 \cap A_2) \Rightarrow (\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(A_1)) \cap (\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(A_2)) = \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(A_1 \cap A_2)$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{X}(A_1) \cap \mathcal{X}(A_2) = \mathcal{X}(A_1 \cap A_2)$ .

From this we conclude that  $\tau$  is closed under finite intersections.

Now, suppose that  $\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  be any family of IFIs of  $M$ . It can be confirmed that

$$\begin{aligned} \cap\{\mathcal{V}(A_i) : i \in \Lambda\} &= \mathcal{V}(\langle \cup\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\} \rangle). \text{ In another way,} \\ \{\mathcal{X}(A_i) : i \in \Lambda\} &= \mathcal{X}(\langle \cup\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\} \rangle). \text{ Hence } \tau \text{ is closed under arbitrary unions.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\tau$  defines a topology on  $\mathcal{X}$ . □

**Remark 3.6.** The topological space  $(\mathcal{X}, \tau)$  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

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

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

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

(2) Consider  $M = \Gamma = \mathbf{Z}_2$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}_2 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$  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,  $IFSpec(M) = \{P_{t,s}, \text{ where } t, s \in [0, 1) \text{ such that } t + s \leq 1\}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $M, N$  be  $\Gamma$ -rings. If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  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

$$\mu_{f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})}(y) = \text{Sup}\{\mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(p) : f(p) = y\} = \begin{cases} \alpha, & \text{if } p = x \text{ (i.e., } y = f(x)); \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} = \mu_{(f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(y)$$

and

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

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

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  $\mu_P(0_M) = 1, \nu_P(0_M) = 0, \text{Img}(P) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}$ , 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  $P \in \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)})$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin P, y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \notin P \Leftrightarrow \mu_P(x) < \alpha, \nu_P(x) > \beta \text{ and } \mu_P(y) < \alpha, \nu_P(y) > \beta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha = \mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) > \mu_P(x), \beta = \nu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) < \nu_P(x) \text{ and } \alpha = \mu_{y_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(y) > \mu_P(y), \beta = \nu_{y_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(y) < \nu_P(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x, y \notin P_*, \text{ for if } x, y \in P_*, \text{ then } \alpha > \mu_P(x) = \mu_P(y) = 1 \text{ and } \beta < \nu_P(x) = \nu_P(y) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x\gamma y \notin P_*, \text{ for all } \gamma \in \Gamma, \text{ as } P_* \text{ is a prime ideal of } M.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha > \mu_P(x\gamma y) \text{ and } \beta < \nu_P(x\gamma y), \text{ since } \text{Img}(P) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}, t, s \in [0, 1) \text{ such that } t + s \leq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq P \Leftrightarrow P \in \mathcal{X}((x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)}).$$

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,  $\mu_{\chi_J}(x) \geq \alpha > 0$  and  $\nu_{\chi_J}(x) \leq \beta < 1$  so that  $\mu_{\chi_J}(x) = 1$  and  $\nu_{\chi_J}(x) = 0$  and so  $x \in J$ . Thus  $x \in \bigcap \{J : J \text{ is a prime ideal of } M\}$ . 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  $1 = \mu_P((x\gamma)^n x) \geq \mu_P(x)$  and  $0 = \nu_P((x\gamma)^n x) \leq \nu_P(x)$  implies that  $\mu_P(x) = 1$  and  $\nu_P(x) = 0$ . So  $x \in P_*$ . But  $P_*$  is a prime ideal of  $M$ . Hence  $\alpha = \mu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) \leq \mu_P(x)$  and  $\beta = \nu_{x_{(\alpha,\beta)}}(x) \geq \nu_P(x)$ , 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  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq \chi_J$  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.  $\square$

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

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

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  $A \not\subseteq B$ . 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  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq B$  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  $\tau$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *The subset  $\mathcal{Y} = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : Img(P) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}, \text{ where } t, s \in [0, 1] \text{ with } t + s \leq 1\}$ , 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

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

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

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  $(x_j)_{(\gamma,\delta)} \not\subseteq A$  for some  $j \in \Lambda$ . Thus  $\gamma > \mu_A(x_j)$  and  $\delta < \nu_A(x_j)$  for some  $j \in \Lambda$ . As a result,  $x_j \notin J$ . This proves that there is no prime ideal of  $M$  containing the set  $\{x_i : i \in \Lambda\}$ . Therefore,  $\langle \{x_i : i \in \Lambda\} \rangle = M$ . Let  $\sum_{l=1}^n [\delta_l, e_l]$  be the right unity of  $\Gamma$ -ring  $M$ , where  $\delta_l \in \Gamma$ ,  $e_l \in M$  for all  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $e_l = \sum_{q=1}^{n_l} m_{ql} \gamma_{ql} x_{ql}$ , where  $n_l$  is a finite positive integer,  $m_{ql} \in M$ ,  $x_{ql} \in \{x_j : J \in \Lambda\}$ ,  $\gamma_{ql} \in \Gamma$  for all  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n_l$  and  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Now we claim that  $\mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \emptyset$ , as  $A \in \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  implies  $\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)} \subseteq A$  and  $\text{Img}(A) = \{(1, 0), (\alpha, \beta)\}$ . This imply

$$\gamma = \mu_{(x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)}}(x_{ql}) \leq \mu_A(x_{ql}) \text{ and } \delta = \nu_{(x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)}}(x_{ql}) \geq \nu_A(x_{ql}), \forall q = 1, 2, \dots, n_l, l = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_A(x_{ql}) = 1, \nu_A(x_{ql}) = 0, \text{ for all } q = 1, 2, \dots, n_l, l = 1, 2, \dots, n, \text{ since } \gamma > \alpha, \delta < \beta.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{ql} \in A_* \text{ for all } q = 1, 2, \dots, n_l, l = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow e_l \in A_* \text{ for all } l = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow x_j = \sum_{i=1}^n x_j \delta_i e_i \in A_* = J, \text{ which is a contradiction. Thus we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Y} &= \mathcal{Y} \setminus (\mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}) \\ &= (\mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{Y}) \setminus (\mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}) \\ &= (\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{V}(\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)})) \cap \mathcal{Y} \\ &= (\cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} \mathcal{X}(x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} \\ &= \cup_{l=1}^n \cup_{q=1}^{n_l} (\mathcal{X}(x_{ql})_{(\gamma,\delta)} \cap \mathcal{Y}). \end{aligned}$$

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

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

We know that a topological space  $\mathcal{X}$  is called  $T_0$ , if  $\forall, x \neq y \in \mathcal{X}, \exists$  atleast 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  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $T_0$*

*Proof.* Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $A \neq B$ . Then either  $A \not\subseteq B$  or  $B \not\subseteq A$ . Let  $B \not\subseteq A$ . 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.  $\square$

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  $\mathcal{X} = \{P_{t,s}$ , where  $t, s \in [0, 1]$  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  $x = \bar{1}$  and  $\alpha = 0.6, \beta = 0.3$ , then  $\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  is not closed. Suppose on the contrary that  $\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  is closed. Then there exists subset  $K \times S$  of  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  such that  $\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \cap\{\mathcal{V}(y_{(p,q)}) : (p, q) \in K \times S, y \in \mathbf{Z}_2\}$ . If  $y = \bar{1}$  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  $\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \not\subseteq \mathcal{V}(\bar{1}_{(p,q)})$  and if  $y = \bar{1}$  and  $p = 0, q = 1$  or  $y = \bar{0}, (p, q) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ , then it is seen that  $\mathcal{V}(y_{(p,q)}) = \mathcal{X}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  must be equal to  $\mathcal{X}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  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  $W = \cap\{\mathcal{X}(\bar{1}_{(p,q)}) : (p, q) \in K \times S\}$  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,  $C \not\subseteq B$  but  $C \subseteq A$ . So  $A \not\subseteq B$  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  $A_* = \{x \in M : \mu_A(x) = 1 \text{ and } \nu_A(x) = 0\}$  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

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

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  $A_* = \{x \in M : \mu_A(x) = 1 \text{ and } \nu_A(x) = 0\}$  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

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



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  $\mathcal{Y}$ .  $\square$

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

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

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  $x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq A$  and  $y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq B$  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  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = \mathcal{X}((x\gamma y)_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathcal{X}$  is not  $T_2$ .  $\square$

**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  $\mathcal{Y} = \{P \in \mathcal{X} : Img(P) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}, x, y \in M, \text{ and } \gamma, \delta \in (0, 1] \text{ so that } \gamma + \delta \leq 1$ . 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  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{V}((e-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ . [ 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  $e-x \in A_*$ , since  $x\Gamma(e-x) = x\Gamma e - x\Gamma x = x - x = 0 \in A_*$  and the ideal  $A_*$  is prime implies that  $(e-x) \in A_*$ . As a result,  $\mu_A(e-x) = 1$  and  $\nu_A(e-x) = 0$  so that  $(e-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)} \subseteq A$  and thus  $A \in \mathcal{V}((e-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ .

Conversely, let  $A \in \mathcal{V}((e-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$  then  $(e-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)} \subseteq A$  and  $Img(A) = \{(1, 0), (t, s)\}$  which implies that  $\gamma \leq \mu_A(e-x)$  and  $\delta \geq \nu_A(e-x)$ . Hence  $t < \mu_A(e-x)$  and  $s > \nu_A(e-x)$  and thus  $\mu_A(e-x) = 1$  and  $\nu_A(e-x) = 0$ . It follows that  $e-x \in A_*$  and hence  $x \in A_*$  so that  $\mu_A(x) = t < \gamma$  and  $\nu_A(x) = s > \delta$ . This means that  $x_{(\gamma,\delta)} \not\subseteq A$  and thus  $A \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{V}((e-x)_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cap \mathcal{Y}$ .

(ii) If  $A \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\gamma,\delta)}) \cup \mathcal{X}(y_{(\gamma,\delta)})$  then  $x_{(\gamma,\delta)} \not\subseteq A$  or  $y_{(\gamma,\delta)} \not\subseteq A$  (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  $A_* \not\subseteq B_*$ , 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  $x_{(\alpha, \beta)} \not\subseteq B$ . 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  $(\mathbf{e} - x)_{(\alpha, \beta)} \not\subseteq A$ . 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.  $\square$

**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.*

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

## 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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} B \in \mathcal{V}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) &\Leftrightarrow x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq B \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle \subseteq B \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\langle x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle} \subseteq B \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\langle y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \rangle} \subseteq B \\ &\Leftrightarrow y_{(\alpha,\beta)} \subseteq B \text{ as before} \\ &\Leftrightarrow B \in \mathcal{V}(y_{(\alpha,\beta)}). \end{aligned}$$

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  $M$ .  $\square$

Now we recall the following results for immediate use

**Definition 5.13.** ([18]) Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  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  $f : M \rightarrow N$  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  $f : M \rightarrow N$  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  $h^{-1}(\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \cap \mathcal{X}^*) = \mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } A' \in h^{-1}(\mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)})) &\Leftrightarrow h(A') \in \mathcal{X}(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq h(A') = f^{-1}(A') \\ &\Leftrightarrow (f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)} = f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) \not\subseteq A', \text{ by Proposition (3.1)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow A' \in \mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)}). \end{aligned}$$

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  $(f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq A'$ . 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  
 $A \in h(\mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})) \Leftrightarrow h^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{X}'((f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)})$  and  $A$  is  $f$ -invariant  
 $\Leftrightarrow f(x_{(\alpha,\beta)}) = (f(x))_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq h^{-1}(A) = f(A)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x_{(\alpha,\beta)} \not\subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$ , 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.  $\square$

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

Recollect that a space is an irreducible if and only if the intersection of any two non-empty 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.  $\square$

**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,  $Sup_{e=m+n} \{max\{\mu_A(m), \mu_B(n)\}\} = 1$  and  $Inf_{e=m+n} \{min\{\nu_A(m), \nu_B(n)\}\} = 0$ , where  $e$  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  $e = m + n$ . 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  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . 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  $f$ -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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