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## $\beta^c$ -CLOSURE OPERATOR IN FUZZY SETTING

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**Abstract:** Fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set is introduced in [6]. Using this concept as a basic tool, in [2] we have introduced and studied fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -closure operator and fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -closed set. Here we introduce fuzzy  $\beta^c$ -closure operator and fuzzy  $\beta^c$ -closed set. This newly defined operator is coarser than fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure operator [6] and fuzzy  $\beta^*$ -closure operator. Also fuzzy  $\beta^c$ -closure operator is an idempotent operator. Then some mutual relationship of this operator with the operators defined in [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8] are established. With the help of this operator a new type of fuzzy separation axiom is introduced. Lastly we characterize this operator via fuzzy net.

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## 1. Introduction

Many mathematicians have engaged themselves to introduce and study different types of fuzzy closure-like operators in fuzzy setting. In this context we have to mention [2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8]. Using fuzzy  $\beta$ -open set, here we introduce and study fuzzy  $\beta^c$ -closed set and show that for any fuzzy set, fuzzy  $\beta$ -closure is weaker than fuzzy  $\beta^c$ -closure of this set and for a fuzzy open set these two operators coincide.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, by  $(X, \tau)$  or simply by X we mean a fuzzy topological space (fts, for short) in the sense of Chang [5]. A fuzzy set A is a function from a