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## The category of neutrosophic sets

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Abstract: We introduce the category NSet(H) consisting of neutrosophic H-sets and morphisms between them. And we study NSet(H) in the sense of a topological universe and prove that it is Cartesian closed over Set, where Set denotes the category con-

sisting of ordinary sets and ordinary mappings between them. Furthermore, we investigate some relationships between two categories  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  and  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ .

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#### **1** Introduction

In 1965, Zadeh [20] had introduced a concept of a fuzzy set as the generalization of a crisp set. In 1986, Atanassov [1] proposed the notion of intuitionistic fuzzy set as the generalization of fuzzy sets considering the degree of membership and non-membership. Moreover, in 1998, Smarandache [19] introduced the concept of a neutrosophic set considering the degree of membership, the degree of indeterminacy and the degree of non-membership.

After that time, many researchers [3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17] have investigated fuzzy sets in the sense of category theory, for instance, Set(H),  $Set_f(H)$ ,  $Set_g(H)$ , Fuz(H). Among them, the category  $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$  is the most useful one as the "standard" category, because Set(H) is very suitable for describing fuzzy sets and mappings between them. In particular, Carrega [3], Dubuc [4], Eytan [5], Goguen [6], Pittes [15], Ponasse [16, 17] had studied  $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$  in topos view-point. However Hur et al. investigated  $\mathbf{Set}(\mathbf{H})$  in topological view-point. Moreover, Hur et al. [9] introduced the category  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  consisting of intuitionistic H-fuzzy sets and morphisms between them, and studied ISet(H) in the sense of topological universe. In particular, Lim et al. [13] introduced the new category VSet(H) and investigated it in the sense of topological universe. Recently, Lee et al. [10] define the category composed of neutrosophic crisp sets and morphisms between neutrosophic crisp sets and study its some properties.

The concept of a topological universe was introduced by Nel [14], which implies a Cartesian closed category and a concrete quasitopos. Furthermore the concept has already been up to ef-

fective use for several areas of mathematics.

In this paper, we introduce the category NSet(H) consisting of neutrosophic H-sets and morphisms between them. And we study NSet(H) in the sense of a topological universe and prove that it is Cartesian closed over Set, where Set denotes the category consisting of ordinary sets and ordinary mappings between them. Furthermore, we investigate some relationships between two categories ISet(H) and NSet(H).

#### 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we list some basic definitions and well-known results from [7, 12, 14] which are needed in the next sections.

**Definition 2.1** [12] Let **A** be a concrete category and  $((Y_j, \xi_j))_J$ a family of objects in A indexed by a class J. For any set X, let  $(f_j : X \to Y_j)_J$  be a source of mappings indexed by J. Then an **A**-structure  $\xi$  on X is said to be initial with respect to (in short, w.r.t.)  $(X, (f_j), ((Y_j, \xi_j)))_J$ , if it satisfies the following conditions:

(i) for each j ∈ J, f<sub>j</sub>: (X, ξ) → (Y<sub>j</sub>, ξ<sub>j</sub>) is an A-morphism,
(ii) if (Z, ρ) is an A-object and g : Z → X is a mapping such that for each j ∈ J, the mapping f<sub>j</sub> ∘ g : (Z, ρ) → (Y<sub>j</sub>, ξ<sub>j</sub>) is an A-morphism, then g : (Z, ρ) → (X, ξ) is an A-morphism.

In this case,  $(f_j : (X,\xi) \to (Y_j,\xi_j))_J$  is called an initial source in **A**.

Dual notion: cotopological category.

**Result 2.2** ([12], Theorem 1.5) A concrete category **A** is topological if and only if it is cotopological.

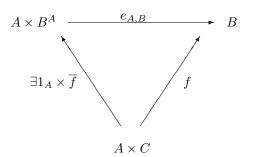
**Result 2.3** ([12], Theorem 1.6) Let **A** be a topological category over **Set**, then it is complete and cocomplete.

Definition 2.4 [12] Let A be a concrete category.

- (i) The A-fibre of a set X is the class of all A-structures on X.
- (ii) A is said to be properly fibred over Set if it satisfies the followings:
  - (a) (Fibre-smallness) for each set X, the A-fibre of X is a set,
  - (b) (Terminal separator property) for each singleton set X, the A-fibre of X has precisely one element,
  - (c) if ξ and η are A-structures on a set X such that id : (X,ξ) → (X,η) and id : (X,η) → (X,ξ) are Amorphisms, then ξ = η.

**Definition 2.5** [7] A category **A** is said to be Cartesian closed if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) for each A-object A and B, there exists a product  $A \times B$  in A,
- (ii) exponential objects exist in A, i.e., for each A-object A, the functor A × − : A → A has a right adjoint, i.e., for any A-object B, there exist an A-object B<sup>A</sup> and an A-morphism e<sub>A,B</sub> : A × B<sup>A</sup> → B (called the evaluation) such that for any A-object C and any A-morphism f : A × C → B, there exists a unique A-morphism f : C → B<sup>A</sup> such that e<sub>A,B</sub> ∘ (id<sub>A</sub> × f) = f, i.e., the diagram commutes:



**Definition 2.6** [7] A category **A** is called a topological universe over **Set** if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) A is well-structured, i.e., (a) A is a concrete category; (b)
   A satisfies the fibre-smallness condition; (c) A has the terminal separator property,
- (ii) A is cotopological over Set,
- (iii) final episinks in **A** are preserved by pullbacks, i.e., for any episink  $(g_j : X_j \to Y)_J$  and any **A**-morphism  $f : W \to Y$ , the family  $(e_j : U_j \to W)_J$ , obtained by taking the pullback f and  $g_j$ , for each  $j \in J$ , is again a final episink.

**Definition 2.7** [2, 11] A lattice *H* is called a complete Heyting algebra if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) it is a complete lattice,
- (ii) for any  $a, b \in H$ , the set  $\{x \in H : x \land a \leq b\}$  has the greatest element denoted by  $a \to b$  (called the relative pseudo-complement of a and b), i.e.,  $x \land a \leq b$  if and only if  $x \leq (a \to b)$ .

In particular, if H is a complete Heyting algebra with the least element 0 then for each  $a \in H$ ,  $N(a) = a \rightarrow 0$  is called negation or the paudo-complement of a.

**Result 2.8** ([2], Ex. 6 in p. 46) Let H be a complete Heyting algebra and  $a, b \in H$ .

(1) If  $a \leq b$ , then  $N(b) \leq N(a)$ , where  $N : H \to H$  is an involutive order reversing operation in  $(H, \leq)$ .

(2) 
$$a \leq NN(a)$$
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$$(3) \ N(a) = NNN(a).$$

(4) 
$$N(a \lor b) = N(a) \land N(b)$$
 and  $N(a \land b) = N(a) \lor N(b)$ .

Throughout this paper, we will use H as a complete Heyting algebra with the least element 0 and the greatest element 1.

**Definition 2.9** [9] Let X be a set. Then A is called an intuitionistic H-fuzzy set (in short, IHFS) in X if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) A is of the form  $A = (\mu, \nu)$ , where  $\mu, \nu : X \to H$  are mappings,
- (ii)  $\mu \leq N(\nu)$ , i.e.,  $\mu(x) \leq N(\nu)(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ .

In this case, the pair (X, A) is called an intuitionistic *H*-fuzzy space (in short, IHFSp). We will denote the set of all IHFSs as IHFS(X).

**Definition 2.10** [9] The concrete category  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  is defined as follows:

- (i) each object is an IHFSp  $(X, A_X)$ , where  $A_X = (\mu_{A_X}, \nu_{A_X}) \in IHFS(X)$ ,
- (ii) each morphism is a mapping  $f : (X, A_X) \to (Y, A_Y)$  such that  $\mu_{A_X} \leq \mu_{A_Y} \circ f$  and  $\nu_{A_X} \geq \nu_{A_Y} \circ f$ , i.e.,  $\mu_{A_X}(x) \leq \mu_{A_Y} \circ f(x)$  and  $\nu_{A_X}(x) \geq \nu_{A_Y} \circ f(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ . In this case, the morphism  $f : (X, A_X) \to (Y, A_Y)$  is called an **ISet**(**H**)-mapping.

### **3** Neutrosophic sets

In [18], Salama and Smarandache introduced the concept of a neutrosophic crisp set in a set X and defined the inclusion between two neutrosophic crisp sets, the intersection [union] of two neutrosophic crisp sets, the complement of a neutrosophic crisp set, neutrosophic empty [resp., whole] set as more than two types. And they studied some properties related to neutrosophic set operations. However, by selecting only one type, we define the inclusion, the intersection [union] and the neutrosophic empty [resp., whole] set again and obtain some properties.

**Definition 3.1** Let X be a non-empty set. Then A is called a neutrosophic set (in short, NS) in X, if A has the form  $A = (T_A, I_A, F_A)$ , where

 $T_A: X \to ]^{-}0, 1^+[, I_A: X \to ]^{-}0, 1^+[, F_A: X \to ]^{-}0, 1^+[.$ Since there is no restriction on the sum of  $T_A(x)$ ,  $I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ ,

$$^{-}0 \le T_A(x) + I_A(x) + F_A(x) \le 3^+.$$

Moreover, for each  $x \in X$ ,  $T_A(x)$  [resp.,  $I_A(x)$  and  $F_A(x)$ ] represent the degree of membership [resp., indeterminacy and non-membership] of x to A.

The neutrosophic empty [resp., whole] set, denoted by  $0_N$  [resp.,  $1_N$ ] is an NS in X defined by  $0_N = (0, 0, 1)$  [resp.,  $1_N = (1, 1, 0)$ ], where  $0, 1 : X \rightarrow$ ]<sup>-0</sup>, 1<sup>+</sup>[ are defined by 0(x) = 0 and 1(x) = 1 respectively. We will denote the set of all NSs in X as NS(X).

From Example 2.1.1 in [18], we can see that every IFS (intutionistic fuzzy set) A in a non-empty set X is an NS in X having the form

 $A = (T_A, 1 - (T_A + F_A), F_A),$ 

where  $(1 - (T_A + F_A))(x) = 1 - (T_A(x) + F_A(x)).$ 

**Definition 3.2** Let  $A = (T_A, I_A, F_A), B = (T_B, I_B, F_B) \in NS(X)$ . Then

- (i) A is said to be contained in B, denoted by A ⊂ B, if T<sub>A</sub>(x) ≤ T<sub>B</sub>(x), I<sub>A</sub>(x) ≤ I<sub>B</sub>(x) and F<sub>A</sub>(x) ≥ F<sub>B</sub>(x) for each x ∈ X,
- (ii) A is said to equal to B, denoted by A = B, if  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A$ ,

(iii) the complement of 
$$A$$
, denoted by  $A^c$ , is an NCS in  $X$  defined as:

$$A^c = (F_A, 1 - I_A, T_A),$$

(iv) the intersection of A and B, denoted by  $A \cap B$ , is an NCS in X defined as:

$$A \cap B = (T_A \wedge T_B, I_A \wedge I_B, F_A \vee F_B),$$

where  $(T_A \wedge T_B)(x) = T_A(x) \wedge T_B(x), (F_A \vee F_B) = F_A(x) \vee F_B(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ ,

(v) the union of A and B, denoted by  $A \cup B$ , is an NCS in X defined as:

$$A \cup B = (T_A \vee T_B, I_A \vee I_B, F_A \wedge F_B).$$

Let  $(A_j)_{j \in J} \subset NS(X)$ , where  $A_j = (T_{A_j}, I_{A_j}, F_{A_j})$ . Then

(vi) the intersection of  $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ , denoted by  $\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j$  (simply,  $\bigcap A_j$ ), is an NS in X defined as:

$$\bigcap A_j = (\bigwedge T_{A_j}, \bigwedge I_{A_j}, \bigvee F_{A_j}),$$

(vii) the union of  $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ , denoted by  $\bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$  (simply,  $\bigcup A_j$ ), is an NCS in X defined as:

$$\bigcup A_j = (\bigvee T_{A_j}, \bigvee I_{A_j}, \bigwedge F_{A_j}).$$

The followings are the immediate results of Definition 3.2.

**Proposition 3.3** Let  $A, B, C \in NS(X)$ . Then (1)  $0_N \subset A \subset 1_N$ , (2) if  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset C$ , then  $A \subset C$ , (3)  $A \cap B \subset A$  and  $A \cap B \subset B$ , (4)  $A \subset A \cup B$  and  $B \subset A \cup B$ , (5)  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $A \cap B = A$ , (6)  $A \subset B$  if and only if  $A \cup B = B$ .

Also the followings are the immediate results of Definition 3.2.

**Proposition 3.4** Let  $A, B, C \in NS(X)$ . Then

(1) (Idempotent laws):  $A \cup A = A$ ,  $A \cap A = A$ ,

- (2) (Commutative laws):  $A \cup B = B \cup A$ ,  $A \cap B = B \cap A$ ,
- (3) (Associative laws):  $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$ ,
  - $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C,$
- (4) (Distributive laws):  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ ,  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ ,
- (5) (Absorption laws):  $A \cup (A \cap B) = A$ ,  $A \cap (A \cup B) = A$ ,
- (6) (De Morgan's laws):  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ ,

$$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

$$(7) (A^c)^c = A$$

(8) (8a)  $A \cup 0_N = A$ ,  $A \cap 0_N = 0_N$ , (8b)  $A \cup 1_N = 1_N$ ,  $A \cap 1_N = A$ , (8c)  $1_N^c = 0_N$ ,  $0_N^c = 1_N$ , (8d) in general,  $A \cup A^c \neq 1_N$ ,  $A \cap A^c \neq 0_N$ .

**Proposition 3.5** Let  $A \in NS(X)$  and let  $(A_j)_{j \in J} \subset NS(X)$ . Then

(1)  $(\bigcap A_j)^c = \bigcup A_j^c, (\bigcup A_j)^c = \bigcap A_j^c,$ (2)  $A \cap (\bigcup A_j) = \bigcup (A \cap A_j), A \cup (\bigcap A_j) = \bigcap (A \cup A_j).$ 

Proof. (1) Let 
$$A_j = (T_{A_j}, I_{A_j}, F_{A_j})$$
.  
Then  $\bigcap A_j = (\bigwedge T_{A_j}, \bigwedge I_{A_j}, \bigvee F_{A_j})$ .

Thus

$$(\bigcap A_j)^c = (\bigvee F_{A_j}, 1 - \bigwedge I_{A_j}, \bigwedge T_{A_j})$$
$$= (\bigvee F_{A_j}, \bigvee (1 - I_{A_j}), \bigwedge T_{A_j})$$
$$= \bigcup A_j^c$$

Similarly, the second part is proved. (2) Let  $A = (T_A, I_A, F_A)$  and  $A_j = (T_{A_j}, I_{A_j}, F_{A_j})$ . Then

$$A \cup (\bigcap A_j) = (T_A \vee (\bigwedge T_{A_j}, I_A \vee (\bigwedge I_{A_j}), F_A \wedge (\bigvee F_{A_j})))$$
$$= (\bigwedge (T_A \vee T_{A_j}), \bigwedge (I_A \vee I_{A_j}), \bigvee (F_A \wedge F_{A_j}))$$
$$= \bigcap (A \cup A_j).$$

Similarly, the first part is proved.

**Definition 3.6** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping and let  $A \subset X$ ,  $B \subset Y$ . Then

(i) the image of A under f, denoted by f(A), is an NS in Y defined as:

$$f(A) = (f(T_A), f(I_A), f(F_A)),$$

where for each  $y \in Y$ ,

$$[f(T_A)](y) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} T_A(x) & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi \\ 0 & \text{if } f^{-1}(y) = \phi, \end{cases}$$

(ii) the preimage of B, denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is an NCS in X defined as:

$$f^{-1}(B) = (f^{-1}(T_B), f^{-1}(I_B), f^{-1}(F_B)),$$

where  $f^{-1}(T_B)(x) = T_B(f(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ , in fact,  $f^{-1}(B) = (T_B \circ f, I_B \circ f, F_B \circ f)$ .

**Proposition 3.7** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping and let  $A, B, C \in NCS(X), (A_j)_{j \in J} \subset NCS(X)$  and  $D, E, F \in NCS(Y), (D_k)_{k \in K} \subset NCS(Y)$ . Then the followings hold: (1) if  $B \subset C$ , then  $f(B) \subset f(C)$  and if  $E \subset F$ , then  $f^{-1}(E) \subset f^{-1}(F)$ . (2)  $A \subset f^{-1}f(A)$  and if f is injective, then  $A = f^{-1}f(A)$ , (3)  $f(f^{-1}(D)) \subset D$  and if f is surjective, then  $f(f^{-1}(D)) = D$ , (4)  $f^{-1}(\bigcup D_k) = \bigcup f^{-1}(D_k), f^{-1}(\bigcap D_k) = \bigcap f^{-1}(D_k),$ (5)  $f(\bigcup D_k) = \bigcup f(D_k), f(\bigcap D_k) \subset \bigcap f(D_k),$ (6)  $f(A) = 0_N$  if and only if  $A = 0_N$  and hence  $f(0_N) = 0_N$ , in particular if f is surjective, then  $f(1_{X,N}) = 1_{Y,N}$ , (7)  $f^{-1}(1_{Y,N}) = 1_{X,N}, f^{-1}(0_{Y,N}) = 0_{X,N}$ .

#### **4 Properties of NSet**(**H**)

**Definition 4.1** A is called a neutrosophic H-set (in short, NHS) in a non-empty set X if it satisfies the following conditions:

(i) A has the form  $A = (T_A, I_A, F_A)$ , where  $T_A, I_A, F_A$  :  $X \to H$  are mappings,

(ii) 
$$T_A \leq N(F_A)$$
 and  $I_A \geq N(F_A)$ .

In this case, the pair (X, A) is called a neutrosophic *H*-space (in short, NHSp). We will denote the set of all the NHSs as NHS(X).

**Definition 4.2** Let  $(X, A_X)$ ,  $(Y, A_Y)$  be two NHSps and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping. Then  $f : (X, A_X) \to (Y, A_Y)$  is called a morphism if  $A_X \subset f^{-1}(A_Y)$ , i.e.,

 $T_{A_X} \leq T_{A_Y} \circ f, I_{A_X} \leq I_{A_Y} \circ f$  and  $F_{A_X} \geq F_{A_Y} \circ f$ . In particular,  $f : (X, A_X) \to (Y, A_Y)$  is called an epimorphism [resp., a monomorphism and an isomorphism], if it is surjective [resp., injective and bijective].

The following is the immediate result of Definition 4.2.

**Proposition 4.3** For each NHSp  $(X, A_X)$ , the identity mapping  $id: (X, A_X) \rightarrow (X, A_X)$  is a morphism.

**Proposition 4.4** Let  $(X, A_X)$ ,  $(Y, A_Y)$ ,  $(Z, A_Z)$  be NHSps and let  $f : X \to Y$ ,  $g : Y \to Z$  be mappings. If  $f : (X, A_X) \to$  $(Y, A_Y)$  and  $f : (Y, A_Y) \to (Z, A_Z)$  are morphisms, then  $g \circ f :$  $(X, A_X) \to (Z, A_Z)$  is a morphism.

*Proof.* Let  $A_X = (T_{A_X}, I_{A_X}, F_{A_X})$ ,  $A_Y = (T_{A_Y}, I_{A_Y}, F_{A_Y})$ and  $A_Z = (T_{A_Z}, I_{A_Z}, F_{A_Z})$ . Then by the hypotheses and Definition 4.2,  $A_X \subset f^{-1}(A_Y)$  and  $A_Y \subset g^{-1}(A_Z)$ , i.e.,  $T_{A_X} \leq T_{A_Y} \circ f$ ,  $I_{A_X} \leq I_{A_Y} \circ f$ ,  $F_{A_X} \geq F_{A_Y} \circ f$ 

and

$$\begin{array}{ll} T_{A_Y} \leq T_{A_Z} \circ g, I_{A_Y} \leq I_{A_Z} \circ g, F_{A_Z} \geq F_{A_Z} \circ g.\\ \text{Thus} & T_{A_X} \leq (T_{A_Z} \circ g) \circ f, & I_{A_X} \leq (I_{A_Z} \circ g) \circ f, \\ & F_{A_X} \geq (F_{A_Z} \circ g) \circ f. \\ \text{So} & T_{A_X} \leq T_{A_Z} \circ (g \circ f), & I_{A_X} \leq I_{A_Z} \circ (g \circ f), \\ & F_{A_X} \geq F_{A_Z} \circ (g \circ f). \\ \text{Hence } g \circ f \text{ is a morphism.} \end{array}$$

From Propositions 4.3 and 4.4, we can form the concrete category NSet(H) consisting of NHSs and morphisms between them. Every NSet(H)-morphism will be called an NSet(H)-mapping.

Lemma 4.5 The category NSet is topological over Set.

*Proof.* Let X be any set and let  $((X_j, A_j))_{j \in J}$  be any family of NHSps indexed by a class J, where  $A_j = (T_{A_j}, I_{A_j}, F_{A_j})$ . Suppose  $(f_j : X \to (X_j, A_j)_J$  is a source of ordinary mappings. We define mappings  $T_{A_X}, I_{A_X}, F_{A_X} : X \to H$  as follows: for each  $x \in X$ ,

$$T_{A_X}(x) = \bigwedge (T_{A_j} \circ f_j)(x), \ I_{A_X}(x) = \bigwedge (I_{A_j} \circ f_j)(x),$$
  
$$F_{A_X}(x) = \bigvee (F_{A_j} \circ f_j)(x).$$

Let 
$$j \in J$$
 and  $x \in X$ .  
Since  $A_j = (T_{A_j}, I_{A_j}, F_{A_j}) \in NHS(X)$ ,  
 $T_{A_j} \leq N(F_{A_X})$  and  $I_{A_j} \geq N(F_{A_X})$ . Then  
 $N(F_{A_X}(x)) = N(\bigvee(F_{A_j} \circ f_j)(x))$   
 $= \bigwedge N(F_{A_j}(f_j(x)))$   
 $\geq \bigwedge T_{A_j}(f_j(x))$   
 $= \bigwedge T_{A_j} \circ f_j(x)$   
 $= T_{A_X}(x)$ 

and

$$N(F_{A_X}(x)) = \bigwedge N(F_{A_j}(f_j(x)))$$
  

$$\leq \bigwedge I_{A_j}(f_j(x))$$
  

$$= \bigwedge I_{A_j} \circ f_j(x)$$
  

$$= I_{A_X}(x)$$
  

$$\leq N(F_{A_X}(x))$$

Thus  $T_{A_X} \leq N(F_{A_X})$  and  $I_{A_X} \geq N(F_{A_X})$ . So  $A_X = \bigcap f_j^{-1}(A_j) \in NHS(X)$  and thus  $(X, A_X)$  is an NHSp. Moreover, by the definition of  $A_X$ ,

 $T_{A_X} \leq T_{A_j} \circ f_j, I_{A_X} \leq I_{A_j} \circ f_j, F_{A_X} \geq F_{A_j} \circ f_j.$ Hence  $A_X \subset f_j^{-1}(A_j)$ . Therefore each  $f_j : (X, A_X) \to (X_j, A_j)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-

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Now let  $(Y, A_Y)$  be any NHSp and suppose  $g : Y \to X$  is an ordinary mapping for which  $f_j \circ g : (Y, A_Y) \to (X_j, A_j)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping for each  $j \in J$ . Then

 $A_Y \subset (f_j \circ g)^{-1}(A_j) = g^{-1}(f_j^{-1}(A_j))$  for each  $j \in J$ . Thus  $A_Y \subset g^{-1}(\bigcap f_j^{-1}(A_j)) = g^{-1}(A_X).$ 

So  $g : (Y, A_Y) \to (X, A_X)$  is an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. Hence  $(f_j : (X, A_X) \to (X_j, A_j))_J$  is an initial source in  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ . This completes the proof.

**Example 4.6** (1) Let X be a set, let  $(Y, A_Y)$  be an NHSp and let  $f : X \to Y$  be an ordinary mapping. Then clearly, there exists a unique NHS  $A_X \in NHS(X)$  for which  $f : (X, A_X) \to (Y, A_Y)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. In fact,  $A_X = f^{-1}(A_Y)$ .

In this case,  $A_X$  is called the inverse image under f of the NHS structure  $A_Y$ .

(2) Let  $((X_j, A_j))_{j \in J}$  be any family of NHSps and let  $X = \prod_{j \in J} X_j$ . For each  $j \in J$ , let  $pr_j : X \to X_j$  be the ordinary projection. Then there exists a unique NHS  $A_X \in NHS(X)$  for which  $pr_j : (X, A_X) \to (X_j, A_j)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping for each  $j \in J$ .

In this case,  $A_X$  is called the product of  $(A_j)_J$ , denoted by

$$A_X = \prod_{j \in J} A_j = (\prod_{j \in J} T_{A_j}, \prod_{j \in J} I_{A_j}, \prod_{j \in J} F_{A_j})$$

and  $(X, A_X)$  is called the product NHSp of  $((X_j, A_j))_J$ . In fact,  $A_X = \bigcap_{j \in J} pr^{-1}(A_j)$ and

$$\Pi_{j\in J}T_{A_j} = \bigwedge T_{A_j} \circ pr_j, \quad \Pi_{j\in J}I_{A_j} = \bigwedge I_{A_j} \circ pr_j.$$
$$\Pi_{j\in J}F_{A_j} = \bigvee F_{A_j} \circ pr_j.$$

In particular, if  $J = \{1, 2\}$ , then

$$\Pi_{j \in J} T_{A_j} = T_{A_1} \times T_{A_2} = (T_{A_1} \circ pr_1) \wedge (T_{A_2} \circ pr_2),$$

$$\Pi_{j\in J}I_{A_j} = I_{A_1} \times I_{A_2} = (I_{A_1} \circ pr_1) \wedge (I_{A_2} \circ pr_2),$$
  
$$\Pi_{j\in J}F_{A_j} = F_{A_1} \times F_{A_2} = (F_{A_1} \circ pr_1) \vee (F_{A_2} \circ pr_2).$$

The following is the immediate result of Lemma 4.5 and Result 2.3.

**Corollary 4.7** The category NSet(H) is complete and cocomplete.

The following is obvious from Result 2.2. But we show directly it.

Corollary 4.8 The category NCSet is cotopological over Set.

*Proof.* Let X be any set and let  $((X_j, A_j))_J$  be any family of NHSps indexed by a class J. Suppose  $(f_j : X_j \to X)_J$  is a sink of ordinary mappings. We define mappings  $T_{A_X}, I_{A_X}, F_{A_X} : X \to H$  as follows: for each  $x \in X$ ,

$$T_{A_X}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_J \bigvee_{x_j \in f_j^{-1}(x)} T_{A_j}(x_j) & \text{if } f_j^{-1}(x) \neq \phi \text{ for all } j \\ 0 & \text{if } f_j^{-1}(x) = \phi \text{ for some } j, \end{cases}$$
$$I_{A_X}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigvee_J \bigvee_{x_j \in f_j^{-1}(x)} I_{A_j}(x_j) & \text{if } f_j^{-1}(x) \neq \phi \text{ for all } j \\ 0 & \text{if } f_j^{-1} = \phi \text{ for some } j, \end{cases}$$

$$F_{A_X}(x) = \begin{cases} \bigwedge_J \bigwedge_{x_j \in f_j^{-1}(x)} F_{A_j}(x_j) & \text{if } f_j^{-1} \neq \phi \text{ for all } j \\ 1 & \text{if } f_j^{-1} = \phi \text{ for some } j. \end{cases}$$

Since  $((X_j, A_j))_J$  is a family of NHSps,  $T_{A_j} \leq N(F_{A_j})$  and  $I_{A_j} \geq N(F_{A_j})$  for each  $j \in J$ . We may assume that  $f_j^{-1} \neq \phi$  without loss of generality. Let  $x \in X$ . Then

$$N(F_{A_{X}}(x)) = N(\bigwedge_{J} \bigwedge_{x_{j} \in f_{j}^{-1}(x)} F_{A_{j}}(x_{j}))$$
  
=  $\bigvee_{J} \bigvee_{x_{j} \in f_{j}^{-1}(x)} N(F_{A_{j}}(x_{j}))$   
 $\geq \bigvee_{J} \bigvee_{x_{j} \in f_{j}^{-1}(x)} T_{A_{j}}(x_{j}).$   
=  $T_{A_{X}}(x).$ 

and

$$N(F_{A_X}(x)) = \bigvee_J \bigvee_{x_j \in f_j^{-1}(x)} N(F_{A_j}(x_j))$$
  
$$\leq \bigvee_J \bigvee_{x_j \in f_j^{-1}(x)} I_{A_j}(x_j).$$
  
$$= I_{A_X}(x).$$

Thus  $T_{A_X} \leq N(F_{A_X})$  and  $I_{A_X} \geq N(F_{A_X})$ . So  $(X, A_X)$  is an NHSp. Moreover, for each  $j \in J$ ,

$$f_j^{-1}(A_X) = f_j^{-1}(\bigcup f_j(A_j)) = \bigcup f_j^{-1}(f_j(A_j)) \supset A_j.$$

Hence each  $f_j : (X_j, A_j) \to (X, A_X)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. Now for each NHSp  $(Y, A_Y)$ , let  $g : X \to Y$  be an ordinary mapping for which each  $g \circ f_j : (X_j, A_j) \to (Y, A_Y)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. Then clearly for each  $j \in J$ ,

 $\begin{array}{l} A_j \subset (g \circ f_j)^{-1}(A_Y), \text{ i.e., } A_j \subset f_j^{-1}(g^{-1}(A_Y)).\\ \text{Thus } \bigcup A_j \subset \bigcup f_j^{-1}(g^{-1}(A_Y)).\\ \text{So } f_j(\bigcup A_j) \subset f_j(\bigcup f_j^{-1}(g^{-1}(A_Y))). \text{ By Proposition 3.7 and}\\ \text{the definition of } A_X, \end{array}$ 

$$f_j(\bigcup A_j) = \bigcup f_j(A_j) = A_X$$

and

$$f_j(\bigcup f_j^{-1}(g^{-1}(A_Y))) = \bigcup (f_j \circ f_j^{-1})(g^{-1}(A_Y)) = g^{-1}(A_Y).$$

Hence  $A_X \subset g^{-1}(A_Y)$ . Therefore  $g : (X, A_X) \to (Y, A_Y)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. This completes the proof.

**Example 4.9** (1) Let  $(X, A_X) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ , let R be an ordinary equivalence relation on X and let  $\varphi : X \to X/R$  be the canonical mapping. Then there exists the final NHS structure  $A_{X/R}$  in X/R for which  $\varphi : (X, A_X) \to (X/R, A_{X/R})$  is an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping, where  $A_{X/R} = (T_{A_{X/R}}, I_{A_{X/R}}, F_{A_{X/R}}) = (\varphi(T_{A_X}), \varphi(I_{A_X}), \varphi(F_{A_X})).$ 

In this case,  $A_{X/R}$  is called the neutrosophic H-quotient set structure of X by R.

(2) Let  $((X_{\alpha}, A_{\alpha}))_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  be a family of NHSs, let X be the sum of  $(X_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$ , i.e.,  $X = \bigcup (X_{\alpha} \times \{\alpha\})$  and let  $j_{\alpha} : X_{\alpha} \to X$  the canonical (injective) mapping for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then there exists the final NHS  $A_X$  in X. In fact,  $A_X = (T_{A_X}, I_{A_X}, F_{A_X})$ , where for each  $(x, \alpha) \in X$ ,

 $T_{A_X}(x,\alpha) = \bigvee_{\Gamma} T_{A_\alpha}(x), \quad I_{A_X}(x,\alpha) = \bigvee_{\Gamma} I_{A_\alpha}(x),$  $F_{A_X}(x,\alpha) = \bigwedge_{\Gamma} F_{A_\alpha}(x).$ 

In this case,  $A_X$  is called the sum of  $((X_\alpha, A_\alpha))_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$ .

**Lemma 4.10** Final episinks in **NSet**(**H**) are prserved by pullbacks.

*Proof.* Let  $(g_j : (X_j, A_j) \to (Y, A_Y))_J$  be any final episink in **NSet**(**H**) and let  $f : (W, A_W) \to (Y, A_Y)$  be any **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. For each  $j \in J$ , let

$$U_j = \{(w, x_j) \in W \times X_j : f(w) = g_j(x_j)\}$$

For each  $j \in J$ , we define mappings  $T_{A_{U_j}}, I_{A_{U_j}}, F_{A_{U_j}} : U_j \to H$  as follows: for each  $(w, x_j) \in U_j$ ,

$$T_{A_{U_j}}(w, x_j) = T_{A_W}(w) \wedge T_{A_j}(x_j),$$
  

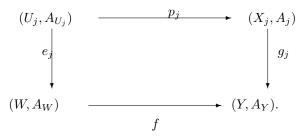
$$I_{A_{U_j}}(w, x_j) = I_{A_W}(w) \wedge I_{A_j}(x_j),$$
  

$$F_{A_{U_i}}(w, x_j) = F_{A_W}(w) \vee F_{A_j}(x_j).$$

Then clearly,  $A_{U_j} = (T_{A_{U_j}}, I_{A_{U_j}}, F_{A_{U_j}}) = (A_W \times A_j)_* \in NHS(U_j)$ . Thus  $(U_j, A_{U_j})$  is an NHSp, where  $(A_W \times A_j)_*$  denotes the restriction of  $A_W \times A_j$  under  $U_j$ .

Let  $e_j$  and  $p_j$  be ordinary projections of  $U_j$ . Let  $j \in J$ . Then clearly,

 $A_{U_j} \subset e_j^{-1}(A_Y) \text{ and } A_{U_j} \subset p_j^{-1}(A_j).$ Thus  $e_j : (U_j, A_{U_j}) \to (W, A_W) \text{ and } p_j : (U_j, A_{U_j}) \to (X_j, A_j) \text{ are } \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mappings. Moreover,  $g_h \circ p_h = f \circ e_j$ for each  $j \in J$ , i.e., the diagram is a pullback square in **NCSet**:



Now in order to prove that  $(e_j)_J$  is an episink in **NSet**(**H**), i.e., each  $e_j$  is surjective, let  $w \in W$ . Since  $(g_j)_J$  is an episink, there exists  $j \in J$  such that  $g_j(x_j) = f(w)$  for some  $x_j \in X_j$ . Thus  $(w, x_j) \in U_j$  and  $w = e_j(w, x_j)$ . So  $(e_j)_J$  is an episink in **NSet**(**H**).

Finally, let us show that  $(e_j)_J$  is final in  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ . Let  $A_W^*$  be the final structure in W w.r.t.  $(e_j)_J$  and let  $w \in W$ . Then

$$T_{A_W}(w) = T_{A_W}(w) \wedge T_{A_W}(w)$$

$$\leq T_{A_W}(w) \wedge f^{-1}(T_{A_Y}(w))$$
[since  $f : (W, A_W) \rightarrow (Y, A_Y))_J$ ) is an
$$\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$$
-mapping]
$$= T_{A_W}(w) \wedge T_{A_Y}(f(w))$$

$$= T_{A_W}(w) \wedge (\bigvee_J \bigvee_{x_j \in g_j^{-1}(f(w))} T_{A_j}(x_j))$$
[since  $(g_j)_J$  is final in  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ ]
$$= \bigvee_J \bigvee_{x_j \in g_j^{-1}(f(w))} (T_{A_W}(w) \wedge T_{A_j}(x_j))$$

$$= \bigvee_J \bigvee_{(w,x_j) \in e_j^{-1}(w)} (T_{U_j}(w, x_j))$$

$$= T_{A_W^*}(w).$$

Thus  $T_{A_W} \leq T_{A_W^*}$ . Similarly, we can see that  $I_{A_W} \leq I_{A_W^*}$  and  $F_{A_W} \geq F_{A_W^*}$ . So  $A_W \subset A_W^*$ . On the other hand, since  $e_j : (U_j, A_{U_j}) \to (W, A_W^*)$  is final,  $id_W : (W, A_W^*) \to (W, A_W)$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. So  $A_W^* \subset A_W$ . Hence  $A_W = A_W^*$ . This completes the proof.

For any singleton set  $\{a\}$ , since the NHS structure  $A_{\{a\}}$  on  $\{a\}$  is not unique, the category **NSet**(**H**) is not properly fibred over **Set**. Then by Lemmas 4.5,4.9 and Definition 2.6, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.11** The category NSet(H) satisfies all the conditions of a topological universe over Set except the terminal separator property.

**Theorem 4.12** *The category* **NSet**(**H**) *is Cartesian closed over* **Set**.

*Proof.* From Lemma 4.5, it is clear that NSet(H) has products. So it is sufficient to prove that NSet(H) has exponential objects.

For any NHSs  $\mathbf{X} = (X, A_X)$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y, A_Y)$ , let  $Y^X$  be the set of all ordinary mappings from X to Y. We define mappings  $T_{A_{YX}}, I_{A_{YX}}, F_{A_{YX}} : Y^X \to H$  as follows: for each  $f \in Y^X$ ,

$$T_{A_{YX}}(f) = \bigvee \{h \in H : T_{A_X}(x) \land h \le T_{A_Y}(f(x)),$$

for each  $x \in X$ },

$$I_{A_{YX}}(f) = \bigvee \{h \in H : I_{A_X}(x) \land h \le I_{A_Y}(f(x)),$$

for each  $x \in X$ },

$$F_{A_{YX}}(f) = \bigwedge \{h \in H : F_{A_X}(x) \lor h \ge F_{A_Y}(f(x)),$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{for each } x \in X \}.\\ \text{Then clearly, } A_{Y^X} = (T_{A_{Y^X}}, I_{A_{Y^X}}, F_{A_{Y^X}}) \in NHS(Y^X) \text{ and}\\ \text{thus } (Y^X, A_{Y^X}) \text{ is an NHSp. Let } \mathbf{Y^X} = (Y^X, A_{Y^X}) \text{ and let}\\ f \in Y^X, x \in X. \text{ Then by the definition of } A_{Y^X}, \end{array}$ 

$$T_{A_X}(x) \wedge T_{A_{YX}}(f) \leq T_{A_Y}(f(x)),$$
  

$$I_{A_X}(x) \wedge I_{A_{YX}}(f) \leq I_{A_Y}(f(x)),$$
  

$$F_{A_X}(x) \vee F_{A_{YX}}(f) \geq F_{A_Y}(f(x)).$$

We define a mapping  $e_{X,Y} : X \times Y^X \to Y$  as follows: for each  $(x, f) \in X \times Y^X$ ,

$$e_{X,Y}(x,f) = f(x).$$

Then clearly,  $A_X \times A_{Y^X} \in NHS(X \times Y^X)$ , where  $A_X = (T_{A_X}, I_{A_X}, F_{A_X})$ and for each  $(x, f) \in X \times Y^X$ ,  $T_{A_X \times A_{Y^X}}(x, f) = T_{A_X}(x) \wedge T_{A_{Y^X}}(f)$ ,  $I_{A_X \times A_{Y^X}}(x, f) = I_{A_X}(x) \wedge I_{A_{Y^X}}(f)$ ,  $F_{A_X \times A_{Y^X}}(x, f) = F_{A_X}(x) \vee F_{A_{Y^X}}(f)$ .

Let us show that  $A_X \times A_{Y^X} \subset e_{X,Y}^{-1}(A_Y)$ . Let  $(x, f) \in X \times Y^X$ . Then

$$e_{X,Y}^{-1}(A_Y)(x,f) = A_Y(e_{X,Y}(x,f)) = A_Y(f(x)).$$

Thus

$$T_{e_{X,Y}^{-1}(A_Y)}(x,f) = T_{A_Y}(f(x))$$
  

$$\geq T_{A_X}(x) \wedge T_{A_{YX}}(f)$$
  

$$= T_{A_X \times A_{YX}}(x,f),$$

$$I_{e_{X,Y}^{-1}(A_Y)}(x,f) = I_{A_Y}(f(x))$$
  

$$\geq I_{A_X}(x) \wedge I_{A_{YX}}(f)$$
  

$$= I_{A_X \times A_{YX}}(x,f),$$

$$F_{e_{X,Y}^{-1}(A_Y)}(x,f) = F_{A_Y}(f(x))$$
  
$$\leq F_{A_X}(x) \lor F_{A_{YX}}(f)$$
  
$$= F_{A_X \times A_{YX}}(x,f).$$

So  $A_X \times A_{Y^X} \subset e_{X,Y}^{-1}(A_Y)$ . Hence  $e_{X,Y} : \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Y}^{\mathbf{X}} \to \mathbf{Y}$  is an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping, where

 $\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Y}^{\mathbf{X}} = (X \times Y^{\overline{X}}, A_X \times A_{Y^X}) \text{ and } \mathbf{Y} = (Y, A_Y).$ 

For any  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z, A_Z) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ , let  $h : \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Z} \to \mathbf{Y}$  be an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping where  $\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Z} = (X \times Z, A_X \times A_Z)$ . We

define a mapping  $\bar{h}: Z \to Y^X$  as follows:

$$(\bar{h}(z))(x) = h(x, z),$$

for each  $z \in Z$  and each  $x \in X$ . Let  $(x, z) \in X \times Z$ . Then

$$T_{A_X \times A_Z}(x, z) = T_{A_X}(x) \wedge T_{A_Z}(z)$$
  

$$\leq T_{A_Y}(h(x, z)) \text{ [since } h : \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{Z} \to \mathbf{Y}$$
  
is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping]  

$$= T_{A_Y}(\bar{h}(z))(x).$$

Thus by the definition of  $A_{Y^X}$ ,

$$T_{A_Z}(z) \le T_{A_{YX}}(\bar{h}(z)) = \bar{h}^{-1}(T_{A_{YX}})(z).$$

So  $T_{A_Z} \leq \bar{h}^{-1}(T_{A_{YX}})$ . Similarly, we can see that  $I_{A_Z} \leq \bar{h}^{-1}(I_{A_{YX}})$  and  $F_{A_Z} \geq \bar{h}^{-1}(F_{A_{YX}})$ . Hence  $\bar{h} : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Y}^{\mathbb{X}}$  is an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbb{H})$ -mapping, where  $\mathbb{Y}^{\mathbb{X}} = (Y^X, A_{YX})$ . Furthermore, we can prove that  $\bar{h}$  is a unique  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbb{H})$ -mapping such that  $e_{X,Y} \circ (id_X \times \bar{h}) = h$ .

# 5 The relation between NSet(H) and ISet(H)

Lemma 5.1 Define  $G_1, G_2 : \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H}) \to \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  by:

$$G_1(X, (T, I, F)) = (X, (T, F)),$$

$$G_2(X, (T, I, F)) = (X, (T, N(T)))$$

and

$$G_1(f) = G_2(f) = f$$

Then  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are functors.

*Proof.* It is clear that  $G_1(X, (T, I, F)) = (X, (T, F)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  for each  $(X, (T, I, F) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ .

Let  $(X, (T_X, I_X, F_X)), (Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y)) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$  and let  $f : (X, (T_X, I_X, F_X)) \rightarrow (Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y))$  be an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. Then

$$T_X \leq T_Y \circ f$$
 and  $F_X \geq F_Y \circ f$ .

Thus  $G_1(f) = f$  is an  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. So  $G_1 : \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H}) \to \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  is a functor.

Now let  $(X, (T, I, F)) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$  and consider

(X, (T, N(T))). Then by Result 2.8,  $T \leq NN(T)$ . Thus  $G_2(X, T)$ .

 $(T, I, F)) = (X, (T, N(T))) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H}).$ 

Let  $(X, (T_X, I_X, F_X)), (Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y)) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$  and let  $f : (X, (T_X, I_X, F_X)) \rightarrow (Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y))$  be an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. Then  $T_X \leq T_Y \circ f$ . Thus  $N(T_X) \geq N(T_Y) \circ f$ .

So  $G_2(f) = f : (X, (T_X, N(T_X)) \to (Y, (T_Y, N(T_Y)))$  is an **ISet(H)**-mapping. Hence  $G_2 : \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H}) \to \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  is a functor.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 5.2** Define  $F_1 : \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H}) \to \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$  by:  $F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu))$  and  $F_1(f) = f$ . Then  $F_1$  is a functor.

Proof. Let  $(X, (\mu, \nu)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ . Then  $\mu \leq N(\nu)$  and  $N(\nu) \leq N(\nu)$ . Thus  $F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu)) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ . Let  $(X, (\mu_X, \nu_X)), (Y, (\mu_Y, \nu_Y)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$  and let  $f : (X, (\mu_X, \nu_X)) \to (Y, (\mu_Y, \nu_Y))$  be an  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. Consider the mapping

$$F_1(f) = f : F_1(X, (\mu_X, \nu_X)) \to F_1(Y, (\mu_Y, \nu_Y)),$$

where

$$F_1(X, (\mu_X, \nu_X)) = (X, (\mu_X, N(\nu_X), \nu_X))$$

and

$$F_1(Y, (\mu_Y, \nu_Y)) = (Y, (\mu_Y, N(\nu_Y), \nu_Y))$$

Since  $f : (X, (\mu_X, \nu_X)) \to (Y, (\mu_Y, \nu_Y))$  is an **ISet**(**H**)mapping,  $\mu_X \leq \mu_Y \circ f$  and  $\nu_X \geq \nu_Y \circ f$ . Thus  $N(\nu_X) \leq N(\nu_Y) \circ f$ . So  $F_1(f) = f : (X, (\mu_X, N(\nu_X), \nu_X)) \to (Y, (\mu_Y, N(\nu_Y), \nu_Y))$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. Hence  $F_1$  is a functor.  $\Box$ 

Lemma 5.3 Define  $F_2$ : ISet(H)  $\rightarrow$  NSet(H) by:

$$F_2(X,(\mu,\nu)) = (X,(\mu,N(\nu),N(\mu)) \text{ and } F_2(f) = f.$$

Then  $F_2$  is a functor.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, (\mu, \nu)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ . Then  $\mu \leq N(\nu)$  and  $\mu \leq NN(\mu)$ , by Result 2.8. Also by Result 2.8,  $NN(\mu) \leq NNN(\nu) = N(\nu)$ . Thus  $\mu \leq NN(\mu) \leq N(\nu)$ . So  $F_2(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, N(\nu), N(\mu))) \in \mathbf{NSet}(H)$ .

Let  $(X, (\mu_X, \nu_X)), (Y, (\mu_Y, \nu_Y)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(H)$  and  $f : (X, (\mu_X, \nu_X)) \to (Y, (\mu_Y, \nu_Y))$  be an  $\mathbf{ISet}(H)$ -mapping. Then  $\mu_X \leq \mu_Y \circ f^2$  and  $\nu_X \geq \nu_Y \circ f^2$ .

Thus  $N(\nu_X) \leq N(\nu_Y) \circ f^2$ . So L(f) = f:  $(X, (\mu_X, N(\nu_X), N(\mu_X))) \rightarrow (Y, (\mu_Y, N(\nu_Y), N(\mu_Y)))$  is an **NSet**(*H*)-mapping. Hence  $F_2$  is a functor.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 5.4** The functor  $F_1$ :  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H}) \rightarrow \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$  is a left adjoint of the functor  $G_1$ :  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H}) \rightarrow \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ .

Proof. For each  $(X, (\mu, \nu)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H}), 1_X : (X, (\mu, \nu)) \rightarrow G_1F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, \nu))$  is an  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. Let  $(Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y)) \in \mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$  and let  $f : (X, (\mu, \nu)) \rightarrow G_1(Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y)) = (Y, (T_Y, F_Y))$  be an  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. We will show that  $f : F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu)) \rightarrow (Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y))$  is an  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping. Since  $f : (X, (\mu, \nu)) \rightarrow (Y, (T_Y, F_Y))$  is an  $\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mapping,  $\mu \leq T_Y \circ f$  and  $\nu \geq F_Y \circ f$ .

Then  $N(\nu) \leq N(F_Y) \circ f$ . Since  $(Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y)) \in$   $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H}), I_Y \geq N(F_Y))$ . Thus  $N(\nu) \leq I_Y \circ f$ . So f : $F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu)) \rightarrow (Y, (T_Y, I_Y, F_Y))$  is an **NSet**(**H**)-mapping. Hence  $1_X$  is a  $G_1$ -universal mapping for  $(X, (\mu, \nu)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})$ . This completes the proof.

For each  $(X, (\mu, \nu)) \in \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H}), F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu))$  is called a neutrosophic *H*-space induced by  $(X, (\mu, \nu))$ . Let us denote the category of all induced neutrosophic *H*-spaces and  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ -mappings as  $\mathbf{NSet}^*(\mathbf{H})$ . Then  $\mathbf{NSet}^*(\mathbf{H})$  is a full subcategory of  $\mathbf{NSet}(\mathbf{H})$ .

**Theorem 5.5** *Two categories* ISet(H) *and*  $NSet^*(H)$  *are isomorphic.* 

*Proof.* From Lemma 5.2, it is clear that  $F_1$ : **ISet**(**H**) → **NSet**<sup>\*</sup>(**H**) is a functor. Consider the restriction  $G_1$ : **NSet**<sup>\*</sup>(**H**) → **ISet**(**H**) of the functor  $G_1$  in Lemma 5.1. Let  $(X, (\mu, \nu)) \in$  **ISet**(**H**). Then by Lemma 5.2,  $F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = (X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu))$ . Thus  $G_1F_1(X, (\mu, \nu)) = G_1(X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu)) = (X, (\mu, \nu))$ . So  $G_1 \circ F_1 = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H})}$ .

Now let  $(X, (T_X, I_X, F_X)) \in \mathbf{NSet}^*(\mathbf{H})$ . Then by definition of  $\mathbf{NSet}^*(\mathbf{H})$ , there exists  $(X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu))$  such that

$$F_1(X,(\mu,\nu)) = (X,(\mu,N(\nu),\nu)) = (X,(T_X,I_X,F_X)).$$

Thus by Lemma 5.1,

$$G_1(X, (T_X, I_X, F_X)) = G_1(X, (\mu, N(\nu), \nu))$$
  
= (X, (\mu, \nu)).

So

$$F_1G_1(X, (T_X, I_X, F_X)) = F_1(X, (\mu, \nu))$$
  
= (X, (T\_X, I\_X, F\_X))

Hence  $F_1 \circ G_1 = 1_{\mathbf{NSet}^*(\mathbf{H})}$ . Therefore  $F_1 : \mathbf{ISet}(\mathbf{H}) \rightarrow \mathbf{NSet}^*(\mathbf{H})$  is an isomorphism. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

#### **6** Conclusions

In the future, we will form a category NCRel composed of neutrosophic crisp relations and morphisms between them [resp., NRel(H) composed of neutrosophic relations and morphisms between them, NCTop composed of neutrosophic crisp topological spaces and morphisms between them and NTop composed of neutrosophic topological spaces and morphisms between them] and investigate each category in view points of topological universe. Moreover, we will form some subcategories of each category and study their properties.

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