# NEW TYPES OF CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS IN IDEAL TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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#### ABSTRACT

An ideal I is a nonempty collection of subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  closed under heredity and finite additivity. The main objective of this paper is to introduce new types of continuous functions in ideal topological spaces  $(X, \tau, I)$ , and obtain several characterizations and some properties of these functions. Also, we investigate its relationship with other types of functions.

**KEYWORDS:** I-open set,  $\alpha$ -I-open set,  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function, semi-I-continuous function.

# **1. INTRODUCTION**

The notion of  $\alpha$ -open sets was first introduced and investigated by Njastad [1]. By using  $\alpha$ -open sets, Mashhour et al. [2] defined and studied  $\alpha$ -continuity and  $\alpha$  -openness in topological spaces. Quite recently, Hatir and Noiri [3] have introduced the notion of  $\alpha$ -Icontinuous functions and used it to obtain a decomposition of continuity. In this paper, we obtain several characterizations and study of  $\alpha$ -I-continuous functions. In 2000 Navalagi [4] Introduced the concept of semi- $\alpha$ -open sets in topological spaces. Through this concept we introduce new concept called semi- $\alpha$ -I-open sets in ideal topological spaces. Moreover, we introduce the concept semi- $\alpha$ -I-continuous functions. Throughout this paper Cl (A) and Int (A) denote the closure and the interior of A, respectively. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and I an ideal of subsets of X. An ideal is defined as a nonempty collection I of subsets of X satisfying the following two conditions: (1) If  $A \in I$  and  $B \subset A$ , then  $B \in I$ ; (2) If  $A \in I$ and  $B \in I$ , then A  $\bigcup B \in I$ . An ideal topological space is a topological space (X,  $\tau$ ) with an ideal I on X and is denoted by (X,  $\tau$ , I). For a subset A  $\subset$  X, A\* (I) = {x \in X | U \cap A \notin I for each neighbourhood U of x} is called the local function of A with respect to I and  $\tau$  [5]. We simply write  $A^*$  instead of  $A^*(I)$  in case there is no chance for confusion.  $X^*$  is often a proper subset of X. The hypothesis  $X = X^*$  [6] is equivalent to the hypothesis  $\tau \cap I = \emptyset$ [7]. For every ideal topological space (X,  $\tau$ , I), there exists a topology  $\tau^*(I)$ , finer than  $\tau$ . generated by  $\beta(I,\tau) = \{U \mid I : U \in \tau \text{ and } I \in I\}$ , but in general  $\beta(I,\tau)$  is not always a topology [8]. Additionally, Cl\* (A) = A  $\cap$  A\* defines a Kuratowski closure operator for  $\tau$  \* (I).

# 2. PRELIMINARIES

First we recall some definitions used in the sequel.

# **Definition 2.1:**

A subset A of an topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

I.  $\alpha$ -open set [1] if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$ .

II. semi- $\alpha$ -open set [4] if  $U \subseteq A \subseteq cl(U)$  and U is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

# III. semi-open set [9] if $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$ .

Complement of the above mentioned open sets are called their respective closed sets.

# **Definition 2.2:**

A subset A of an ideal topological space (X,  $\tau$ , I) is said to be: (1)  $\alpha$ -I-open set [3] if A  $\subseteq$  Int (Cl\*(Int (A)))

(2) semi-I-open set [3] if  $A \subseteq Cl^*$  (Int (A))

(3) I-open set [10] if  $A \subseteq Int(A^*)$ 

(4) semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set if  $U \subseteq A \subseteq cl^*(U)$  and U is  $\alpha$ -I-open set.

# The family of all $\alpha$ -I-open (resp. semi-I-open, I-open, semi- $\alpha$ -I-open) is denoted by $\alpha$ IO (X),(resp. SIO(X),IO(X),S $\alpha$ IO(X).

# **Proposition 2.1**

- i) Every  $\alpha$ -I-open sets is  $\alpha$ -open sets.
- (ii) Every semi-I-open set is semi-open set.

# **Proof:**

(i) Let A be an  $\alpha$ -I-open set. Then we have

 $A \subseteq Int (Cl^{*}(Int (A))) = Int((Int(A))^{*} \bigcup Int(A))$ 

 $\subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)) \ \bigcup Int(A)) \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A))).$ 

This show that A is  $\alpha$ -open set .

(ii) Let A be a semi-I-open set. Then we have  $A \subseteq Cl^*$  (Int (A))  $\subseteq$  (Int(A))\*  $\bigcup$  Int (A) $\subseteq$  Cl(Int(A))  $\bigcup$  Int(A) = Cl(Int(A)). This show that A is semi-open set.

# **Proposition 2.2:** Every open set of an ideal topological space is $\alpha$ -I-open set.

# **Proof:**

Let A be any open set. Then we have

 $A=Int(A) \subseteq Int((Int(A))^* \bigcup Int(A))=Int(Cl^*(Int(A))).$ 

This show that A is  $\alpha$ -I-open set .

The following example shows that the converse of the above proposition is not true.

# Example 2.1:

Consider the ideal topological space (X,  $\tau$ , I), where X={1,2,3,4}

with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{2\}\}$ . In this ideal space the set  $A = \{1,2,4\}$ 

is  $\alpha$ -I-open set but not open set because of  $A \notin \tau$ .

**Proposition 2.3:** Every  $\alpha$ -I-open set of an ideal topological space is semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set.

**Proof:** Let A be any  $\alpha$ -I-open set.

Since  $A \subseteq A$  and  $A \subseteq Cl^*(A) \Rightarrow A \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(A)$ 

This show that A is semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set.

The following example shows that the converse of the above proposition is not true.

# Example 2.2:

Consider the ideal topological space (X,  $\tau$ , I), where X={a,b,c,d}

with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$  and I= $\{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . In this ideal space the set A= $\{b, c, d\}$  is semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set but not  $\alpha$ -I-open set

because :

 $A = \{b, c, d\} \implies int \{b, c, d\} = \{b\}, \{b\}^* = \{b, c, d\}$ 

 $cl^{*}{b}={b} \cup {b}^{*}={b} \cup {b,c,d}={b,c,d}$ 

 $cl^{*}{b}={b,c,d} \implies int (cl^{*}{b,c,d})={b}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  A  $\not\subset$  int(cl\*(int(A)))={b}

 $\Rightarrow$  A is not  $\alpha$ -I-open set.

# Remark 2.1:

It is clear that, I-open set and open set are independent concepts.

# Example 2.3:

Let X={a,b,c,d} with a topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}\}$ and I={ $\emptyset, \{a\}$ }. Then {b,c,d}  $\in IO(X, \tau)$  but {b,c,d}  $\notin \tau$ .

# Example 2.4:

Let X be as in Example 2.3,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{d\}, \{a,c\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$ 

and I={ $\emptyset$ , {c}, {d}, {c,d}}. It is clear that {a,c,d}  $\in \tau$ , but {b,c,d}  $\notin IO(X, \tau)$ .

# Remark 2.2:

The intersection of two I-open sets need not be I-open as is illustrated by the following example.

### Example 2.5:

Let X={a,b,c,d},  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}\}$  and I={ $\emptyset$ }.

Then  $\{a,c\}, \{b,c,d\} \in IO(X, \tau)$ , but  $\{a,c\} \cap \{b,c,d\} \notin IO(X, \tau)$ .

**Proposition 2.4:**Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. If  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ 

(resp. P(X)), then  $\alpha IO(X) = \tau_{\alpha}$  (resp.  $\tau = \alpha IO(X)$ )

### **Proof:**

(1) Let I =  $\{\emptyset\}$ . Then A\* = Cl (A) and hence Cl\*(A) = A  $\bigcup$  A\* =Cl(A)

for every subset A of X. Therefore, Int (Cl\*(Int(A)))=Int(Cl(Int(A))) and hence  $\alpha IO(X) = \tau_{\alpha}$ .

(2) Let I = P(X), then A\* = $\emptyset$ , and Cl\*(A) = A for every subset A of X. Therefore, Int (Cl\*(Int(A)))=Int(Int(A))=Int(A) and hence  $\tau = \alpha IO(X)$ .

# 3. I-continuous function, $\alpha$ -I-continuous function and semi- $\alpha$ -I-continuous function

**Definition 3.1[10]:** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be I-continuous if for every  $V \in \sigma$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \in IO(X, \tau)$ .

The following two examples show that the concept of continuity and I-continuity are independent.

### Example 3.1:

Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $I = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$  on X and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is continuous but not I-continuous because  $\{c\} \in \sigma$ , but  $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\} \notin IO(X)$ .

# Example 3.2:

Let  $X = Y = \{a,b,c\}, \tau = \sigma = \{X,\emptyset,\{a\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset,\{b\}\}$  on X. Then  $f : (X,\tau,I) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  which is defined by: f (a) = a = f (b) and f (c) = c is I-continuous but not continuous. **Definition 3.2 [3]:** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\alpha$ -I-continuous if the inverse image of each open set of Y is  $\alpha$ -I-open.

**Definition 3.3:** Let N be a subset of a space  $(X,\tau, I)$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then N is called  $\alpha$ -I-neighborhood of x, if there exists a  $\alpha$ -I-open set U containing x such that  $U \subseteq N$ .

**Definition 3.4**: A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called semi- $\alpha$ -I-continuous if the inverse image of each open set of Y is semi- $\alpha$ -I-open.

**Theorem 3.1:** For a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  the following are equivalent:

(i) f is  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function.

(ii) For each  $x \in$  and each  $V \in \sigma$  containing f(x), there exists

 $W \in \alpha IO(X)$  containing x such that  $f(W) \subset V$ .

(iii) For each  $x \in$  and each  $V \in \sigma$  containing f(x),  $(f^{-1}(V))^*$  is a  $\alpha$ -I-neighborhood of x.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) : Since  $V \in \sigma$  containing f (x), then by (i),  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha IO(X)$ , by putting  $W = f^{-1}(V)$  which containing x. Therefore  $f(W) \subset v$ (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Since  $V \in \sigma$  containing f (x), then by (ii), there exists  $W \in \alpha IO(X)$  containing x such that  $f(W) \subset V$ . So,  $x \in W \subseteq int(W^*) \subseteq$  $int(f^{-1}(V))^* \subseteq (f^{-1}(V))^*$ . Hence  $(f^{-1}(V))^*$  is a neighborhood of x (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Obvious

Remark 3.1:

Every continuous function is  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function, so it is semi- $\alpha$ -I-continuous function. But the converse is not true in general.

### Example 3.3:

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}, I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}, Y = \{x, y, z\}, \sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{x\}\}, Then f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma) which is defined by:$ f (a) = f (b)=x, f (c) = y and f (d) = z

is  $\alpha$ -I-continuous but not continuous, because  $\{x\} \in \sigma$ , but  $f^{-1}(\{x\}) = \{a,b\} \notin \tau$ .

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Also, f is semi- $\alpha$ -I-continuous function but not continuous, because  $\{x\} \in \sigma$ , but  $f^{-1}(\{x\})$ 

={a,b} $\notin \tau$ .

# Remark 3.2:

Every  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function is semi- $\alpha$ -I-continuous function. But the converse is not true in general.

#### Example 3.4:

Let X = {1,2,3},  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}, I = \{\emptyset, \{3\}\}$ 

Then  $f : X \rightarrow X$  which is defined by:

f(1) = 1, f(2) = f(3) = 2 is semi- $\alpha$ -I-continuous but not  $\alpha$ -I-continuous. because  $\{2\} \in \tau$ , but  $f^{-1}(\{2\}) = \{2,3\} \notin \alpha IO(X)$ .

#### Through the above remarks we get to the diagram following



#### Remark3.3:

Let  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \longrightarrow Z$  be two functions, then:

If f and g are  $\alpha$ -I-continuous, then  $g \circ f : X \longrightarrow Z$  need not to be

 $\alpha$ -I-continuous as the following example shows:

# Example 3.5 :

Let X = {1, 2, 3, 4},  $\tau_X = \{\emptyset, X, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}, I = \{\emptyset, \{2\}\}$ Let Y = {a, b, c},  $\tau_Y = \{\emptyset, Y, \{c\}\},$ Define  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  by f(1) = f(2) = a, f(3) = f(4) = bDefine  $g : Y \longrightarrow X$  by g(a) = g(c) = 3, g(b) = 1 It is easily seen that f and g are  $\alpha$ -I-continuous, but  $g \circ f : X \longrightarrow X$ , where  $g \circ f(1) = g \circ f(2) = 3$ ,  $g \circ f(3) = g \circ f(4) = 1$ , hence  $g \circ f$  is not  $\alpha$ -I-continuous since {3} is open set in X, but  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$ {3} = {1, 2} is not  $\alpha$ -I-open set in X.

**Proposition 3.1:** Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  be  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function and  $g : (Y, \sigma, J) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  be continuous. Then  $g \circ f$  is  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function.

### **Proof:**

Let  $W \in \mu$ . Then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(W) = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$ . Since  $g^{-1}(W)$  is open as g is continuous. Now since f is  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function. So  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open set. Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\alpha$ -I-continuous function.

#### 4. α\*-I-continuous function and semi-α\*-I-continuous function

**Definition 4.1:** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\alpha^*$ -continuous if the inverse image of each  $\alpha$ -open set of Y is  $\alpha$ -open.

# Remark4.1:

Every  $\alpha^*$ -continuous function is  $\alpha$ -continuous function but the converse is not true in general as the following examples show.

### Example 4.1:

Let X = {a, b, c, d},  $\tau_X = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$   $\tau_{\alpha(X)} = \tau_{(X)} \cup \{\{a, b, d\}\}$ Define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  by f(a) = a, f(b) = f(c) = c, f(d) = d.

It is easily seen that f is  $\alpha$ -continuous but it is not  $\alpha^*$ -continuous since  $\{a, b, d\} \in \tau_{\alpha(X)}$  but  $f^{-1}(\{a, b, d\}) = \{a, d\} \notin \tau_{\alpha(X)}$ 

Hence f is  $\alpha$ -continuous but it is not  $\alpha^*$ -continuous.

**Definition 4.2:** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\alpha^*$ - I-continuous if the inverse image of each  $\alpha$ -I-open set of Y is  $\alpha$ -I-open.

**Definition 4.3:** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called semi- $\alpha^*$ - I-continuous if the inverse image of each semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set of Y is semi- $\alpha$ -I-open.

#### Remark 4.2:

The concepts of  $\alpha^*$ -I-continuity and semi- $\alpha^*$ -I-continuity are independent as the following examples show:

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#### Example 4.2:

Let X = {a, b, c, d},  $\tau_{X}$ = {X,  $\emptyset$ , {a}, {b}, {a, b}, {a, b, c}},I={ $\emptyset$ ,{c}},

Let  $Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_Y = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\},\$ 

Define  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  by f(a) = f(d) = b, f(c) = c, f(b) = a

It is easily seen that is semi- $\alpha^*$ -I-continuous but it is not

 $\alpha^*$ -I-continuous, since {b} is semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set in Y, but  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, d\}$  is not semi- $\alpha$ -I-

open set in X.

#### Example 4.3:

Let X = {a, b, c, d},  $\tau_{X}$ = {X,  $\emptyset$ , {a}, {b}, {a, b}, {a, b, c}}, I={ $\emptyset$ , {c}},

Define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  by f(a) = f(b) = b, f(c) = d and f(d) = c

It is easily seen that f is  $\alpha^*$ -I-continuous function but it is not

Semi- $\alpha$ \*-I-continuous function, {a, c} is semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set but  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{d\}$  is not semi- $\alpha$ -I-open set in X.

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