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## DECOMPOSITION OF CONTINUITY IN TERMS OF BOTH GENERALIZED TOPOLOGY AND TOPOLOGY

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Abstract: Here decomposition of continuity like notion is explored in terms of generalized topology as well as topology on a set. This concept is used as a new tool to study different characterizations of a given generalized topological space, giving a new dimension in the study of topological spaces. Firstly, more properties of  $\mu^*$ -open(closed),  $\mu'$ -open(closed) sets,  $\mu'$ -continuous and  $\mu^*$ -continuous functions are studied. Also, a new family of sets  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open(closed) and  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open(closed) sets are introduced. In terms of these sets, the notion of  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -continuous and  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -continuous are defined. Interrelations, characterizations of these sets and functions are explored.

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#### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The notion of generalized topology (in short, GT) was initiated in 2002 by Å. Császár [1]. In 2005, Å. Császár introduced semiopen, preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open sets in generalized topological space(GTS) in terms of closure and interior taken with respect to GT [2]. Again in 2015, B. Roy and R. Sen used both topology and GT on a nonempty set U to define a new class of sets in terms of their closure and interior taken with respect to topology and GT in different combinations and were termed as  $\mu^*$  and  $\mu'$ -open and closed sets. Also, a notion of  $\mu'$ -continuous function was defined and their basic properties were studied by them [5]. Again in 2020, R.K.Tiwari, J. K. Maitra and R. Vishwakarma explored more aspects of  $\mu^*$ ,  $\mu'$ -open sets and  $\mu'$ -continuous functions. Also, the idea of  $\mu^*$ -continuous function was initiated and studied [6].

In this paper we study more properties of  $\mu^*$ -open(closed) sets,  $\mu'$ -open(closed) sets,  $\mu'$ -continuous and  $\mu^*$ -continuous functions. Also, a new class of sets  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open(closed) and  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open(closed) sets are introduced. In terms of these sets, the notion of  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -continuous and  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -continuous are defined. Interrelations, characterizations of these sets, and functions are explored.

In a nonempty set U let  $\mu$  be a subset of the power set of U with  $\phi \in \mu$  and arbitrary union of elements of  $\mu$  also is in  $\mu$ , then  $\mu$  is called a generalized topology (GT in short) on U and  $(U,\mu)$ , the generalized topological space (GTS in short) [1]. The generalized closure and interior of a set B on U, denoted as  $c_{\mu}(B)$  and  $i_{\mu}(B)$  respectively are  $c_{\mu}(B) = \cap \{P \subseteq U : B \subseteq P, U - P \in \mu\}$  and  $i_{\mu}(B) = \cup \{Q \subseteq U : Q \subseteq B, Q \in \mu\}$  [1], [2]. It can be seen easily that  $c_{\mu}$  and  $i_{\mu}$  are monotonic and idempotent where  $g : \exp U \to \exp U$  is called monotonic if  $P \subseteq Q \subseteq U$  then  $g(P) \subseteq g(Q)$  and idempotent if  $P \subseteq U$  then g(g(P)) = g(P). In a GTS  $(U,\mu)$ , for  $P \subseteq U$  we have,  $c_{\mu}(U-P) = U - i_{\mu}(P)$  and  $i_{\mu}(U-P) = U - c_{\mu}(P)$ [1].

Throughout this paper by a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  we mean a GT  $\mu$  with also a topology  $\sigma$ on U. Also, for a subset  $P \subseteq U$ , i(P) and cl(P) denotes usual interior and closure of P with respect to  $\sigma$ . In a topological space, a set P is semiopen [3] (resp. semiclosed [3],  $\beta$ -open [4],  $\beta$ -closed [4],  $\alpha$ -open [4],  $\alpha$ -closed [4]) if  $P \subseteq cl(i(P))$ (resp.  $i(cl(P)) \subseteq P, P \subseteq cl(i(cl(P))), i(cl(i(P))) \subseteq P, P \subseteq i(cl(i(P))), cl(i(cl(P))) \subseteq$ P). In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are GT and topology respectively on U, a set P is termed as  $\mu^*$ -open( $\mu'$ -open) if  $P \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(P))$ (resp.  $P \subseteq i(c_{\mu}(P))$ ) and  $\mu^*$ -closed( $\mu'$ -closed) if  $i(c_{\mu}(P)) \subseteq P$ (resp.  $cl(i_{\mu}(P)) \subseteq P$ ). In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma), \mu'$ open and  $\mu'$ -closed sets are complements of each other. Also,  $\mu^*$ -open and  $\mu^*$ -closed sets are complements of each other [5]. In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , every  $\mu$ -open(closed) is  $\mu^*$ -open(closed) set [6].

### 2. More on $\mu^*$ -open(closed) and $\mu'$ -open (closed) sets

We shall begin this section with an example to show that  $\mu^*$ -open(closed) and  $\mu'$ -open(closed) sets do not imply each other.

**Example 2.1.** Let us consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , with  $U = \{q, m, n, t, e\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{m, n, t\}, U\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{q\}, \{e\}, \{q, e\}\}$ . Suppose  $P = \{q\}$ . Then,  $i_{\mu}(P)) = P$ ,  $cl(i_{\mu}(P)) = \{q, e\}$ . Thus,  $P \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(P))$ . So, P is  $\mu^*$ -open. Also,  $c_{\mu}(P) = P$ .

 $\{q, m, n, t\}$  and  $i(c_{\mu}(P)) = \{m, n, t\}$ . So, P is not  $\mu'$ -open. Let  $Q = \{m, n, t\}$ . Then  $i(c_{\mu}(Q)) = Q$ , showing Q is  $\mu'$ -open but it fails to be  $\mu^*$ -open as  $cl(i_{\mu}(Q)) = \phi$ . Further, taking  $A = \{q, e\}$  we see that A is  $\mu'$ -closed as  $cl(i_{\mu}(A)) = \{q, e\}$  but A fails to be  $\mu^*$ -closed as  $i(c_{\mu}(A)) = U$ . Also, taking  $B = \{q, m, n, t\}, cl(i_{\mu}(B)) = \{q, e\}$  and  $i(c_{\mu}(B)) = \{m, n, t\}$ . So, B is  $\mu^*$ -closed but fails to be  $\mu'$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.1.** In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , if  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$ , then for  $S \subseteq U$  we have  $i(S) \subseteq i_{\mu}(S)$ and  $c_{\mu}(S) \subseteq cl(S)$ . **Proof.** Straightforward.

**Theorem 2.2.** In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , if  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$ , then every semiopen(closed) set is  $\mu^*$ -open(closed).

**Proof.** For any semiopen set  $P, P \subseteq cl(i(P))$ . By Theorem (2.1),  $cl(i(P)) \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(P))$  and  $P \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(P))$ , proving P is  $\mu^*$ -open. Similarly, here every semiclosed set is  $\mu^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.3.** Any  $\mu'$ -open set S in a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  is  $\mu^*$ -open if  $i(c_{\mu}(S)) = i_{\mu}(S)$ .

**Proof.** Straightforward.

However the converse doesn't hold .i.e. if  $\mu'$ -open set is  $\mu^*$ -open then  $i(c_{\mu}(S)) = i_{\mu}(S)$  may not hold is shown by an example given below.

**Example 2.2.** Let us consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  where  $U = \{q, r, s, t\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, U, \{r, t\}, \{q, s\}\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{s\}, \{r, t\}, \{r, s, t\}\}$ . Let  $S = \{q, s\}$ . Then, S is both  $\mu'$ -open and  $\mu^*$ -open but  $i(c_{\mu}(S)) \neq i_{\mu}(S)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** A  $\mu$ -open set in a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  is  $\mu'$ -closed iff it is closed. **Proof.** For any  $\mu$ -open and  $\mu'$ -closed set S,  $cl(i_{\mu}(S)) \subseteq S$ . Also,  $S = i_{\mu}(S)$ . Hence,  $cl(S) \subseteq S$ , proving S is closed.

Conversely, let S be closed.  $i_{\mu}(S) \subseteq S$ . So,  $cl(i_{\mu}(S)) \subseteq cl(S) = S$ . Thus, S is  $\mu'$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.5.** A  $\mu$ -closed set in a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  is  $\mu'$ -open iff it is open. **Proof.** Similarly as above.

**Theorem 2.6.** A  $\mu^*$ -open set S in a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  is  $\mu'$ -closed iff  $S = cl(i_{\mu}(S))$ . **Proof.** Straightforward.

**Theorem 2.7.** A  $\mu'$ -open set S in a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  is  $\mu^*$ -closed iff  $S = i(c_{\mu}(S))$ . **Proof.** Straightforward.

**Remark 2.1.** The intersection of any two  $\mu'$ -open sets in a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  need

not be  $\mu'$ -open is shown by an example below:

**Example 2.3.** Let us consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  with  $U = \{q, n, s, t, u\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, U, \{q, n, s\}, \{s, t, u\}, \{s\}\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{q, s, t, u\}, \{t, u\}\}$ . Let  $S = \{q, n\}$  and  $N = \{n, s\}$ . Then,  $i(c_{\mu}(S)) = \{q, n, s\}, i(c_{\mu}(N)) = \{q, n, s\}$ . Hence, S and N are  $\mu'$ -open. On the other hand,  $S \cap N = \{n\}, i(c_{\mu}(\{n\})) = \phi$ . So,  $\{n\} \notin i(c_{\mu}(\{n\}))$ , showing  $\{n\}$  is not  $\mu'$ -open.

**Theorem 2.8.** The intersection of any two  $\mu'$ -closed sets in a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  is  $\mu'$ -closed.

**Proof.** For  $\mu'$ -closed sets S and R,  $cl(i_{\mu}(S \cap R)) \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(S)) \cap cl(i_{\mu}(R)) \subseteq S \cap R$ , showing  $S \cap R$  is  $\mu'$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $\sigma$  be discrete topology or indiscrete topology on the underlying set U and  $\mu$  be generalized topology. Let  $S \neq \phi$  and  $M \neq \phi$  be  $\mu$ -open sets then  $S \cap$ M is  $\mu'$ -closed set.

**Proof.** Case i. Let  $\sigma$  be discrete topology. So,  $i_{\mu}(S \cap M) = S \cap M$  and  $cl(i_{\mu}(S \cap M)) = cl(S \cap M) \subseteq cl(S) \cap cl(M) = S \cap M$ . So,  $cl(i_{\mu}(S \cap M)) = cl(i_{\mu}(S) \cap i_{\mu}(M)) = cl(S \cap M) \subseteq cl(S) \cap cl(M) = S \cap M$ . Hence,  $S \cap M$  is  $\mu'$ -closed.

**Case ii.** Let  $\sigma$  be indiscrete topology on U. So,  $cl(i_{\mu}(S \cap M)) = U$ , showing  $S \cap M$  is  $\mu'$ -closed.

**Remark 2.2.** The intersection of any  $\mu^*$ -open and  $\mu'$ -open set is not either of them is shown by an example below:

**Example 2.4.** Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  where  $U = \{a, m, n, i\}, \sigma = \{\phi, U, \{i\}\}$ and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{a, m, n\}, \{m, n, i\}, U\}$ . Every  $\mu$ -open being  $\mu^*$ -open, we have  $\{a, m, n\}$ is  $\mu^*$ -open. Now  $i(c_{\mu}(\{m, n, i\})) = U, \{m, n, i\}$  is  $\mu'$ -open. Their intersection  $\{m, n\}$  is none of  $\mu^*$ -open and  $\mu'$ -open.

#### 3. Further on $\mu^*$ -continuous and $\mu'$ -continuous Functions

**Definition 3.1.** A mapping g between a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  and a topological space  $(V, \rho)$  is called  $\mu$ -continuous [5] (resp.  $\mu^*$ -continuous [6],  $\mu'$ -continuous [5]) if  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu$ -open (resp.  $\mu^*$ -open,  $\mu'$ -open)  $\forall B \in \rho$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Every continuous function between a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  and a topological space  $(V, \rho)$  is  $\mu^*$ -continuous if  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$  but not conversely [6].

Now, let us establish the condition under which the converse of this theorem also holds. For this lets consider an example:

**Example 3.1.** Let us consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  and topological space  $(V, \rho)$ ,

where  $U = \{m, q, r, n\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{U, \phi, \{m, q\}\}$ ,  $\mu = \{U, \phi, \{m, q\}, \{r, n\}\}$  on U. Let  $V = \{a, i, c, d\}$  and  $\rho = \{V, \phi, \{a, i\}\}$ . Here,  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$ . Let  $g : U \to V$  given as g(m) = a, g(q) = i, g(r) = c, g(n) = d.  $g^{-1}\{a, i\} = \{m, q\}$ . Now,  $cl(i_{\mu}(\{m, q\})) = U$ . Hence, g is  $\mu^*$ -continuous. Also  $g^{-1}\{a, i\} = \{m, q\}$  which is open.

Thus, g is also continuous. Here, converse part of the above theorem is also true.

This example motivates us to find in general the condition under which the converse is also true.

**Remark 3.1.** The converse of Theorem (3.1) holds if  $cl(g^{-1}(A)) = i(g^{-1}(A))$  for any  $A \subseteq V$ .

**Proof.** Let  $g: U \to V$  be  $\mu^*$ -continuous. For  $Q \in \rho$ ,  $g^{-1}(Q)$  is  $\mu^*$  open. So,  $g^{-1}(Q) \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(Q))) \subseteq cl((g^{-1}(Q))) = i(g^{-1}(Q))$ . Thus,  $g^{-1}(Q) \in \sigma$ , showing g is continuous.

**Theorem 3.2.** For a function g between two spaces  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  and  $(V, \rho)$  the following are equivalent:

(1) g is  $\mu^*$ -continuous.

(2) For any closed set S in V,  $g^{-1}(S)$  is  $\mu^*$ -closed.

(3)  $i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(F))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(F))$  for any subset F of V.

(4)  $g(i(c_{\mu}(N))) \subseteq cl(g(N))$  for any subset N of U.

**Proof.**  $(1) \iff (2)$  Refer [6].

(2)  $\implies$  (3) For  $F \subseteq V$ ,  $g^{-1}(cl(F))$  is  $\mu^*$ -closed set in U. So,  $i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(F))) \subseteq i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(cl(F)))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(F))$ . Hence,  $i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(F))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(F))$ .

(3)  $\Longrightarrow$  (4) Let  $N \subseteq U$  then  $g(N) \subseteq V$  and  $i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(g(N)))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(g(N)))$ . Then,  $i(c_{\mu}(N)) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(g(N)))$ . So,  $g(i(c_{\mu}(N))) \subseteq cl(g(N))$ .

(4)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2) For any closed set S in V,  $g^{-1}(S) \subseteq U$  and  $g(i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(S)))) \subseteq cl(g(g^{-1}(S))) \subseteq cl(S) = S$ . Hence,  $i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(S))) \subseteq g^{-1}(S)$ , showing  $g^{-1}(S)$  is  $\mu^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.3.** For an injective function  $g: (U, \mu, \sigma) \longrightarrow (V, \rho)$  the following conditions are equivalent.

(1) g is  $\mu'$ -continuous.

(2) For any  $p \in U$  and  $B \in \rho$  with  $g(p) \in B$ ,  $\exists \mu'$ -open set A that contains p satisfying  $g(A) \subseteq B$ .

(3)  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu'$ -closed in U for any closed set B in V.

(4)  $cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(S))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(S))$  for any subset S of V.

(5)  $g(cl(i_{\mu}(E))) \subseteq cl(g(E))$  for any subset E of U.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2) Let  $p \in U$  and  $B \in \rho$  with  $g(p) \in B$ . g being  $\mu'$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu'$ -open which contains p. Taking  $g^{-1}(B) = A$ ,  $g(A) \subseteq B$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3) For a closed set B be on V,  $G = V - B \in \rho$ . Let  $p \in g^{-1}(G)$ , then  $\exists$ 

a  $\mu'$ -open set A of U with  $p \in A$  and  $g(A) \subseteq G$ . Now,  $p \in A \subseteq i(c_{\mu}(A))$  and f being injective,  $A = g^{-1}(G) \subseteq i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(G)))$ . So  $g^{-1}(G)$  is  $\mu'$ -open set and thus  $g^{-1}(B) = U - g^{-1}(V - B) = U - g^{-1}(G)$  is  $\mu'$ -closed in U.

(3)  $\Longrightarrow$  (4) Let  $S \subseteq V$ . Then cl(S) is a closed set in V and  $g^{-1}(cl(S))$  is  $\mu'$ closed set in U. So,  $cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(cl(S)))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(S))$ . Hence,  $cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(S))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(S))$ .

(4)  $\Longrightarrow$  (5) For  $E \subseteq U$ ,  $g(E) \subseteq V$  and  $cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(g(E)))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(g(E)))$ . So,  $cl(i_{\mu}(E)) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(g(E)))$ . Hence,  $g(cl(i_{\mu}(E))) \subseteq cl(g(E))$ .

(5)  $\implies$  (3) For a closed set B in V,  $g^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$  and  $g(cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(B)))) \subseteq cl(g(g^{-1}(B))) \subseteq cl(B) = B$ . So,  $cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(B))) \subseteq g^{-1}(B)$ , proving  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu'$ -closed.

(3)  $\implies$  (1) Let  $B \in \rho$  then V - B = F and so  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\mu'$ -closed in V. As  $g^{-1}(B) = U - g^{-1}(V - B) = U - g^{-1}(F)$ ,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu'$ -open in U.

### 4. $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open (closed) and $\mu_{\beta}^{'}$ -open (closed) sets

**Definition 4.1.** In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ ,  $S \subseteq U$  is called  $(i)\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open if  $S \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(S)))$  and  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -closed if  $c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(S))) \subseteq S$ .  $(ii)\mu_{\beta}^*$ -open if  $S \subseteq c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(S)))$  and  $\mu_{\beta}^*$ -closed if  $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(S))) \subseteq S$ .

**Theorem 4.1.**  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open and  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -closed sets are complements of each other. Also,  $\mu_{\beta}'$ -open and  $\mu_{\beta}'$ -closed sets are complements of each other. **Proof.** Straightforward.

**Remark 4.1.** We have the following relation among the sets:  $\mu$ -open(closed)  $\implies \mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open (closed)  $\implies \mu^*$ -open(closed) and  $open(closed) \implies \mu'$ -open(closed)  $\implies \mu'_{\beta}$ -open(closed) However the converses do not hold is shown below.

**Example 4.1.** Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  with  $U = \{e, w, r, x\}$ ,  $\mu = \{\phi, \{x\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{U, \phi, \{w, r\}\}$ . Taking  $A = \{e, x\}$ ,  $cl(i_{\mu}(A)) = A$ , proving A is  $\mu^*$ -open. Also,  $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A))) = \{x\}$ . So,  $A \nsubseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A)))$ . Hence,  $\mu^*$ -open $\Rightarrow \mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open. Also, A is not  $\mu$ -open. Thus,  $\mu^*$ -open  $\Rightarrow \mu$ -open.

Similarly,  $\{w, r\}$  is  $\mu^*$ -closed but fails to be  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -closed. Hence,  $\mu^*$ -closed  $\Rightarrow \mu^*_{\alpha}$ -closed. Also,  $\{w, r\}$  is not  $\mu$ -closed. Thus,  $\mu^*$ -closed  $\Rightarrow \mu$ -closed.

**Example 4.2.** Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  with  $U = \{e, w, r, x\}, \mu = \{\phi, \{e\}, \{e, r, x\}\}$ and  $\sigma = \{U, \phi, \{w\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{e, x\}$ . Then,  $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A))) = \{e, r, x\}$  and  $A \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A)))$ . So, A is  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open but is not  $\mu$ -open. Hence,  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open $\Rightarrow \mu$ -open. Further, taking  $B = \{w, r\}, c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(B))) = \{w\} \subseteq B$ . So, B is  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -closed but it fails to be  $\mu$ -closed. Thus,  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -closed  $\Rightarrow \mu$ -closed. **Example 4.3.** Let  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  be a space with  $U = \{e, w, r, x, y\}$ ,  $\mu = \{\phi, \{e, w\}, \{r, x\}, \{e, w, r, x\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{e, w\}, U\}$ . Taking  $A = \{e, x\}, i(c_{\mu}(A)) = U$ . So, A is  $\mu'$ -open but not open. Hence,  $\mu'$ -open $\Rightarrow$  open. Taking  $B = \{w, r\}, cl(i_{\mu}(B)) = \phi$ . Hence B is  $\mu'$ -closed but is not closed. So,  $\mu'$ -closed $\Rightarrow$  closed.

**Example 4.4.** Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  where  $U = \{e, w, r, x\}$ ,  $\mu = \{\phi, \{r, x\}\}$ and  $\sigma = \{\phi, U, \{e\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{e, w\}$ , then  $c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(A))) = A$  but  $i(c_{\mu}(A)) = \{e\}$ . Therefore, A is  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open but fails to be  $\mu'$ -open. Hence,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open $\Rightarrow \mu'$ -open. Also, A is not open,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open $\Rightarrow$ open. Now, taking  $B = \{r, x\}$ ,  $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(B))) = B$  and  $cl(i_{\mu}(B)) = \{w, r, x\} \nsubseteq B$ . Hence, B is  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -closed but not  $\mu'$ -closed. So,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ closed $\Rightarrow \mu'$ -closed. Also, B is not closed,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -closed  $\Rightarrow$  closed.

**Theorem 4.2.** In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , for any  $A \in U$ ,  $i_{\mu}(A)$  is  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open iff there exists  $\mu$ -open set B with  $B \subseteq i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq cl(B)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $i_{\mu}(A)$  be  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open. Now,  $i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A)))) \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A))) = cl(i_{\mu}(A))$ . Hence,  $i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(A))$ . Taking  $B = i_{\mu}(A)$ ,  $B \subseteq i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq cl(B)$ . Conversely, let  $\exists \mu$ -open set B with  $B \subseteq i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq cl(B)$ . Now  $B \subseteq i_{\mu}(A)$ ,  $i_{\mu}(B) = B \subseteq i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A))$ . This gives,  $cl(B) \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A)))$ . As,  $i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq cl(B)$ ,  $i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq cl(i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A)))$ . Now,  $i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A)) \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A))))$  then,  $i_{\mu}(A) \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(i_{\mu}(A))))$ . So,  $i_{\mu}(A)$  is  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open.

**Remark 4.2.** In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , we have

(1)  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow \mu'$ - open.

(2)  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow \mu^*$ -open. Also,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow \mu$ -open.

(3)  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow \mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open

**Proof.** (1) Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  where  $U = \{e, w, r, x\}$ ,  $\mu = \{\phi, \{x\}, \{w, r\}, \{w, r\}\}$  $\{w, r, x\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, U, \{e, w\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{e, w\}$ . Then  $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A))) = \phi$ ,  $A \not\subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A)))$ . Therefore, A is not  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open but is  $\mu'$ -open since it is open. If  $B = \{x\}$ , then  $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(B))) = B$ . Hence,  $B \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(B)))$ . Therefore, B is  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open. Now,  $i(c_{\mu}(B)) = \phi$ . So,  $B \nsubseteq i(c_{\mu}(B))$ , which shows B is not  $\mu'$ -open. So,  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open.

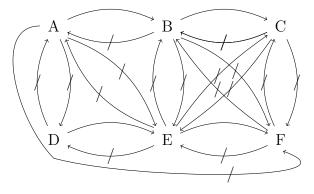
(2) Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  with  $U = \{e, w, r, x\}$ ,  $\mu = \{\phi, \{e, x\}, \{w\}, \{e, w, x\}\}$ and  $\sigma = \{\phi, U, \{r\}\}$ . Let  $S = \{e, x\}$ . Then  $c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(S))) = \{r\}$ . Hence, S is not  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open but is  $\mu^*$ -open as it is  $\mu$ -open.

Now, if  $B = \{r\}$ , then  $cl(i_{\mu}(B)) = \phi$ . So,  $B \nsubseteq cl(i_{\mu}(B))$  i.e. B is not  $\mu^*$ -open whereas, B is  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open as it is open. Thus,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow \mu^*$ -open. Also, B is  $\mu'_{\beta}$ open and not  $\mu$ -open and S is  $\mu$ -open and fail to be  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open. Thus,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow \mu$ -open.

(3) Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  where  $U = \{e, w, r, x\}, \mu = \{\phi, \{r, x\}, \{e, r\}, \{e, r, x\}, \{e, r$ 

 $\{x\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, U, \{e, w\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{e, w\}$ , then  $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A))) = \phi$ . So, A fails to be  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open but is  $\mu_{\beta}^{'}$ -open since it is open. Consider  $B = \{x\}$ . Then,  $c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(B)) = \phi \text{ and } B \not\subseteq c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(B))))$ . Hence, B fails to be  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open but is  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open since it is  $\mu$ -open. Thus,  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open  $\Leftrightarrow \mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open.

All above relations can be represented by the following arrow diagram



Here,  $A = \mu$ -open,  $B = \mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open,  $C = \mu^*$ -open, D=open,  $E = \mu'$ -open,  $F = \mu'_{\beta}$ open.

The same arrow diagram follows for corresponding closed sets.

#### **Remark 4.3.** In a space $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , we have

(1) The intersection of two  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open sets may not be  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open. (2) The intersection of two  $\mu_{\beta}^*$ -open sets may not be  $\mu_{\beta}^*$ -open.

(3) The intersection of  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open and  $\mu_{\beta}^{'}$ -open may not be either of them.

**Proof.** (1) Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  with  $U = \{w, q, m, e\}, \sigma = \{\phi, U\}$  and  $\mu =$  $\{\phi, \{w, q\}, \{q, m\}, \{w, q, m\}\}$ . As every  $\mu$ -open sets is  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open,  $\{w, q\}$  and  $\{q, m\}$ are  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open but their intersection which is  $\{q\}$  is not  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open.

(2) Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  with  $U = \{w, q, m, e, t\}, \sigma = \{\phi, U, \{e\}\}$  and  $\mu =$  $\{\phi, \{w, q, m\}, \{w\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{w, q, m\}$  and  $B = \{w, m, e\}$ . Now,  $c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(A))) = U$ and  $c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(B))) = U$ , hence A and B are both  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open sets but their intersection is  $\{m, w\}$  which is not  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open.

(3) Consider a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  where  $U = \{w, q, m, e\}, \sigma = \{\phi, U, \{w, q, m\}\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{q, m, e\}, \{w\}, U\}$ . Since any open set is  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open,  $\mu$ -open is  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open,  $\{w,q,m\}$  and  $\{q,m,e\}$  are  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open and  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open respectively. Now intersection of these sets is  $\{q, m\}$  which is neither  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open nor  $\mu^*_{\alpha}$ -open.

**Theorem 4.3.** In a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$ , if  $\sigma \subseteq \mu$  then the following are true.

- (1) Every  $\alpha$ -open(closed) is  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open(closed).
- (2) Every  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open(closed) is  $\beta$ -open(closed).

**Proof.** (1) For a  $\alpha$ -open set  $P, P \subseteq i(cl(i(P)))$ . By Theorem (2.1),  $cl(i(P)) \subseteq$ 

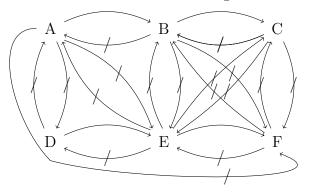
 $cl(i_{\mu}(P))$  and  $i(cl(i(P))) \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(P)))$ . Therefore,  $P \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(P)))$ , proving P is  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open. Similarly, here every  $\alpha$ -closed set is  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -closed.

(2) Let P be a  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -open set. Then  $P \subseteq c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(P)))$ . By Theorem (2.1),  $c_{\mu}(P) \subseteq cl(P)$  and  $c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(P))) \subseteq cl(i(cl(P)))$ . So, P is  $\beta$ -open set. Similarly, here every  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -closed set is  $\beta$ -closed set.

# 5. $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -continuous and $\mu_{\beta}^{'}$ -continuous

**Definition 5.1.** A function g between a space  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  and a topological space  $(V, \rho)$  is termed as  $(i)\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -continuous if  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -open  $\forall B \in \rho$ .  $(ii)\mu_{\beta}^{'}$ -continuous if  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu_{\beta}^{'}$ -open  $\forall B \in \rho$ .

Based on the relationships among different sets, interrelation among different continuities can be established and is given below by the arrow diagram.



Here,  $A = \mu$ -continuous,  $B = \mu_{\alpha}^{*}$ -continuous,  $C = \mu^{*}$ -continuous, D=continuous,  $E = \mu'$ -continuous,  $F = \mu'_{\beta}$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.1.** For an injective function g between spaces  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  and  $(V, \eta, \rho)$ , we have the equivalent statements:

(1)g is  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -continuous.

(2) For any  $p \in U$  and  $B \in \rho$  with  $g(p) \in B$ ,  $\exists \mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open set A with  $p \in A$  and  $g(A) \subseteq B$ .

(3) For any closed set Q,  $g^{-1}(Q)$  is  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -closed.

 $(4)c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(B)))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(B))$  for any subset B of V.

(5)  $g(c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(A)))) \subseteq cl(g(A))$  for any subset A of U.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2) For  $p \in U$ ,  $B \in \rho$  with  $g(p) \in B$ ,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open which contains p. Taking  $g^{-1}(B) = A$ ,  $g(A) \subseteq B$ .

(2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (3) For a closed set Q on V,  $B = V - Q \in \rho$ . Let  $p \in g^{-1}(B)$ , then  $\exists$  a  $\mu_{\alpha}^*$ -open set A of U with  $p \in A$  and  $g(A) \subseteq B$ . Now,  $p \in A \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(A)))$  and g being injective,  $g^{-1}(B) = A$ . So,  $g^{-1}(B) \subseteq i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}(g^{-1}(B))))$ . So,  $g^{-1}(B)$  is

$$\begin{split} \mu_{\alpha}^{*}\text{-open set and thus } g^{-1}(Q) &= U - g^{-1}(V - Q) = U - g^{-1}(B) \text{ is } \mu_{\alpha}^{*}\text{-closed in } U. \\ (3) \implies (4) \text{ Let } B \subseteq V. \text{ Then } cl(B) \text{ is a closed set in } V \text{ and } g^{-1}(cl(B)) \text{ is } \mu_{\alpha}^{*}\text{-} \text{closed set in } U. \text{ So, } g^{-1}(cl(B)) \supseteq c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(cl(B) \supseteq c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(B)) \cap G^{-1}(cl(B))))))))) \\ (4) \implies (5) \text{ Let } A \subseteq U \text{ then } g(A) \subseteq V \text{ and } c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(g(A)))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(g(A)))). \text{ So, } \\ c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(A))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(g(A)))) \text{ and thus } g(c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(A))))) \subseteq cl(g(A)). \\ (5) \implies (3) \text{ For a closed set } B \text{ in } V, \ g^{-1}(B) \subseteq U \text{ and } g(c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(B))))) \\ cl(g(g^{-1}(B))) \subseteq cl(B) = B. \text{ So, } c_{\mu}(i(c_{\mu}(g^{-1}(B)))) \subseteq g^{-1}(B) \text{ proving } g^{-1}(B) \text{ is } \mu_{\alpha}^{*}\text{-closed.} \\ (3) \implies (1) \text{ Let } B \in \rho \text{ then } V - B = F \text{ and } g^{-1}(F) \text{ is } \mu_{\alpha}^{*}\text{-closed in } V. \text{ As } \\ g^{-1}(B) = U - g^{-1}(V - B) = U - g^{-1}(F), \ g^{-1}(B) \text{ is } \mu_{\alpha}^{*}\text{-open in } U. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.2.** For an injective function g between spaces  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  and  $(V, \eta, \rho)$ , we have the equivalent statements:

(1)g is  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -continuous.

(2) For any  $p \in U$  and  $B \in \rho$  with  $g(p) \in B$ ,  $\exists \mu'_{\beta}$ -open set A containing p and  $g(A) \subseteq B$ .

(3) For any closed set  $Q, g^{-1}(Q)$  is  $\mu'_{\beta}$ -closed. (4) $i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu}g^{-1}(B))) \subseteq g^{-1}(cl(B))$  for any subset B of V. (5) $g(i_{\mu}(cl(i_{\mu})(A)) \subseteq cl(g(A))$  for any subset A of U. **Proof.** Left to the readers.

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $(U, \mu, \sigma)$  be a space and  $(V, \rho)$ ,  $(Z, \zeta)$  be topological spaces. Then  $g \circ h$  is  $\mu'$ -continuous if  $h : U \to V$  and  $g : V \to Z$  are  $\mu'$ -continuous and continuous respectively.

**Proof.** Let  $B \in \zeta$ . Then g being continuous,  $g^{-1}(B) \in \rho$ . Again by  $\mu'$ -continuity,  $h^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is  $\mu'$ -open in X. Hence,  $h^{-1}(g^{-1}(B)) = (g \circ h)^{-1}(B)$ . So,  $g \circ h$  is  $\mu'$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $(X, \mu, \sigma)$  be a space and  $(V, \rho)$ ,  $(Z, \zeta)$  be two topological spaces. Then  $g \circ h$  is  $\mu^*$ -continuous if  $h : X \to V$  and  $g : V \to Z$  are  $\mu$ -continuous and continuous respectively.

**Proof.** For  $B \in \zeta$ , g being continuous on V,  $g^{-1}(B) \in \rho$  and  $h^{-1}(g^{-1}(B))$  is  $\mu$ -open in X as h is  $\mu$ -continuous. Now  $\mu$ -open implies  $\mu^*$ -open,  $h^{-1}(g^{-1}(B)) = (g \circ h)^{-1}(B)$  is  $\mu^*$ -open. Thus,  $g \circ h$  is  $\mu^*$ -continuous.

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