

## Totally $\beta^*$ - Continuous Functions in Topological Spaces

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### Abstract

The aim of this paper is to define a new class of functions namely totally  $\beta^*$ - continuous functions and slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous functions and study their properties . Additionally, we relate and compare these functions with some other functions in topological spaces.

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### I. Introduction

Continuity is an important concept in mathematics and many forms of continuous functions have been introduced over the years. Abd El- Monsef et al. introduced the notion of  $\beta$  - open sets and  $\beta$  -continuity in topological spaces. RC Jain introduced the concept of totally continuous functions and slightly continuous for topological spaces. In this paper, we define totally  $\beta^*$ - continuous functions and slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous functions and basic properties of these functions are investigated and obtained.

### II. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  or  $X, Y, Z$  represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{cl}(A)$  and  $\text{int}(A)$  denote the closure and the interior of  $A$  respectively. The power set of  $X$  is denoted by  $P(X)$ . If  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ - closed , then it is said to be  $\beta^*$ - clopen.

**Definition 2.1:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be a  $\beta^*$ -open [5] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl} ( \text{int}^* ( \text{cl}(A) ) )$ .

**Definition 2.2:** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called totally continuous [2] if  $f^{-1} ( V )$  is clopen set in  $X$  for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  .

**Definition 2.3:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a  $\beta^*$ - continuous [8] if  $f^{-1} ( O )$  is a  $\beta^*$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $O$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  .

**Definition 2.4:** A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be perfectly  $\beta^*$ -continuous [6] if the inverse image of every  $\beta^*$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.5:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a slightly continuous [2] if the inverse image of every clopen set in  $Y$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.6:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a contra continuous [1] if  $f^{-1}(O)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $O$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.7:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called Contra  $\beta^*$ -continuous functions [7] if  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $O$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.8:** A topological space  $X$  is called a  $\beta^*$ -connected [9] if  $X$  cannot be expressed as a disjoint union of two non-empty  $\beta^*$ -open sets.

**Definition 2.9:** A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be pre  $\beta^*$ -open [7] if the image of every  $\beta^*$ -open set of  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.10:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be connected [10] if  $X$  cannot be expressed as the union of two disjoint nonempty open sets in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.11:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a strongly  $\beta^*$ -continuous [6] if the inverse image of every  $\beta^*$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.12:** A Topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\beta^*$ - $T_{1/2}$  space or  $\beta^*$ -space [8] if every  $\beta^*$ -open set of  $X$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.13:** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a locally indiscrete space [3] if every open set of  $X$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.14**[5]:

(i) Every open set is  $\beta^*$ -open and every closed set is  $\beta^*$ -closed set.

### III. Totally $\beta^*$ -continuous functions

**Definition 3.1:** A function  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous functions if the inverse image of every open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is both  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.2:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ ,  $\beta^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\beta^*C(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = a$ ,  $f(c) = b$ . since,  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{b\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{b, c\}$  and  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, b\}$  is both  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.2:** Every totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous functions is  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $O$  be an open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous functions,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is both  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.3:** The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example 3.4:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ .  $\beta^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\beta^*C(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Clearly,  $f$  is not totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous since  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$  but not  $\beta^*$ -closed. However,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.5:** Every totally continuous function is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $O$  be an open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since,  $f$  is totally continuous functions,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every open set is  $\beta^*$ -open and every closed set is  $\beta^*$ -closed.  $f^{-1}(O)$  is both  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.6:** The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau^c = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ .  $\beta^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\beta^*C(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Clearly,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous but  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not open and closed in  $X$ . Therefore,  $f$  is not totally continuous.

**Theorem 3.8:** Every perfectly  $\beta^*$ -continuous map is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a perfectly  $\beta^*$ -continuous map. Let  $O$  be an open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $O$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is perfectly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , implies  $f^{-1}(O)$  is both  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.9:** The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example 3.10:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau^c = \{\emptyset, \{c, d\}, \{d\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$ .  $\beta^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\beta^*C(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ .  $\beta^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y\}$ . Clearly,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous but  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{d\}) = \{d\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, d\}) = \{a, d\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b, d\}) = \{b, d\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{c, d\}) = \{c, d\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b, d\}) = \{a, b, d\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, c, d\}) = \{a, d\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b, c, d\}) = \{b, c, d\}$  is not open and closed in  $X$ . Therefore,  $f$  is not perfectly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.11:** The concept of totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous and strongly  $\beta^*$ -continuous are independent of each other.

**Example 3.12:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\tau^c = \{\emptyset, \{c, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\beta^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\beta^*C(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$ .  $\beta^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a,$

$b, d, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y$  Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$ . Clearly,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous but  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}, f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\}, f^{-1}(\{d\}) = \{d\}, f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}, f^{-1}(\{a, d\}) = \{a, d\}, f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}, f^{-1}(\{b, d\}) = \{b, d\}, f^{-1}(\{c, d\}) = \{c, d\}, f^{-1}(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b, c\}, f^{-1}(\{a, b, d\}) = \{a, b, d\}, f^{-1}(\{a, c, d\}) = \{a, c, d\}, f^{-1}(\{b, c, d\}) = \{b, c, d\}$  is not open in  $X$ . Therefore,  $f$  is not strongly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Example 3.13:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \tau^c = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = c, f(b) = b, f(c) = a$ .  $\beta^* O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \beta^* C(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\beta^* O(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Clearly,  $f$  is strongly  $\beta^*$ -continuous but  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{c\}, f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{b, c\}, f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$  but not  $\beta^*$ -closed. Therefore,  $f$  is not totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.14:** If  $f: X \times Y$  is a totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous map, and  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -connected, then  $Y$  is an indiscrete space.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is not an indiscrete space. Let  $A$  be a non-empty open subset of  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous map, then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a non-empty  $\beta^*$ -clopen subset of  $X$ . Then  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup (f^{-1}(A))^c$ . Thus,  $X$  is a union of two non-empty disjoint  $\beta^*$ -open sets which is contradiction to the fact that  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -connected. Therefore,  $Y$  must be an indiscrete space

**Theorem 3.15:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be functions. Then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$

- (i) If  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -irresolute and  $g$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous then  $g \circ f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous
- (ii) If  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $g$  is continuous then  $g \circ f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:**

(i) Let  $O$  be an open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -clopen in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $X$ . Since,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(O) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ . Therefore,  $g \circ f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

(ii) Let  $O$  be an open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is open in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ -clopen in  $X$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is totally  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

#### IV. Slightly $\beta^*$ -continuous functions.

**Definition 4.1:** A function  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each clopen subset  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\beta^*$ -open subset  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . The function  $f$  is said to be slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous if  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous at each of its points.

**Definition 4.2:** A function  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous if the inverse image of every clopen set in  $Y$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ .

**Example 4.3:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}, \sigma^c = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ , and  $\beta^* O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \beta^* O(Y, \sigma) =$

$\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c$ , Clearly,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proposition 4.4:** The definition 4.1 and 4.2 are equivalent.

**Proof:** Suppose the definition 4.1 holds. Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Y$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(O)$ . Then  $f(x) \in O$  and thus there exists a  $\beta^*$ -open set  $U_x$  such that  $x \in U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(O)$  and  $f^{-1}(O) = \cup U_x$ . Since, arbitrary union of  $\beta^*$ -open set is  $\beta^*$ -open.  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$  and therefore,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous. Suppose, the definition 4.2 holds. Let  $f(x) \in O$  where,  $O$  is a clopen set in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $x \in f^{-1}(O)$  where  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(O)$ . Then  $U$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X, x \in X$  and  $f(U) \subseteq O$ .

**Theorem 4.5:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.
- (ii) The inverse image of every clopen set  $O$  of  $Y$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ .
- (iii) The inverse image of every clopen set  $O$  of  $Y$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $X$ .
- (iv) The inverse image of every clopen set  $O$  of  $Y$  is  $\beta^*$ -clopen in  $X$ .

**Proof:**

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Follows from the proposition 4.4

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Y$  which implies  $O^c$  is clopen in  $Y$ . By (ii),  $f^{-1}(O^c) = (f^{-1}(O))^c$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $X$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): By (ii) and (iii),  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -clopen in  $X$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , by (iv)  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -clopen in  $X$ . Take  $U = f^{-1}(O)$ , then  $f(U) \subseteq O$ . Hence,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.6:** Every slightly continuous function is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a slightly continuous function. Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Y$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is open in  $X$ . Since, every open set is  $\beta^*$ -open. Hence,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.7:** The converse of the above theorem need not be true as can be seen from the following example.

**Example 4.8:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}, \tau^c = \{\phi, \{d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y\}, \sigma^c = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y\}$  and  $\beta^* O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$ . Clearly,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous but not slightly continuous. Since,  $f^{-1}(\{b, c, d\}) = \{b, c, d\}$  is not open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.9:** Every  $\beta^*$ -continuous function is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $\beta^*$ -continuous function. Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Y$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$  and  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.10:** The converse of the above theorem need not be true as can be seen from the following example.

**Example 4.11:** Let  $X = \{ a, b, c \}$ ,  $\tau = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X \}$ ,  $\tau^c = \{ \phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X \}$ ,  $\sigma = \{ \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y \}$ ,  $\sigma^c = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y \}$  and  $\beta^* O(X, \tau) = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X \}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = a$ , The function  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous but not  $\beta^*$ -continuous, since,  $f^{-1} \{ b \} = \{ c \}$  is not  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.12:** Every contra  $\beta^*$ -continuous function is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a contra  $\beta^*$ -continuous function. Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Y$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Hence,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.13:** The converse of the above theorem need not be true as can be seen from the following example.

**Example 4.14:** Let  $X = Y = \{ a, b, c, d \}$ ,  $\tau = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X \}$ ,  $\sigma = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, Y \}$  and  $\sigma^c = \{ \phi, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y \}$  and  $\beta^* O(X, \tau) = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X \}$ ,  $\beta^* C(X, \tau) = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X \}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$ . The function  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous but not contra  $\beta^*$ -continuous, since,  $f^{-1} \{ (a, b, c) \} = \{ a, b, c \}$  is not  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Remark 4.15:** Composition of two slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous need not be slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous as it can be seen from the following example.

**Example 4.16:** Let  $X=Y=Z = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , and the topologies are  $\tau = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X \}$  and  $\sigma = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, Y \}$ ,  $\sigma^c = \{ \phi, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y \}$  and  $\eta = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, Z \}$ ,  $\eta^c = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\} \}$ .  $\beta^* O(X, \tau) = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X \}$ ,  $\beta^* O(Y, \sigma) = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, Z \}$ , Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$ . Clearly,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous. Define  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  by  $g(a) = a$ ,  $g(b) = b$ ,  $g(c) = c$ ,  $g(d) = d$ . Clearly,  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous. But  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is not slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous, since  $(g \circ f)^{-1} (\{b, c, d\}) = f^{-1} (g^{-1} \{b, c, d\}) = f^{-1} (\{b, c, d\}) = \{b, c, d\}$  is not a  $\beta^*$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.17:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be functions. Then the following properties hold:

- (i) If  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -irresolute and  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.
- (ii) If  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.
- (iii) If  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -irresolute and  $g$  is slightly continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

- (iv) If  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $g$  is slightly continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.
- (v) If  $f$  is strongly  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is slightly continuous.
- (vi) If  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $g$  is perfectly  $\beta^*$ - continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is  $\beta^*$ - irresolute.
- (vii) If  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $g$  is contra continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.
- (viii) If  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ - irresolute and  $g$  is contra  $\beta^*$ -continuous then  $(g \circ f)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:**

- (i) Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ - open in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -  $\beta^*$ - irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ - open in  $X$ . Since,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(O) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ ,  $g \circ f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous .
- (ii) Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ - irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous.
- (iii) Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is slightly continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is open in  $Y$  . Since,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ - irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous.
- (iv) Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is slightly continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is open in  $Y$  . Since,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ - continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ - open in  $X$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous.
- (v) Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is strongly  $\beta^*$ - continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is open in  $X$ . Therefore,  $g \circ f$  is slightly continuous.
- (vi) Let  $O$  be a  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is perfectly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is open and closed in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ - open in  $X$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is  $\beta^*$ - irresolute.
- (vii) Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is contra continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is open and closed in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ - open in  $X$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous.
- (viii) Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is contra  $\beta^*$ - continuous,  $g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ - open and  $\beta^*$ - closed in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ - irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ - open and  $\beta^*$ - closed in  $X$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.18:** If the function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\beta^*$ - T1/2 space, then  $f$  is slightly continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $Y$ . Since,  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Since,  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -T1/2 space,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is open in  $X$ . Hence,  $f$  is slightly continuous.

**Theorem 4.19:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be functions. If  $f$  is surjective and pre  $\beta^*$ - open and  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous, then  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since,  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ - open in  $X$ . Since,  $f$  is surjective and pre  $\beta^*$ - open  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))) = g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ - open in  $Y$ . Hence,  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ - continuous.

**Theorem 4.20:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be functions. If  $f$  is surjective, pre  $\beta^*$ -open and  $\beta^*$ -irresolute, then  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous if and only if  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since,  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Since,  $f$  is surjective and pre  $\beta^*$ -open  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))) = g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$ . Hence,  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

Conversely, let  $g$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous. Let  $O$  be a clopen set in  $(Z, \eta)$ , then  $g^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Hence,  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.21:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a locally indiscrete space then  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $O$  be an open subset of  $Y$ . Since,  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a locally indiscrete space,  $O$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(O)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $X$ . Hence,  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.22:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous and  $A$  is an open subset of  $X$  then the restriction  $f|_A: (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a clopen subset of  $Y$ . Then  $(f|_A)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V) \cap A$ . Since  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open and  $A$  is open,  $(f|_A)^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in the relative topology of  $A$ . Hence,  $f|_A: (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is slightly  $\beta^*$ -continuous.

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