

α_A^* CONTINUOUS FUNCTION IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to introduce α_A^* - continuous function and α_A^* - irresolute function in topological spaces and discuss its properties. Additionally we relate these functions with some other functions with some other functions in topological spaces.

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1. Introduction

In 1980 S. N. Maheswari and S.S. Thakur[10] defined α - continuous functions and obtained several properties of α -

irresolute functions. In 1983 A.S. Mashour et al[9] discussed about

α - continuous functions and α - open mappings. In 1984, Takashi Noiri, Yatsushiro further investigated the relationship between α - continuous functions and several known functions

in topological spaces. In 1985, L. Reily and M.K. Vanmanamurthy[13] extended his work on α continuity., S.PiousMissier and P.Anbarasi Rodrigo defined α^* - continuous functions and α^* - irresolute functions.

In this paper, we define α_A^* -continuous functions and α_A^* -irresolute functions.

2. Preliminaries:

Throughout this paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, η) represent non - empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ denote the closure and the interior of A respectively. The power set of X is denoted by $P(X)$.

Definition 2.1 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **semi - continuous** [5] if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is a **semi - open** set [5] of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.2 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **α - continuous** [9] if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is a **α - open** set [11] of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.3 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **g - continuous** [1] if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is a **g - open** set [6] of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.4 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **ag - continuous** [4] if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is **ag- open** set [8] of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.5 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **ga - continuous** [7] if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is a **ga - open** set [7] of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.6 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **α - irresolute**[10] if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is a **α - open** set of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.7 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **semi - irresolute** if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is a **semi- openset** of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.8 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a **g- irresolute**[1] if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is a **g- openset** of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 2.5 [12] :

- (i). Every closed set is α_A^*g closed set.
- (ii) Every α - closed set α_A^*g – closed set.
- (iii) Every g - closed set is α_A^*g – closed set.

3. α_A^*g Continuous Function

We introduce the following definition.

Definition 3.1 : A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a α_A^*g - continuous function if

$f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^*g - closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set O of (Y, σ) .

Example 3.2 : Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, X\}$, $\alpha_A^*g(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}, X\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$ and

$\sigma^c = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{bc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha_A^*g(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a\}, \{bc\}, Y\}$.

Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = b$, $f(c) = c$. Clearly, $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ is closed set of (X, τ) . However, f is α_A^*g - continuous.

Theorem 3.3: Every continuous function is α_A^*g - continuous.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a continuous function. Let O be a closed set of (Y, σ) . Since f is a continuous function. $f^{-1}(O)$ is closed in (X, τ) . Since every closed set is α^* - closed,

$f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^*g -closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is α_A^*g - continuous.

Remark 3.4: The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true in general.

Example 3.5: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$, $\tau^c = \{\emptyset, \{bc\}, Y\}$ and $Y = \{a, b\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ and $\alpha_A^*g(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, Y\}$ Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by

$f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Clearly, f is not a continuous since $\{a\}$ is a closed in α_A^*g but

$f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$ is not continuous function of (X, τ) . However, f is α_A^*g - continuous.

Theorem 3.6: Every α - continuous function is α^* - continuous.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a α - continuous function. Let O be a closed set of (Y, σ) . Since f is a α - continuous function. $f^{-1}(O)$ is α - closed in (X, τ) . Since every α - closed set is α^* -closed, $f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^*g -closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is α_A^*g - continuous.

Remark 3.7: The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example 3.8: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$, $\tau^c = \{\emptyset, \{bc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha_A^*g(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}, X\}$ and $Y = \{a, b\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ and $\alpha_A^*g(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by f

(a) =b,f(b)=a=f(c). Clearly, f is α_A^* g- continuous.

But $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$ is not

α -continuous. Therefore f is not α - continuous since $\{a\}$ is a closed in α_A^* g.

Theorem 3.9 : Every α_A^* g continuous function is $g\alpha$ - continuous

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a α_A^* g - continuous function. Let O be a closed set of (Y, σ) . Since f is a α_A^* g - continuous function. $f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^* g- closed in (X, τ) . Since every α_A^* g - closed set is α^* -closed, $f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^* g - closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is $g\alpha$ - continuous.

Remark 3.10: The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example3.11: Let $X=\{a,b,c,d\}$, $\tau=\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{abc\}, X\}$, $\tau^c=\{\phi, \{d\}, \{cd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, Y\}$.

α_A^* g (X, τ) = $\{\phi, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{ad\}, \{bd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, X\}$ and $g\alpha=\{\phi, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{cd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}\}$ and $Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$

$\sigma=\{\phi, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, Y\}$ $\sigma^c=\{\phi, \{a\}, \{bcd\}, Y\}$ and α_A^* g (Y, σ)

$=\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{cd\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by $f(a) = c, f(b) = a=f(c) f(d)=b$. clearly, f is $g\alpha$ - continuous function but not α_A^* g continuous.

$f^{-1}(\{bcd\}) = \{ad\}$, Clearly f is $g\alpha$ continuous function but not in α_A^* g - continuous. Since, $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{bc\}$ is not in α_A^* g- closed. Therefore f is $g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.12 : Every ag continuous function is α_A^* g-continuous

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a ag - continuous function. Let O be a closed set of

(Y, σ) . Since f is a ag - continuous function. $f^{-1}(O)$ is ag closed in (X, τ) ,

$f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^* g -closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is α_A^* g- continuous.

Remark 3.13: The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example3.14: Let $X=\{a,b,c\}, \tau=\{\phi, \{ab\}, X\}, \tau^c=\{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$.

α_A^* g = $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}, \{ac\}\}$ and

$agc=\{\phi, \{c\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}\}$ and $Y=\{a,b,c\}$

$\sigma=\{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ $\sigma^c = \{\phi, \{bc\}, Y\}$ and

α_A^* g = $\{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}\}$ and

$agc=\{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}\}$ Let $f: (X, \tau)$

$\rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = b, f(c)=a$, since, $f^{-1}(\{bc\}) = a$ is not in α_A^* g- closed. clearly, f is α_A^* g continuous function but not ag continuous.

Therefore f is α_A^* g -continuous.

Definition 3.15: A topological space (X, τ) is said to be α_A^* g - $T_{1/2}$ space, if every α_A^* g - closed set of X is closed in X.

Remark 3.16: In α_A^* g - $T_{1/2}$ space, the concept of continuous and α_A^* g -continuous coincides.

Remark 3.17: The concept of semi*- continuity and α_A^* g are independent as shown in the following example.

Example 3.18: Let $X = Y= \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{ \phi ,$

$\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, X \}$, α_A^* g = $\{ \phi , \{d\}, \{ad\}, \{bd\}, \{cd\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\},$

$X \}$, $S^*c = \{ \phi , \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{cd\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, \{$

$bcd\} X \}$ $\sigma^c = \{ \phi, \{d\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, X \}$ $S^*c = \{ \phi , \{c\}, \{bc\}, \{cd\}, \{bcd\}, X \}$ $\sigma = \{ \phi , \{a\}, \{b\}, \{abc\},$

$Y \}$ α_A^* g = $\{ \phi , \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{bc\}, \{ad\}, \{cd\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, X \}$. Let $f: (X,$

$\tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c, f(d)=b$. clearly, f is semi*- continuous

since $\{a\}$ is open in (Y, σ) but $f^{-1}(\{d\}) = \{a\}$ is not α_A^* g -open in

(X, τ) . However f is semi* continuous.

Example 3.19: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, X\}$, $\alpha_A^*g = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{cd\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, X\}$, $S^*c = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{cd\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, X\}$, $\sigma^c = \{\emptyset, \{cd\}, X\}$, $S^*c = \{\emptyset, \{cd\}, X\}$
 $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, Y\}$, $\alpha_A^*g = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{bc\}, \{ad\}, \{cd\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, X\}$.

Let $f: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$. Clearly, f is not semi-continuous since $\{ab\}$ is open in (Y, σ) but $f^{-1}(\{cd\}) = \{cd\}$ is in α_A^*g but not in semi^* -continuous in (X, \mathcal{T}) . However f is α_A^*g -continuous.

Remark 3.20: The concept of α_A^*g -continuous and semi-continuous are independent.

Example 3.20: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$

Let $f: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Clearly, f is α -g-continuous, because $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$ is α_A^*g -closed but not semi-closed.

Example 3.21: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$, $S^*c = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{b, d\}, \{acd\}, \{bcd\}, X\}$.

Let $f: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = d, f(c) = c, f(d) = a, f(b) = b$. Clearly, f is α^* -continuous but f is not α -g-continuous because $f^{-1}(\{cd\}) = \{ac\}$ is semi-closed but not in α_A^*g -closed.

Theorem 3.22: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Then the following are equivalent:

1. f is α_A^*g -continuous
2. The inverse image of closed set in Y is α_A^*g -closed in X .
3. $\alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(A))$ for every set A in Y .

4. $f(\alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$ for every set A in X

5. $f^{-1}(\text{int}(G)) \subseteq \alpha_A^*g \text{ int}(f^{-1}(G))$ for every set G in Y .

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2):

Let $f: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be α_A^*g -continuous. Let O be a closed set in Y . Then $Y \setminus O$ is open in Y . Since f is α_A^*g -continuous, $f^{-1}(Y \setminus O) = X \setminus f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^*g -open in X . It follows that $f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^*g -closed in X .

(2) \Rightarrow (3):

Let A be any subset of Y . Then $\text{cl}(A)$ is closed in Y . Therefore, by (2) $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(A))$ is α_A^*g -closed in X . It implies $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(A)) = \alpha^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(A))) \supseteq \alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(f^{-1}(A))$

(3) \Rightarrow (4):

Let A be any open subset of X . By (3) $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(A)) \supseteq \alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(f^{-1}(A)) \supseteq \alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(A)$

Hence, $f(\alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$

(4) \Rightarrow (5):

Let $f(\alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$ for every set A in X . Then,

$\alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ which implies that $X \setminus \alpha_A^*g \text{ cl}(A) \supseteq X \setminus f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ and so $\alpha_A^*g \text{ int}(X \setminus A) \supseteq f^{-1}(\text{int}(Y \setminus f(A)))$. Then, $f^{-1}(\text{int}(G)) \subseteq \alpha_A^*g \text{ int}(f^{-1}(G))$

for every set $G = Y \setminus f(A)$ in Y .

(5) \Rightarrow (1):

Let G be a open set in Y . Therefore, $f^{-1}(\text{int}(G)) \subseteq \alpha_A^*g \text{ int}(f^{-1}(G))$,

hence $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq \alpha^* \text{int}(f^{-1}(G))$. We know that $\alpha_A^*g \text{ int}(f^{-1}(G)) \subseteq f^{-1}(G)$.

Then $\alpha_A^*g \text{ int}(f^{-1}(G)) = f^{-1}(G)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(G)$ is α -open in X . Thus f is α_A^*g -continuous

Theorem 3.23: If a map $f: (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is α_A^*g -continuous and

$g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is continuous, then $(g \circ f)$ is α_A^* g -continuous.

Proof: Let O be an open set in Z . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(O)$ is open in Y and since f is α_A^* continuous then, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(O) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is α_A^* -open in X . Hence, $(g \circ f)$ is α_A^* g -continuous.

Remark 3.24: Composition of two α_A^* g -continuous maps need not be α_A^* g -continuous maps as it can be seen from the following example.

Example 3.25: Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$. Let $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, Y\}$ and $\eta = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Z\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Here $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{b\}$. Clearly, f is α_A^* g continuous. Define $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ by $g(a) = b, g(b) = c, g(c) = a$. Here $g^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}, g^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{b\}, g^{-1}(\{ac\}) = \{bc\}$. Clearly, g is α_A^* g continuous. But $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is not α^* -continuous, since $\{a\}$ is closed set in (Z, η) but

$(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a\}) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\{a\})) = f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{c\}$ is not α_A^* g closed in (X, τ) .

4. α_A^* g -IRRESOLUTE MAPPINGS

Definition 4.1: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be α_A^* g -Irresolute iff $f^{-1}(O)$ is a α^* -closed in (X, τ) for every α_A^* g -closed set O in (Y, σ) .

Theorem 4.2: A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is α_A^* g -irresolute if and only if the inverse image of every α_A^* -closed set in Y is α_A^* g -closed in X .

Proof: Assume that f is α_A^* -irresolute map. Let A be any α_A^* -closed set in Y . Then $Y \setminus A$ is α_A^* -open in Y . Since, f is α_A^* -irresolute, $f^{-1}(Y \setminus A)$ is α_A^* -open in X . But $f^{-1}(Y \setminus A) = X \setminus f^{-1}(A)$ and so $f^{-1}(A)$ is α_A^* -closed set in X . Hence the inverse image of every α_A^* g -closed set in Y is α_A^* g -closed in X .

Conversely, assume that the inverse image of every α_A^* g -closed set in Y is α_A^* g -closed in X . Let A

be any α_A^* g -closed in Y . Then $Y \setminus A$ is α_A^* g -closed set in Y . By assumption, $f^{-1}(Y \setminus A)$ is α_A^* g -closed set in X . But $f^{-1}(Y \setminus A) = X \setminus f^{-1}(A)$ and so $f^{-1}(A)$ is α_A^* g -closed set in X . Therefore, f is α_A^* g -irresolute.

Theorem 4.3: Every α_A^* g -irresolute map is α_A^* g -continuous.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a α_A^* g -irresolute map. Let us consider, O to be an closed set in Y . Then O is α_A^* g -closed in Y . Since f is α_A^* g -irresolute map, $f^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^* g -closed in X . Therefore, f is α_A^* g -continuous.

Remark 4.4: The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example 4.5: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$. In this space, α_A^* $g(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}, Y\}$ $P(X)$ and α_A^* $g(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a, f(b) = d, f(c) = c$, clearly, f is α_A^* g continuous. $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b, d\}$ is α_A^* g -continuous but not in Y .

Theorem 4.6: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a α_A^* g -continuous map from X into Y and Y is α_A^* g - $T_{1/2}$ space. Then f is α_A^* g -irresolute.

Proof: Let A be a α_A^* g -open set in Y . Since Y is α_A^* g - $T_{1/2}$, A is an open set in Y . Since f is α_A^* g -continuous implies $f^{-1}(A)$ is α_A^* g -open in X . Hence f is α_A^* g -irresolute function.

Remark 4.7: The α_A^* g -irresolute and semi-irresolute maps are independent of each other. Let us prove the remark by the following examples.

Example 4.8: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$. In this space, α_A^* $g(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}, Y\}$ and α_A^* $g(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{bc\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) =$

$a, f(b) = d, f(c) = c$, clearly, f is α_A^*g continuous. $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b,d\}$ is not semi- open in (X, τ) .

Example 4.9: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, Y\}$. In this space $\alpha_A^*g = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, X\}$ and $\alpha_A^*g(Y, \sigma) = P(Y)$, $SO(X, \tau) = P(X) \setminus \{d\}$ and $SO(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}, Y\}$.

Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = f(d) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = d$. Clearly, f is semi-irresolute but f is not α_A^*g -irresolute because $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a,d\}$ is not α_A^*g -open in (X, τ) .

Theorem 4.10: Let X, Y and Z be any three topological spaces. For any α_A^*g -irresolute map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and any α_A^*g -continuous map $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$, the composition is $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is α_A^*g -continuous.

Proof: Let O be any closed set in Z . Since g is α_A^*g -continuous $g^{-1}(O)$ is α_A^*g -closed in Y . Since f is α_A^*g -irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is α_A^*g -closed in X . But $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(O)$. Therefore, $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is α_A^*g -continuous.

Theorem 4.11: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be any two α_A^*g -irresolute functions, then $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is α_A^*g -irresolute

Proof: Let W be a α_A^*g -closed set in Z . Since, g is α_A^*g -irresolute, $g^{-1}(W)$ is α_A^*g -open in Y . Since f is α_A^*g -irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(W)$ is α_A^*g -open in X . Hence, $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is α_A^*g -irresolute

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