

A New Class of Generalized Closed Sets in Topological Spaces

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to introduce a new class of sets called delta generalized β -closed sets and a new class of functions called delta generalized β -continuous functions in topological spaces. Some of their properties and characterizations are studied.

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1. Introduction

Among various generalized open sets, the notion of β -open sets introduced by Abd El-Monsef et al. [1] which is equivalent to the notion of semi-preopen sets due to Andrijevic [3], plays a significant role in General Topology and Real Analysis. Many results have been obtained by using the concept of β -closed sets. Dontchev [9] introduced and established the concept of generalized semi-preclosed sets as a generalization of semi-preclosed sets which is equivalent to the notion of generalized β -closed sets due to Tahiliani [26]. In this paper, the concepts of $\delta g\beta$ -closed sets, $\delta g\beta$ -continuous, $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute and pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous functions are introduced and studied their properties and characterizations.

Throughout this paper, (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, η) (or simply X, Y and Z) represent topological spaces (or simply spaces) on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated.

2. Preliminaries

Let us recall the following definitions which are useful in the sequel:

Definition 2.1. A subset A of a topological space X is called a

- (i) β -closed [1] (or semi-preclosed [3]) if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))) \subseteq A$.
- (ii) pre-closed [16] if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$.
- (iii) b -closed [4] if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$.
- (iv) regular-closed [25] if $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$.
- (v) α -closed [18] if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$.
- (vi) semi-closed [17] if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$.
- (vii) δ -closed [27] if $A = \text{cl}_\delta(A)$ where $\text{cl}_\delta(A) = \{x \in X : \text{int}(\text{cl}(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset, U \in \tau \text{ and } x \in U\}$.

Definition 2.2. A subset A of a topological space X is called,

- (i) generalized β -closed (briefly, $g\beta$ -closed) [26] if $\beta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is open in X .
- (ii) δ generalized b -closed (briefly, δgb -closed) [6] if $\beta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is open in X .
- (iii) generalized pre regular closed (briefly, gpr -closed) [11] if $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is regular open in X .

- (iv) generalized δ -semiclosed (briefly, $g\delta s$ -closed) [5] if $scl(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is δ -open in X .
- (v) $g\delta$ -closed [8] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is δ -open in X .
- (vi) $g\delta^*$ -closed [8] if $cl_\delta(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is δ -open in X .
- (vii) regular generalized b -closed (briefly, rgb -closed) [15] if $bcl(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is regular open in X .
- (viii) generalized b -closed (briefly, gb -closed) [2] if $bcl(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is open in X .

The complements of the above mentioned closed sets are their respective open sets.

Definition 2.3. A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ from a topological space X into a topological space Y is called a

- (i) β -continuous [1] (resp, β -irresolute [14], δ -continuous [20], $g\beta$ -continuous [22], β - $g\beta$ -continuous [22]) if $f^{-1}(G)$ is β -closed (resp, β -closed, δ -closed, $g\beta$ -closed and $g\beta$ -closed) in X for every closed (resp, β -closed, δ -closed, closed and β -closed) set G of Y .
- (ii) pre β -closed [14] (resp, pre β -open [14], δ -closed [19] and δ -open [21]) if for every β -closed (resp, β -open, δ -closed and δ -open) subset A of X , $f(A)$ is β -closed (resp, β -open, δ -closed and δ -open) in Y .

Definition 2.4. A topological space X is said to be a

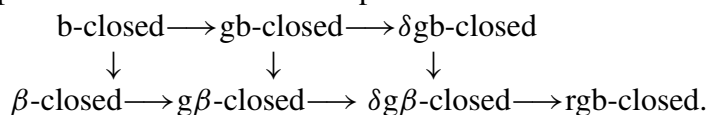
- (i) extremely disconnected [12] if the closure of every open set of X is open in X .
- (ii) submaximal [23] if every dense set of X is open in X .

3. Delta Generalized β -Closed Sets

Definition 3.1. A subset A of a space X is called a delta generalized β -closed (briefly, $\delta g\beta$ -closed) set if $\beta cl(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is δ -open in X .

The complement of a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set is called $\delta g\beta$ -open.

From the above definition and known results, we have the following diagram of implications and none of its implications is reversible.



Example 3.2. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. The subset $\{a, b, c\}$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed but neither β -closed nor $g\beta$ -closed.

Example 3.3. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}\}$. The subset $\{a, b, c\}$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed but not δgb -closed and the subset $\{a, b, c, d\}$ is rgb -closed but not $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Remark 3.4. The following examples show that $\delta g\beta$ -closed set is independent of gpr -closed set.

Example 3.5. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Then the subset $\{a\}$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed but not gpr -closed and the subset $\{a, b\}$ is gpr -closed but not $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Theorem 3.6. Let X be a semi-regular space. Then $A \subseteq X$ is $g\beta$ -closed if and only if A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Proof. In a semi-regular space X , $\delta O(X) = O(X)$ and hence proof follows. ■

Lemma 3.7. [28] Let X be a space. Then $bcl(A) = scl(A) = \beta cl(A)$ for every semi open set A in X .

Theorem 3.8. The following are equivalent for any semi-open set $A \subseteq X$:

- (i) A is $g\delta s$ -closed
- (ii) A is δgb -closed
- (iii) A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Lemma 3.9. [10] If X is extremely disconnected and submaximal space then $\beta cl(A) = cl(A)$ for every subset A of X .

Theorem 3.10. The following are equivalent for any subset A of extremely disconnected and submaximal space X :

- (i) A is $g\delta$ -closed
- (ii) A is δgb -closed
- (iii) A is $g\delta s$ -closed
- (iv) A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Theorem 3.11. A subset A of a space X is $\delta g\beta$ -open if and only if $V \subseteq \beta int(A)$ whenever V is δ -closed and $V \subseteq A$.

Proof. Let V be a δ -closed of X and $V \subseteq A$. Then $(X-V)$ is δ -open and $(X-A) \subseteq (X-V)$. Since $(X-A)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed, then $\beta cl(X-A) \subseteq (X-M)$ which implies $M \subseteq \beta int(A)$.

Conversely, let U be an δ -open set of X and $(X-A) \subseteq U$. Since $(X-U)$ is a δ -closed set contained in A , by hypothesis $(X-U) \subseteq \beta int(A)$. That is, $X - \beta int(A) = \beta cl(X-A) \subseteq U$. Hence $X-A$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed and so A is $\delta g\beta$ -open. ■

Theorem 3.12. Let $B \subseteq X$ be $\delta g\beta$ -closed then $\beta cl(B)-B$ contains no non empty δ -closed set.

Proof. Suppose there exists a non empty δ -closed set G of X such that $G \subseteq \beta cl(B)-B$, then $G \subseteq \beta cl(B)$ and $G \subseteq X-B$ implies $B \subseteq X-G$. Then $\beta cl(B) \subseteq X-G$ as B is $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Hence $G \subseteq \beta cl(B) \cap (X-\beta cl(B)) = \phi$. This shows $G = \phi$. ■

Theorem 3.13. Let $A \subseteq X$ be a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set. Then A is β -closed if and only if $\beta cl(A)-A$ is δ -closed.

Proof. Let A be β -closed, then $\beta cl(A)=A$ and so $\beta cl(A)-A=\phi$ which is δ -closed.

Conversely, let A be a $\delta g\beta$ -closed subset set of X and $\beta cl(A)-A$ is a δ -closed. Then by Theorem 3.12, $\beta cl(A)-A=\phi$ and hence A is β -closed.

Theorem 3.14. If $A \subseteq X$ is both δ -open and $\delta g\beta$ -closed then A is β -closed in X .

Proof. Let A be δ -open $\delta g\beta$ -closed set of X then $\beta cl(A) \subseteq A$. But always $A \subseteq \beta cl(A)$.

Therefore $\beta cl(A) = A$ and hence A is β -closed. ■

Theorem 3.15. If A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed and $A \subseteq B \subseteq \beta cl(A)$. Then:

- (i) B is $\delta g\beta$ -closed.
- (ii) $\beta cl(B)-B$ contains no non empty δ -closed set.

Proof.

- (i) Let G be a δ -open set in X such that $B \subseteq G$ then $A \subseteq G$. Since A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed, then $\beta cl(A) \subseteq G$. Now, $\beta cl(B) \subseteq \beta cl(\beta cl(A)) = \beta cl(A) \subseteq G$. Therefore $\beta cl(B) \subseteq G$.

- (ii) Follows from Theorem 3.12. ■

Theorem 3.16. If A is $\delta g\beta$ -open and B is any set in X such that $\beta int(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ then B is $\delta g\beta$ -open in X .

Remark 3.17. The intersection of two $\delta g\beta$ -closed sets need not be $\delta g\beta$ -closed in general as seen from the following example.

Example 3.18. In Example 3.2, the subsets $\{a,b,c\}$ and $\{a,b,d\}$ are $\delta g\beta$ -closed but their intersection $\{a, b, c\} \cap \{a, b, d\} = \{a, b\}$ is not $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Remark 3.19. The union of two $\delta g\beta$ -closed sets need not be $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in general as seen from the following example.

Example 3.20. In Example 3.2, the subsets $\{a\}$ and $\{b\}$ are $\delta g\beta$ -closed but their union $\{a\} \cup \{b\} = \{a, b\}$ is not $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Theorem 3.21. If A and B are $\delta g\beta$ -closed sets in extremely disconnected and submaximal space X then $A \cup B$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .

Proof. Let $A \cup B \subseteq U$ where U is δ -open in X , then $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq U$. Then $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ and $\beta cl(B) \subseteq U$ since A and B are $\delta g\beta$ -closed sets. By Lemma 3.9, $\beta cl(A) = cl(A)$ and $\beta cl(B) = cl(B)$. Now, $\beta cl(A \cup B) \subseteq cl(A \cup B) = cl(A) \cup cl(B) = \beta cl(A) \cup \beta cl(B) \subseteq U \cup U = U$. Thus $\beta cl(A \cup B) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \cup B \subseteq U$ and U is δ -open in X and hence $A \cup B$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. ■

Theorem 3.22. [24] Let A and B be two subsets of X with A is semi-closed then $\beta cl(A \cup B) = \beta cl(A) \cup \beta cl(B)$.

Theorem 3.23. If A and B are $\delta g\beta$ -closed sets with A is semi-closed, then $A \cup B$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .

Proof. Follows from Definition 3.1 and Theorem 3.22. ■

Theorem 3.24. The intersection of a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set and a δ -closed set of X is always $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Proof. Let A be $\delta g\beta$ -closed and let F be δ -closed. If G is a δ -open set with $A \cap F \subseteq G$. Then $A \subseteq G \cup F^c$ and $G \cup F^c$ is δ -open. Since A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed, then $\beta cl(A) \subseteq G \cup F^c$ which implies $\beta cl(A) \cap F \subseteq G$. Now $\beta cl(A \cap F) \subseteq \beta cl(A) \cap \beta cl(F) \subseteq \beta cl(A) \cap \delta cl(F) \subseteq \beta cl(A) \cap F \subseteq G$. Hence $A \cap F$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. ■

Theorem 3.25. Let $A \subseteq X$ be δ -open $\delta g\beta$ -closed and $M \subseteq X$ is β -closed then $A \cap M$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed.

Proof. Let $A \subseteq X$ be δ -open and $\delta g\beta$ -closed. Then by Theorem 3.14, A is β -closed. Hence $A \cap M$ is β -closed which implies that $A \cap M$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. ■

Theorem 3.26. [13] Let $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ and Y be α -open in X , then $\beta cl_Y(A) = \beta cl_X(A) \cap Y$.

Theorem 3.27. Let $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ and Y be α -open β -closed then $\beta cl_Y(A) = \beta cl_X(A)$.

Theorem 3.28. Let Y be α -open subspace of a space X and $A \subseteq Y$. If A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X then A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in Y .

Proof. Let U be a δ -open set of Y such that $A \subseteq U$. Then $U = Y \cap H$ for some δ -open set H of X . Since A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X , we have $\beta cl(A) \subseteq H$ and $\beta cl_Y(A) = Y \cap \beta cl(A) \subseteq Y \cap H = U$. Hence A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in Y .

Converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example. ■

Example 3.29. Consider $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the topology $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. Let $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ and $A = \{a, b\}$, then $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ and A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed relative to Y but it is not $\delta g\beta$ -closed relative to X .

Theorem 3.30. Let $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ and Y be α -open and β -closed. If A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in Y then A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .

Proof. Let U be a δ -open set of X such that $A \subseteq U$. Then $A = Y \cap A \subseteq Y \cap U$ where $Y \cap U$ is δ -open in Y . Since A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in Y , we have $\beta cl_Y(A) \subseteq Y \cap U$ and by Theorem 3.27, $\beta cl_X(A) \subseteq Y \cap U \subseteq U$. ■

Theorem 3.31. For a space X , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) Every $\delta g\beta$ -closed set is δgb -closed and
- (ii) Every β -closed set is δgb -closed.

Proof. Clearly (i) \rightarrow (ii).

(ii) \rightarrow (i): Let A be a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in X such that $A \subseteq G$ where G is δ -open in X , then $\beta cl(A) \subseteq G$. As $\beta cl(A)$ is β -closed, by (ii), $\beta cl(A)$ is δgb -closed, $bcl(A) \subseteq bcl(\beta cl(A)) \subseteq G$. Therefore $bcl(A) \subseteq G$. ■

Theorem 3.32. If $\beta O(X) = \beta C(X)$, then $\delta G\beta C(X) = P(X)$.

Proof. Let $A \subset V$ where V is δ -open in X , then V is β -open. By hypothesis V is β -closed. Hence $\beta cl(A) \subseteq V$ and so A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. ■

Theorem 3.33. For any $x \in X$, the set $X - \{x\}$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed or δ -open.

Proof. Suppose $X - \{x\}$ is not δ -open, then X is the only δ -open set containing $X - \{x\}$. This implies $\beta cl(X - \{x\}) \subseteq X$. Hence $X - \{x\}$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. ■

Theorem 3.34. If A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed, then $cl_\delta\{x\} \cap A \neq \phi$, for every $x \in \beta cl(A)$.

Proof. Let $x \in \beta cl(A)$. Suppose $cl_\delta\{x\} \cap A = \phi$, then $A \subset X - cl_\delta\{x\}$ and $X - cl_\delta\{x\}$ is δ -open. Since A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed, then $\beta cl(A) \subseteq X - cl_\delta\{x\}$ so $x \notin \beta cl(A)$ which is a contradiction. Therefore $cl_\delta\{x\} \cap A \neq \phi$. ■

Definition 3.35. [7] The intersection of all δ -open subsets of X containing A is called the δ kernel of A and it is denoted by $ker_\delta(A)$.

Theorem 3.36. A subset A of X is $\delta g\beta$ -closed if and only if $\beta cl(A) \subseteq ker_\delta(A)$.

Proof. Suppose A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in X such that $x \in \beta cl(A)$. If possible, let $x \notin ker_\delta(A)$, then there exists a δ -open set G in X such that $A \subseteq G$ and $x \notin G$. Since A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X , $\beta cl(A) \subseteq G$ implies $x \in \beta cl(A)$ which is a contradiction.

Conversely, let $\beta cl(A) \subseteq ker_\delta(A)$ be true and G is a δ -open set containing A , then $ker_\delta(A) \subseteq G$ which implies $\beta cl(A) \subseteq G$. Hence A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. ■

Lemma 3.37. For any set $A \subseteq X$, $\beta int(\beta cl(A) - A) = \phi$.

Theorem 3.38. Let $A \subseteq X$ be $\delta g\beta$ -closed, then $\beta cl(A) - A$ is $\delta g\beta$ -open.

Proof. Suppose that A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed and M is δ -closed set in X such that $M \subseteq \beta cl(A) - A$. Then by Theorem 3.12, $M = \phi$ and hence $M \subseteq \beta int(\beta cl(A) - A)$. Therefore by Theorem 3.11, $\beta cl(A) - A$ is $\delta g\beta$ -open. ■

Definition 3.39. For a subset A of a space X , $\delta g\beta cl(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F, F \text{ is } \delta g\beta\text{-closed in } X\}$.

Theorem 3.40. Let A and B be subsets of a topological space X . Then:

- (i) $\delta g\beta cl(X) = X$ and $\delta g\beta cl(\Phi) = \Phi$.
- (ii) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\delta g\beta cl(A) \subseteq \delta g\beta cl(B)$.
- (iii) $\delta g\beta cl(A) \cup \delta g\beta cl(B) \subseteq \delta g\beta cl(A \cup B)$.
- (iv) $\delta g\beta cl(A \cap B) \subseteq \delta g\beta cl(A) \cap \delta g\beta cl(B)$.
- (v) If A is $\delta g\beta$ closed, then $\delta g\beta cl(A) = A$.
- (vi) $A \subseteq \delta g\beta cl(A) \subseteq g\beta cl(A) \subseteq \beta cl(A)$.

Remark 3.41. The equalities do not hold in results (iii) and (iv). Also converse of (v) need not be true in general as seen from the following examples.

Example 3.42. (iii) In Example 3.3, let $A = \{a\}$ and $B = \{b\}$. Then $\delta g\beta cl(A) = \{a\}$, $\delta g\beta cl(B) = \{b\}$ and $\delta g\beta cl(A \cup B) = \{a, b, e\}$.

Thus we have $\delta g\beta cl(A \cup B) = \{a, b, e\} \neq \{a, b\} = \delta g\beta cl(A) \cup \delta g\beta cl(B)$.

(iv) Consider $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the topology $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$.

Let $A = \{b\}$ and $B = \{c\}$, then $\delta g\beta cl(A) = \{b, d\}$, $\delta g\beta cl(B) = \{c, d\}$ and $\delta g\beta cl(A \cap B) = \phi$. Thus we have $\delta g\beta cl(A \cap B) = \phi \neq \{d\} = \delta g\beta cl(A) \cap \delta g\beta cl(B)$.

(v) In Example 3.2, let $A = \{a\}$. Then $\delta g\beta cl(A) = A$ but it is not a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in X .

Theorem 3.43. If $\delta G\beta C(X)$ is closed under finite unions, then $\delta g\beta cl(A \cup B) = \delta g\beta cl(A) \cup \delta g\beta cl(B)$ for all $A, B \in \delta G\beta C(X)$.

Proof. Let A and B be $\delta g\beta$ closed sets in X . Then by hypothesis, $A \cup B$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. Thus $\delta g\beta cl(A \cup B) = A \cup B = \delta g\beta cl(A) \cup \delta g\beta cl(B)$. ■

Theorem 3.44. Let A be a subset of a space X . Then $x \in \delta g\beta cl(A)$ if and only if $G \cap A \neq \phi$ for every $\delta g\beta$ -open set G containing x .

Proof. Let $x \in \delta g\beta cl(A)$. Suppose that there exists a $\delta g\beta$ open set G containing x such that $G \cap A = \phi$ then $A \subseteq X - G$ and $X - G$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. Therefore $\delta g\beta cl(A) \subseteq X - G$ which implies $x \notin \delta g\beta cl(A)$, a contradiction.

Conversely, suppose that $x \notin \delta g\beta cl(A)$. Then there exists a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set F containing A such that $x \notin F$. Hence F^c is a $\delta g\beta$ -open set containing x . Therefore $F^c \cap A = \phi$ which contradicts the hypothesis. ■

Definition 3.45. For a subset A of a space X , $\delta g\beta\text{int}(A) = \cup\{G: G \subset A, G \text{ is } \delta g\beta\text{-open in } X\}$.

Theorem 3.46. Let A and B be subsets of a space X . Then:

- (i) $\delta g\beta\text{int}(X) = X$ and $\delta g\beta\text{int}(\Phi) = \Phi$.
- (ii) If $A \subset B$, then $\delta g\beta\text{int}(A) \subseteq \delta g\beta\text{int}(B)$.
- (iii) $\delta g\beta\text{int}(A) \cup \delta g\beta\text{int}(B) \subseteq \delta g\beta\text{int}(A \cup B)$.
- (iv) $\delta g\beta\text{int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \delta g\beta\text{int}(A) \cap \delta g\beta\text{int}(B)$.
- (v) If A is $\delta g\beta$ -open, then $\delta g\beta\text{int}(A) = A$.

4. Delta Generalized β -Continuous Functions

In this section, the concepts of $\delta g\beta$ -continuous, pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute functions in topological spaces are introduced. Some of their properties and characterizations are established.

Definition 4.1. A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called a

- (i) $\delta g\beta$ -continuous if the inverse image of every closed set in Y is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .
- (ii) pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous if the inverse image of every β -closed set in Y is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .
- (ii) $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute if the inverse image of every $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in Y is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .

Clearly, (i) f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -open in X for each open set V of Y .

- (ii) pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -open in X for each β -open set V of Y .
- (iii) f is $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -open in X for each $\delta g\beta$ -open set V of Y .

From the above definitions, we have the following:

Theorem 4.2.

- (i) Every β -continuous function is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.
- (ii) Every β -irresolute function is pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.
- (iii) Every pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous function is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

(iv) Every $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute function is pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

(v) Every $g\beta$ -continuous function is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

(vi) Every β - $g\beta$ -continuous function is pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

Reverse implications of above theorem need not be true in general:

Example 4.3. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$. Let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$ be topologies on X and Y respectively. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c$ and $f(c) = a$. Then f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous but neither β -continuous nor β -irresolute, since $\{b, c\}$ is closed and hence β -closed in Y but $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not β -closed in X .

Example 4.4. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$. Let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ be topologies on X and Y respectively. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function defined by $f(a) = f(b) = b, f(c) = c$ and $f(d) = d$. Then f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous but not pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous. Since $\{b\}$ is β -closed in Y but $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .

Example 4.5. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$.

Let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ be topologies on X and Y respectively. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function defined by $f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = d$ and $f(d) = a$. Then f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous but not $g\beta$ -continuous, since $\{d\}$ is closed in Y but $f^{-1}(\{d\}) = \{a, b, c\}$ is not $g\beta$ -closed in X .

Example 4.6. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}, Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$.

Let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ be topologies on X and Y respectively. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function defined by $f(a) = a, f(b) = f(d) = f(e) = b$ and $f(c) = d$. Then f is pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous but neither β - $g\beta$ -continuous nor $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute, since $\{a, d\}$ is β -closed in Y but $f^{-1}(\{a, d\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not $g\beta$ -closed in X .

Theorem 4.7. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous, then for each $x \in X$ and for each open set V in Y with $f(x) \in V$, there exists a $\delta g\beta$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and V is an open set in Y with $f(x) \in V$, then $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -open in X . Put $U = f^{-1}(V)$, then $x \in U$ and $f(U) = f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$. ■

Theorem 4.8. If the bijective function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and δ -open, then it is $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute.

Proof. Let V be a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in Y and F be a δ -open set in X such that $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq F$, then $V \subseteq f(F)$ and $f(F)$ is δ -open in Y as f is δ -open. Since V is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in Y , $\beta \text{cl}(V) \subseteq f(F)$. This implies $f^{-1}(\beta \text{cl}(V)) \subseteq F$.

Since f is pre $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and $\beta cl(V)$ is β -closed in Y it follows that $f^{-1}(\beta cl(V))$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X . Therefore $\beta cl(f^{-1}(\beta cl(V))) \subseteq F$ which implies $\beta cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \beta cl(f^{-1}(\beta cl(V))) \subseteq F$. That is, $\beta cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq F$ and hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in X . Thus f is $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute. ■

Theorem 4.9. If the bijective function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is δ -continuous and pre β -closed, then f^{-1} is $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute.

Proof. Let G be a $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in X and U be a δ -open set in Y such that $(f^{-1})^{-1}(G) = f(G) \subseteq U$, then $G \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$. Since f is δ -continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ is δ -open in X . Since G is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X , $\beta cl(G) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ which implies $f(\beta cl(G)) \subseteq U$. Since f is pre β -closed and $\beta cl(G)$ is β -closed in X it follows that $f(\beta cl(G))$ is β -closed in Y .

Now, $\beta cl(f(G)) \subseteq \beta cl(f(\beta cl(G))) = f(\beta cl(G)) \subseteq U$ which implies $\beta cl(f(G)) \subseteq U$. Therefore $f(G) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(G)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed set in Y . ■

Remark 4.10. The composition of two $\delta g\beta$ -continuous functions need not be $\delta g\beta$ -continuous as seen from the following examples.

Example 4.11. Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$ and let $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$, $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$ and $\eta = \{Z, \phi, \{b\}\}$ be topologies on X, Y and Z respectively. Define a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$ and $f(c) = c$ and a function $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ as $g(a) = a, g(b) = c$ and $g(c) = b$. Then f and g are $\delta g\beta$ -continuous but $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous, since there exists a closed set $\{a, c\}$ in Z such that $(g \circ f)^{-1}\{a, c\} = \{a, b\}$ is not $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X .

Theorem 4.12. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be any two functions. Then;

- (i) If f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and g is continuous then $g \circ f$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.
- (ii) If f and g are $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute, then $g \circ f$ is $\delta g\beta$ -irresolute.

Proof. (i) Let $h = g \circ f$ and U be a closed set in Z . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is closed in Y . Therefore $f^{-1}[g^{-1}(U)] = h^{-1}(U)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X because f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous. Hence $g \circ f$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

(iii) Similar to (i). ■

Theorem 4.13. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and A is δ -open $\delta g\beta$ -closed subset of a space X and assume the class $\delta G\beta C(X, \tau)$ is closed under finite intersections, then the restriction $f/A : (A, \tau/A) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

Proof. Let U be a closed subset of Y . By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(U) \cap A = V$ (say) is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X . Since $(f/A)^{-1}(U) = V$, then it is sufficient to show that V is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in A . Let $V \subseteq M$ where M is a δ -open set in A . Then there exists a δ -open set N in X such that $M = N \cap A$. Then $V \subseteq N$ implies $pcl_X(V) \subseteq N$ and $\beta cl_X(V) \cap A \subseteq N \cap A$ which implies $\beta cl_A(V) \subseteq M$. Hence V is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in A . ■

Theorem 4.14. Pasting lemma for $\delta g\beta$ -continuous functions:

Let $X=A\cup B$ be a space with topology τ and Y be a space with topology σ .

Let $\delta g\beta C(X)$ be closed under finite unions and let $f:(A,\tau/A)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$ and $g:(B,\tau/B)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$ be $\delta g\beta$ -continuous functions such that $f(x)=g(x)$ for every $x\in A\cap B$. Suppose that both A and B are α -open and β -closed in X . Then their combination $\alpha:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$ defined by $\alpha(x)=f(x)$ if $x\in A$ and $\alpha(x)=g(x)$ if $x\in B$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

Proof. Let F be any closed set in Y . Then $\alpha^{-1}(F)=f^{-1}(F)\cup g^{-1}(F)=M\cup N$ where $M=f^{-1}(F)$ and $N=g^{-1}(F)$. Since M is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in A and A is α -open and β -closed in X . Then by Theorem 3.30, M is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X . Similarly N is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X . Also $M\cup N$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X by hypothesis. Therefore $\alpha^{-1}(F)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X . Hence, α is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X . ■

Definition 4.15. A space X is said to be $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space if every $\delta g\beta$ -closed subset of X is β -closed.

Theorem 4.16. A space X is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space if and only if every singleton set is either δ -closed or β -open.

Proof. Let $x \in X$. Suppose $\{x\}$ is not δ -closed, then $X-\{x\}$ is not δ -open.

By Theorem 3.33, $X-\{x\}$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed. Since X is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$, then $X-\{x\}$ is β -closed and so $\{x\}$ is β -open.

Conversely, let $A\subset X$ be $\delta g\beta$ -closed and $x\in\beta cl(A)$.

Suppose that $x\notin A$, thus $A\subseteq X-\{x\}$. We have the following two cases:

Case i) If $\{x\}$ is δ -closed, then $X-\{x\}$ is δ -open. Since A is $\delta g\beta$ -closed, $\beta cl(A)\subset X-\{x\}$, then $x\notin\beta cl(A)$ which is a contradiction.

Case ii) If $\{x\}$ is β -open, then $X-\{x\}$ is β -closed. Therefore $\beta cl(A)\subseteq X-\{x\}$ and so $x\notin\beta cl(A)$, also a contradiction. Thus $\beta cl(A)\subset A$. ■

Theorem 4.17. If the bijective $f:X\rightarrow Y$ is pre β -open and δ -closed and X is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, then Y is also $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space.

Proof. Suppose $y\in Y$, then $y=f(x)$ for some $x\in X$ as f is bijective. Since X is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, by Theorem 4.16 it follows that $\{x\}$ is δ -closed or β -open.

If $\{x\}$ is δ -closed, then $f(\{x\})=\{y\}$ as f is δ -closed. Also, if $\{x\}$ is β -open, then $f(\{x\})=\{y\}$ is β -open as f is β -open. Therefore by Theorem 4.16, Y is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space. ■

Definition 4.18. A space X is said to be $T_{\delta g\beta}$ -space if every $\delta g\beta$ -closed subset of X is closed.

Theorem 4.19. Every $T_{\delta g\beta}$ -space is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space but not conversely.

Proof. Let X be $T_{\delta g\beta}$ -space and A be $\delta g\beta$ -closed, then A is closed. Therefore A is β -closed and hence X is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space. ■

Example 4.20. In Example 3.3, X is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space but not $T_{\delta g\beta}$ -space, since $\{a\}$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed but not closed.

Theorem 4.21.

- (i) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and X is $T_{\delta g\beta}$ -space, then f is continuous.
- (ii) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous and X is $\delta g\beta T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, then f is β -continuous.

Theorem 4.22. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are $\delta g\beta$ -continuous with Y is $T_{\delta g\beta}$ -space, then $g \circ f$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous.

Proof. Let $h = g \circ f$ and V be a closed set in Z . Since g is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in Y . Therefore $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed in Y because Y is $T_{\delta g\beta}$ -space. Since f is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}[g^{-1}(V)] = h^{-1}(V)$ is $\delta g\beta$ -closed in X and hence $g \circ f$ is $\delta g\beta$ -continuous. ■

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