

## Continuous And Irresolute Functions Via Star Generalised Closed Sets

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, we introduce a new class of continuous functions called semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function and semi\*  $\delta$ -irresolute functions in topological spaces by utilizing semi\*  $\delta$ -open sets and to investigate their properties.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

In 1963, Levine[3] introduced the concept of semi-continuity in topological spaces. In 1968 N.V.Velicko introduced the concept of  $\delta$ -open sets in topological spaces. T.Noiri[8] introduced the concept of  $\delta$ -continuous functions in 1980. In 2014 Raja Mohammad Latif[15] investigate the properties of  $\delta$ -continuous functions and  $\delta$ -irresolute functions. S.Pasunkili Pandian[10] defined semi\*pre- continuous and semi\*pre-irresolute functions and investigated their properties. S.Pious Missier and A.Robert[12,16] introduced the concept of semi\*-continuous and semi\* $\alpha$ -continuous functions in 2014. Quite recently, the authors[13] introduced some new concepts, namely semi\* $\delta$ -open sets, semi\* $\delta$ - closed sets. The aim of this paper is to introduce new class of functions called semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute functions and investigated their properties.

### II. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned.

**Definition 2.1:** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is

- (i) generalized closed (briefly g-closed) [4] if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
- (ii) generalized open (briefly g-open) [4] if  $X \setminus A$  is g-closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2:** If  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ ,

- (i) the generalized closure of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all g-closed sets in  $X$  containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $Cl^*(A)$ .
- (ii) the generalized interior of  $A$  is defined as the union of all g-open subsets of  $A$  and is denoted by  $Int^*(A)$ .

**Definition 2.3:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  of the space  $X$  is said to be

1. Semi-open [3] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$  and semi\*-open[12] if  $A \subseteq Cl^*(Int(A))$ .
2. Preopen [5] if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$  and pre\*open[14] if  $A \subseteq Int^*(Cl(A))$ .
3. Semi-preopen [7] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$  and semi\*-preopen[10] if  $A \subseteq Cl^*(pInt(A))$ .
4.  $\alpha$ -open [6] if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)))$  and  $\alpha^*$ -open [11] if  $A \subseteq Int^*(Cl(Int^*(A)))$ .
5. Regular-open[13] if  $A = Int(Cl(A))$  and  $\delta$ -open[8] if  $A = \delta Int(A)$
6. semi  $\alpha$ -open[9] if  $A \subseteq Cl(\alpha Int(A))$  and semi\*  $\alpha$ -open[16] if  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\alpha Int(A))$ .
7.  $\delta$ -semi-open [2] if  $A \subseteq Cl(\delta Int(A))$  and semi\* $\delta$ -open[13]  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ .

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

**Definition 2.4:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

1. g-continuous [1] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is g-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
2. Semi-continuous [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

3. Semi\*-continuous [12] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\*-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
4. Pre-continuous [5] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
5. Pre\*-continuous [14] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre\*-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
6.  $\alpha$ -continuous [6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
7.  $\alpha^*$ -continuous [11] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha^*$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
8. Semi-pre-continuous[7] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-preopen in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
9. Semi\*pre-continuous[14] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\*-preopen in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
10. Semi  $\alpha$ -continuous [9] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi- $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
11. Semi\* $\alpha$ -continuous [16] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\*- $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
12.  $\delta$ -continuous [8] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
13.  $\delta$ -semi-continuous [2] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\delta$ -semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.5:** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if every g-closed set in  $X$  is closed.

**Theorem 2.6:** [13] Every  $\delta$ -open set is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 2.7:** [13] In any topological space,

- (i) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is  $\delta$ -semi-open.
- (ii) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi - open.
- (iii) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\* - open.
- (iv) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\*-preopen.
- (v) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi-preopen.
- (vi) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\* $\alpha$ -open
- (vii) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi $\alpha$ -open.

**Remark 2.8:** [17] Similar results for semi\* $\delta$ -closed sets are also true.

**Theorem 2.9:** [13] For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.
- (ii)  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ .
- (iii)  $Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) = Cl^*(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.10:** [17] For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed.
- (ii)  $Int^*(\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $Int^*(\delta Cl(A)) = Int^*(A)$ .

### III. SEMI\* $\delta$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

**Definition 3.1:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be **semi\*  $\square$ -continuous** if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** Every  $\delta$ -continuous is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by Theorem 2.6,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.3:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = d$ ;  $f(d) = b$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but not  $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{b, d\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open but not  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous is  $\delta$ -semi-continuous.

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.7(i), every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is  $\delta$ -semi-open, the proof follows. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.5:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = f(c) = a$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is  $\delta$ -semi-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{a\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{b, c\}$  is  $\delta$ -semi-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous is semi-continuous.

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.7(ii), every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi-open, the proof follows. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = d$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is semi-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{a, b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b, d\}$  is semi-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.8:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous is semi\*-continuous.

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.7(iii), every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\*-open, the proof follows. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.9:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = d$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is semi\*-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{a, b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b, d\}$  is semi\*-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous is semi\*pre-continuous.

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.7(iv), every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\*pre-open, the proof follows. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.11:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = d$ ;  $f(c) = a$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is semi\*pre-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, c\}$  is semi\*pre-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.12:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous is semi-pre-continuous.

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.7(v), every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi-pre-open, the proof follows. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.13:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = f(c) = a$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is semi-pre-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{a\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{b, c\}$  is semi-pre-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.14:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous is semi\* $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.7(vi), every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\* $\alpha$ -open, the proof follows. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.15:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = b$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\alpha$ -continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, c\}$  is semi\* $\alpha$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.16:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous is semi $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** By Theorem 2.7(vii), every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi $\alpha$ -open, the proof follows. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as it is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.17:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = f(b) = c$ ;  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is semi $\alpha$ -continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since for the open set  $V = \{c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b\}$  is semi $\alpha$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.18:** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -continuity and continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.19:**

1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but not continuous. Observe that for the open set  $V = \{a\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{b, c\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open but not open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = c$ . Then  $f$  is continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. It is clear that for the open set  $V = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b\}$  is open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.20:** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -continuity and g-continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.21:**

1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = d$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but not g-continuous. Observe that for the open set  $V = \{a, b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b, d\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open but not g-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = f(d) = b$ ;  $f(b) = c$ ;  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is g-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. It is clear that for the open set  $V = \{a\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{c\}$  is g-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.22:** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -continuity and  $\alpha$ -continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.23:**

1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = d$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but not  $\alpha$ -continuous. Observe that for the open set  $V = \{a, b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b, d\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open but not  $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = b$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. It is clear that for the open set  $V = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b, c\}$  is  $\alpha$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.24:** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -continuity and pre-continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.25:**

1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = b$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but not pre-continuous. Observe that for the open set  $V = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{b, c\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open but not pre-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c$ ;  $f(b) = d$ ;  $f(c) = b$ ;  $f(d) = a$ . Then  $f$  is pre-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. It is clear that for the open set  $V = \{a, b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, c, d\}$  is pre-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.26:** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -continuity and  $\alpha^*$ -continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.27:**

1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c$ ;  $f(b) = a$ ;  $f(c) = d$ ;  $f(d) = b$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but not  $\alpha^*$ -continuous. Observe that for the open set  $V = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{b, d\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open but not  $\alpha^*$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c$ ;  $f(b) = d$ ;  $f(c) = a$ ;  $f(d) = b$ . Then  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ -continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. It is clear that for the open set  $V = \{b, c, d\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b, d\}$  is  $\alpha^*$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

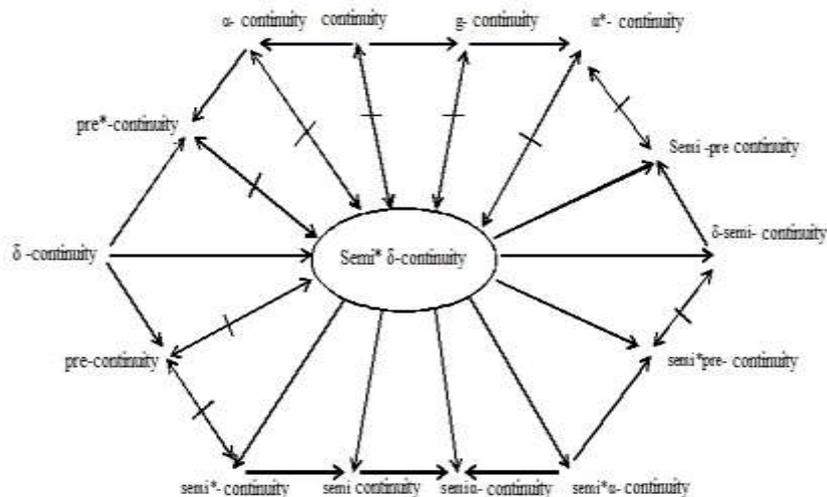
**Remark 3.28:** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -continuity and pre\*-continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.29:**

1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = c$ ;  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but not pre\*-continuous. Observe that for the open set  $V = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, c\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open but not pre\*-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = d$ ;  $f(c) = a$ ;  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is pre\*-continuous but not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. It is clear that for the open set  $V = \{a, b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, c, d\}$  is pre\*-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

From the above the discussions we have the following diagram:



**Theorem 3.30:** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $U$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and  $U$  be a closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $V = Y \setminus U$  is open in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed.  
 Converse: Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$ . Then  $U = Y \setminus V$  is closed in  $Y$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus U) = X \setminus f^{-1}(U)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.31:** The composition of two semi\* $\delta$ -continuous functions need not be semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and this can be shown by the following example.

**Example 3.32:** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$  and  $\eta = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, Z\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=b; f(b)=a; f(c)=d; f(d)=c$  and define  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  by  $g(a)=g(d)=a; g(b)=c$  and  $g(c)=b$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are semi\* $\delta$ -continuous but  $g \circ f$  is not semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Since  $\{a\}$  is open in  $(Z, \eta)$  but  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a\}) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\{a\})) = f^{-1}(\{a, d\}) = \{b, c\}$  which is not semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.33:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  be topological spaces and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a space in which every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is open, then the composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  of semi\* $\delta$ -continuous functions  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be any open set of  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous  $g^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then by assumption,  $g^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.34:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  be topological spaces and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be  $T_{1/2}$ -space then the composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  of semi\* $\delta$ -continuous  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g$ -continuous function  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be any closed set of  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is  $g$ -continuous  $g^{-1}(G)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Also since  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $T_{1/2}$ -space,  $g^{-1}(G)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

Hence  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.35:** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is continuous. Then their composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be open in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Thus  $g^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.36:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) The function  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(F)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .
- (iii)  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .
- (iv)  $s^*\delta Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (v)  $f^{-1}(Int(B)) \subseteq s^*\delta Int(f^{-1}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (vi)  $Int^*(\alpha Cl(f^{-1}(F))) = Int^*(f^{-1}(F))$  for every closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .
- (vii)  $Cl^*(\alpha Int(f^{-1}(V))) = Cl^*(f^{-1}(V))$  for every open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof: (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii):** This follows from theorem 3.30.

**(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii):** Let  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $F$  be a closed set containing  $f(A)$ . Then by (ii),  $f^{-1}(F)$  is a semi\* $\delta$ -closed set containing  $A$ . This implies that  $s^*\delta Cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  and hence  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq F$ .

Therefore  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A))$ .

**(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv):** Let  $B \subseteq Y$  and let  $A = f^{-1}(B)$ . By assumption,  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A)) \subseteq Cl(B)$ . This implies that  $s^*\delta Cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$ . Therefore  $s^*\delta Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$ .

**(iv)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v):** The equivalence of (iv) and (v) can be proved by taking the complements.

**(v)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii):** Follows from Theorem 2.10.

**(vii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (i):** Follows from Theorem 2.9.

#### IV. SEMI\* $\square$ -IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS

**Definition 4.1:** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be **semi\*  $\square$ -irresolute** if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$  for every semi\* $\delta$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 4.2:** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be any open set of  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous  $g^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.3:** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.4:** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $Y$  be a space in which every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is open. If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a semi\* $\delta$ -continuous map, then  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be semi\* $\delta$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then by assumption,  $G$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.5:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute.
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(F)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in  $X$  for every semi\* $\delta$ -closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .
- (iii)  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq s^*\delta Cl(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .
- (iv)  $s^*\delta Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(s^*\delta Cl(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (v)  $f^{-1}(s^*\delta Int(B)) \subseteq s^*\delta Int(f^{-1}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (vi)  $Int^*(\delta Cl(f^{-1}(F))) = Int^*(f^{-1}(F))$  for every semi\* $\delta$ -closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .
- (vii)  $Cl^*(\delta Int(f^{-1}(V))) = Cl^*(f^{-1}(V))$  for every semi\* $\delta$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof:**

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $F$  be a semi\* $\delta$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $V = Y \setminus F$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $V$  be a semi\* $\delta$ -open set in  $Y$ . Then  $F = Y \setminus V$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed. By (ii),  $f^{-1}(F)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed. Hence

$f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus F) = X \setminus f^{-1}(F)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $F$  be a semi\* $\delta$ -closed set containing  $f(A)$ . Then by (ii),  $f^{-1}(F)$  is a semi\* $\delta$ -closed set containing  $A$ . This implies that  $s^*\delta Cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  and hence  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq F$ . Therefore  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq s^*\delta Cl(f(A))$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $B \subseteq Y$  and let  $A = f^{-1}(B)$ . By assumption,  $f(s^*\delta Cl(A)) \subseteq s^*\delta Cl(f(A)) \subseteq s^*\delta Cl(B)$ . This implies that  $s^*\delta Cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(s^*\delta Cl(B))$ . Hence

$s^*\delta Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(s^*\delta Cl(B))$ .

(iv)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v): The equivalence of (iv) and (v) can be proved by taking the complements.

(vi)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii): Follows from Theorem 2.10.

(vii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (i): Follows from Theorem 2.9.

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