

Theta – ω – Mappings in Topological Spaces

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Abstract: - In 2017 S. Ghour and B. Irshadat defined the θ_ω – closure operator as a new topological operator and introduced θ_ω – open sets as a new class of sets and proved that this class of sets is strictly between the class of open sets and the class of θ – open sets. In this paper we introduce θ_ω – continuous, θ_ω – irresolute, θ_ω – open, θ_ω – closed, pre – θ_ω – open, pre – θ_ω – closed, contra θ_ω – continuous and almost contra θ_ω – continuous mappings and investigate properties and characterizations of these new types of mappings in topological spaces.

Key-Words: - θ_ω – open, θ_ω – continuous, θ_ω – irresolute, θ_ω – closed, pre – θ_ω – open, pre – θ_ω – closed, contra θ_ω – continuous, almost contra θ_ω – continuous.

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1 Introduction

The notions of θ – open subsets, θ – closed subsets and θ – closure were introduced by Velicko [39] for the purpose of studying the important class of H-closed spaces in terms of arbitrary filterbases. Dickman and Porter [8,9], Joseph [20] and Jankovic [18,19] continued the work of Velicko. Recently Noiri and Jafari [33] and Jafari [17] have also obtained several new and interesting results related to these sets. In what follows (X, τ) (or X) denotes topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. We denote the interior and the closure of a subset A of X by $Int(A)$ and $Cl(A)$, respectively. A point $x \in X$ is called a θ – adherent point of A [10], if $A \cap Cl(A) \neq \emptyset$ for every open set V containing x . The set of all θ – adherent points of A is called the θ – closure of A and is

denoted by $Cl_\theta(A)$. A subset A of X is called θ – closed if $A = Cl_\theta(A)$. Dontchev and Maki [[10], Lemma 3.9] have shown that if A and B are subsets of a space (X, τ) , then $Cl_\theta(A \cup B) = Cl_\theta(A) \cup Cl_\theta(B)$ and $Cl_\theta(A \cap B) = Cl_\theta(A) \cap Cl_\theta(B)$. Note also that the θ – closure of a given set need not be a θ – closed set. But it is always closed. The complement of a θ – closed set is called a θ – open set. The θ – interior of set A in X , written $Int_\theta(A)$, consists of those points x of A such that for some open set U containing x , $Cl(U) \subseteq A$. A set A is θ – open if and only if $A = Int_\theta(A)$, or equivalently, $X - A$ is θ – closed. The collection of all θ – open sets in a topological space (X, τ) forms a topology τ_θ on X , coarser than τ and $\tau_\theta = \tau$ if and only if (X, τ) is regular.

Several authors continued the study of θ -closure operator, θ -open sets and their related topological concepts. Recently some authors have studied several generalizations of θ -open sets. A set A is ω -open set in (X, τ) if for each $x \in A$, there is $U \in \tau$ and a countable set $C \subseteq X$ such that $x \in U - C \subseteq A$. The family of all ω -open sets in (X, τ) is denoted by τ_ω . It is well known that τ_ω forms a topology on X finer than τ . ω -open sets played a vital role in general topology research. Al Ghour used ω -open sets to define ω -regularity as a generalization of regularity as follows. A topological space (X, τ) is ω -regular if for each closed set F in (X, τ) and $x \in X - F$, there exist $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \tau$ such that $x \in U$ and $F \subseteq V$ with $U \cap V = \emptyset$. The closure of A in the topological space (X, τ_ω) is called the ω -closure of A in (X, τ) and is denoted by $Cl_\omega(A)$. In 2017 Al Ghour used the ω -closure operator to define the θ_ω -closure operator in a similar way to that used in the definition of the ω -closure operator. A point $x \in X$ is in θ_ω -closure of A ($x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$) if $Cl_\omega(A) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for any $U \in \tau$ with $x \in U$. A set A is called θ_ω -closed if $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) = A$. The complement of a θ_ω -closed set is called a θ_ω -open set. The family of all θ_ω -open sets in (X, τ) denoted by τ_{θ_ω} forms a topology on X which is strictly between τ_θ and τ . In this paper we introduce θ_ω -continuous, θ_ω -irresolute, θ_ω -open, θ_ω -closed, pre- θ_ω -open, pre- θ_ω -closed, contra θ_ω -continuous and almost contra θ_ω -continuous and investigate properties and characterizations of these new types of mappings.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. ([39]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$.

- (a). A point x in X is in the θ -closure of A ($x \in Cl_\theta(A)$) if $Cl(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for any $U \in \tau$ and $x \in U$.
- (b). A is θ -closed if $Cl_\theta(A) = A$.
- (c). A is θ -open if the complement of A is θ -closed.
- (d). The family of all θ -open sets in (X, τ) is denoted by τ_θ .

Theorem 2.2. ([39]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then (a). τ_θ forms a topology on X .

- (b). $\tau_\theta \subseteq \tau$ and $\tau_\theta \neq \tau$ in general.

Definition 2.3. ([16]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$.

- (a). A point x in X is a condensation point of A if for each $U \in \tau$ with $x \in U$, the set $U \cap A$ is uncountable.
- (b). A set A is ω -closed if it contains all its condensation points.
- (c). A set A is ω -open if the complement of A is ω -closed.

The family of all ω -open sets in a topological space (X, τ) is denoted by τ_ω . For a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , it is known that $A \in \tau_\omega$ if and only if for each $x \in A$, there exists $U \in \tau$ such that $x \in U$ and $U - A$ is countable.

Theorem 2.4. ([3]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then the following statements are true.

- (a). τ_ω is a topology on X .
- (b). $\tau \subseteq \tau_\omega$ and $\tau_\omega \neq \tau$ in general.

Theorem 2.5. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$. Then $Cl_\omega(A) \subseteq Cl(A)$ and $Cl_\omega(A) \neq Cl(A)$ in general.

Definition 2.6. ([1]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$.

- (a). A point x in X is in the θ_ω -closure of A ($x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$) if $Cl_\omega(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for any $U \in \tau$ with $x \in U$.
- (b). A set A is called θ_ω -closed if $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) = A$.
- (c). A set A is called θ_ω -open if the complement of A is θ_ω -closed.
- (d). The family of all θ_ω -open sets in (X, τ) is denoted by τ_{θ_ω} (or $\theta_\omega O(X) = \theta_\omega O(X, \tau)$).
- (e). The family of all θ_ω -closed sets in (X, τ) is denoted by $\theta_\omega C(X) = \theta_\omega C(X, \tau)$.

Theorem 2.7. ([1]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$. Then

- (a). $Cl(A) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) \subseteq Cl_\theta(A)$.
- (b). If A is θ -closed, then A is θ_ω -closed.
- (c). If A is θ_ω -closed, then A is closed.

Theorem 2.8. ([1]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then $\tau_\theta \subseteq \tau_{\theta_\omega} \subseteq \tau$.

Theorem 2.9. ([1]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space.

- (a). If $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$, then $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)$.
- (b). For each subsets $A, B \subseteq X$, $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A \cup B) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) \cup Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)$.
- (c). For each subset $A \subseteq X$, $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ is closed in (X, τ) .
- (d). For each $A \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$, $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) = Cl(A)$.
- (e). For each $A \in \tau$, $Cl_\theta(A) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) = Cl(A)$.

Theorem 2.10. ([1]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then

- (a). \emptyset and X are θ_ω -closed sets.
- (b). Finite union of θ_ω -closed sets is θ_ω -closed.
- (c). Arbitrary intersection of θ_ω -closed sets is θ_ω -closed.

Theorem 2.11. ([1]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then τ_{θ_ω} is a topology on X .

Theorem 2.12. ([1]) Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. Then $A \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ if and only if for each $x \in A$, there exists $U \in \tau$ such that $x \in U \subseteq Cl_\omega(U) \subseteq A$.

Corollary 2.13. Every open ω -closed set in a topological space (X, τ) is θ_ω -open.

Corollary 2.14. Every countable open set in a topological space (X, τ) is θ_ω -open.

The following example shows that θ_ω -open are strictly between θ -open sets and open sets.

Example 2.15. ([1]) Let $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}^c$, and \mathbb{N} denote, respectively the set of real numbers, the set of rational numbers, the set of irrational numbers and the set of natural numbers.

Consider (X, τ) where $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}^c, \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{Q}\}$.

Then $\tau_{\theta_\omega} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N}\}$ and $\tau_\theta = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$.

Definition 2.16. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . Then the Kernel of A , denoted by $Ker(A)$, is the intersection of all open supersets of A .

Lemma 2.17. Let A and B be subsets of a topological space (X, τ) , then the following properties hold:

- (i). $x \in Ker(A)$ if and only if $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$ for every closed set F in (X, τ) containing x .
- (ii). $A \subseteq Ker(A)$ and if A is open in (X, τ) , then $A = Ker(A)$.
- (iii). If $A \subseteq B$, then $Ker(A) \subseteq Ker(B)$.

3 θ_ω – Continuous Mappings

The purpose of this section is to investigate properties and characterizations of θ_ω -continuous functions.

Definition 3.1. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be θ_ω -continuous if $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ for every $V \in \sigma$.

Theorem 3.2. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is θ_ω -continuous;
- (2) The inverse image of each closed set in Y is a θ_ω -closed set in X ;
- (3) $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$, for every $V \subseteq Y$;
- (4) $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Cl[f(U)]$, for every $U \subseteq X$;
- (5) For any point $x \in X$ and any open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subseteq V$;
- (6) $Bd_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Bd(V)]$, for every $V \subseteq Y$;
- (7) $f[D_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Cl[f(U)]$, for every $U \subseteq X$;
- (8) $f^{-1}[Int(V)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$, for every $V \subseteq Y$;

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let $F \subseteq Y$ be closed. Since f is θ_ω -continuous, $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$ is θ_ω -open. Therefore, $f^{-1}(F)$ is θ_ω -closed in X .

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Since $Cl(V)$ is closed for every $V \subseteq Y$, then $f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$ is θ_ω -closed. Therefore $f^{-1}[Cl(V)] = Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Cl(V))] \supseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Let $U \subseteq X$ and $f(U) = V$. Then $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$. Thus $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(f(U))] \subseteq f^{-1}[Cl(f(U))]$ and $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Cl[f(U)]$.

(4) \Rightarrow (2): Let $W \subseteq Y$ be a closed set, and $U = f^{-1}(W)$. Then $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Cl[f(U)] = Cl[f(f^{-1}(W))] \subseteq Cl(W) = W$. Thus

$Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}[f(Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U))] \subseteq f^{-1}(W) = U$. So U is θ_ω -closed.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let $V \subseteq Y$ be an open set. Then $Y - V$ is closed. Then $f^{-1}(Y - V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -closed in X and hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -open in X .

(1) \Rightarrow (5): Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be θ_ω -continuous. For any $x \in X$ and any open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, $U = f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$, and $f(U) = f[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq V$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1): Let $V \in \sigma$. We prove $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Then $f(x) \in V$ and there exists $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subseteq V$. Hence $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}[f(U)] \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. It shows that $f^{-1}(V)$ is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of each of its points. Therefore $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$.

(6) \Rightarrow (8): Let $V \subseteq Y$. Then by hypothesis, $Bd_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Bd(V)]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow f^{-1}(V) - Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[V - Int(V)] \\ &= f^{-1}(V) - f^{-1}[Int(V)] \Rightarrow \\ &f^{-1}[Int(V)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]. \end{aligned}$$

(8) \Rightarrow (6): Let $V \subseteq Y$. Then by hypothesis, $f^{-1}[Int(V)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$ $f^{-1}(V) - Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}(V) - f^{-1}[Int(V)] = f^{-1}[V - Int(V)]$

$$\Rightarrow Bd_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Bd(V)].$$

(1) \Rightarrow (7): It is obvious, since f is θ_ω -continuous and by (4) $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Cl[f(U)]$ for each $U \subseteq X$. So $f[D_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Cl[f(U)]$.

(7) \Rightarrow (1): Let $U \subseteq Y$ be an open set, $V = Y - U$ and $f^{-1}(V) = W$. Then by hypothesis

$$f[D_{\theta_\omega}(W)] \subseteq Cl[f(W)]. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$f[D_{\theta_\omega}(f^{-1}(V))] \subseteq Cl[f(f^{-1}(V))] \subseteq Cl(V) = V.$$

Then $D_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -closed. Therefore, f is θ_ω -continuous.

(1) \Rightarrow (8): Let $V \subseteq Y$. Then $f^{-1}[Int(V)]$ is θ_ω -open in X . Thus $f^{-1}[Int(V)] =$

$$Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Int(V))] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]. \quad \text{Therefore}$$

$$f^{-1}[Int(V)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)].$$

(8) \Rightarrow (1): Let $V \subseteq Y$ be an open set. Then $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}[Int(V)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -open in X . Hence f is θ_ω -continuous.

In the next Theorem, $\#_{\theta_\omega-c}$ denotes the set of points x of X for which a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is not θ_ω -continuous.

Theorem 3.3. $\#_{\theta_\omega-c}$ is identical with the union of the θ_ω -frontier of the inverse images of θ_ω -open sets containing $f(x)$.

Proof. Suppose that f is not θ_ω -continuous at a point x of X . Then there exists an open set $V \subseteq Y$ containing $f(x)$ such that $f(U)$ is not a subset of V for every $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ containing x . Hence, we have $U \cap f^{-1}(X - f^{-1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ containing x . It follows that $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}[X - f^{-1}(V)]$. We also have $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$. This means that $x \in Fr_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$. Now, let f be θ_ω -continuous at $x \in X$ and $V \subseteq Y$ any open set containing $f(x)$. Then, $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ is a θ_ω -open set of X . Thus, $x \in Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$ and therefore $x \notin Fr_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)]$ for every open set V containing $f(x)$.

Remarks 3.4. (1) Every θ_ω -continuous function is continuous but the converse may not be true.

(2) If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -continuous and a function $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \vartheta)$ is θ_ω -continuous, then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \vartheta)$ is θ_ω -continuous.

(3) If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -continuous and a function $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \vartheta)$ is continuous, then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \vartheta)$ is θ_ω -continuous.

(4) Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a function, and one of the following

(a) $f^{-1}[Int(B)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)]$ for each $B \subseteq Y$.

(b) $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Cl(B)]$ for each $B \subseteq Y$.

(c) $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq Cl[f(A)]$ for each $A \subseteq X$.

holds, then f is continuous.

Lemma 3.5. Let $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$, Y is θ_ω -open in X and A is θ_ω -open in Y . Then A is θ_ω -open in X .

Proof. Since A is θ_ω -open in Y , there exists a θ_ω -open set $U \subseteq X$ such that $A = Y \cap U$. Thus A being the intersection of two θ_ω -open sets in X , is θ_ω -open in X .

Theorem 3.6. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a mapping and $\{U_i : i \in I\}$ be a cover of X such that $U_i \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ for each $i \in I$. Then prove that f is θ_ω -continuous.

Proof. Let $V \subseteq Y$ be an open set, then $(f|_{U_i})^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -open in U_i for each $i \in I$. Since U_i is θ_ω -open in X for each $i \in I$. So by Lemma 3.5, $(f|_{U_i})^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -open in X for

each $i \in I$. But, $f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup \{ (f|_{U_i})^{-1}(V) : i \in I \}$, then $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ because τ_{θ_ω} is a topology on X . This implies that f is θ_ω -continuous.

4 θ_ω – Irresolute Mappings

In this section, the functions to be considered are those for which inverses of θ_ω -open sets are θ_ω -open. We investigate some properties and characterizations of such functions.

Definition 4.1. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called θ_ω -irresolute if the inverse image of each θ_ω -open set of Y is a θ_ω -open set in X .

Theorem 4.2. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function between topological spaces. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is θ_ω -irresolute.
- (2) the inverse image of each θ_ω -closed set in Y is a θ_ω -closed set in X ;
- (3) $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(V)]$ for every $V \subseteq Y$;
- (4) $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(U)]$ for every $U \subseteq X$;
- (5) $f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)]$ for every $B \subseteq Y$.

Theorem 4.3. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -irresolute if and only if for each point p in X and each θ_ω -open set B in Y with $f(p) \in B$, there is a θ_ω -open set A in X such that $p \in A, f(A) \subseteq B$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $p \in X$ and $B \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $f(p) \in B$. Let $A = f^{-1}(B)$. Since f is θ_ω -irresolute, A is θ_ω -open in X . Also $p \in f^{-1}(B) = A$ as $f(p) \in B$. Thus we have $f(A) = f[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq B$.

Sufficiency. Let $B \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$, let $A = f^{-1}(B)$. We show that A is θ_ω -open in X . For this let $x \in A$. It implies that $f(x) \in B$. Then by hypothesis, there exists $A_x \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in A_x$ and $f(A_x) \subseteq B$. Then $A_x \subseteq f^{-1}[f(A_x)] \subseteq f^{-1}(B) = A$. Thus $A = \bigcup \{ A_x : x \in A \}$. It follows that A is θ_ω -open in X . Hence f is θ_ω -irresolute.

Definition 4.4. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Let $x \in X$ and $N \subseteq X$. We say that N is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x if there exists a θ_ω -open set M of X such that $x \in M \subseteq N$.

Theorem 4.5. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -irresolute if and only if for each x in X , the inverse image of every θ_ω -neighbourhood of $f(x)$, is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x .

Proof. Necessity. Let $x \in X$ and let B be a θ_ω -neighbourhood of $f(x)$. Then there exists $U \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $f(x) \in U \subseteq B$. This implies that $x \in f^{-1}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$. Since f is θ_ω -irresolute, so $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Hence $f^{-1}(B)$ is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x .

Sufficiency. Let $B \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$. Put $A = f^{-1}(B)$. Let $x \in A$. Then $f(x) \in B$. But then, B being θ_ω -open set, is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of $f(x)$. So by hypothesis, $A = f^{-1}(B)$ is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x . Hence by definition, there exists $A_x \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in A_x \subseteq A$. Thus $A = \bigcup \{ A_x : x \in A \}$. It follows that A is a θ_ω -open set in X . Therefore f is θ_ω -irresolute.

Theorem 4.6. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -irresolute if and only if for each x in X . and each θ_ω -neighbourhood U of $f(x)$, there is a θ_ω -neighbourhood V of x such that $f(V) \subseteq U$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $x \in X$ and let U be a θ_ω -neighbourhood of $f(x)$. Then there exists $O_{f(x)} \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $f(x) \in O_{f(x)} \subseteq U$. It follows that $x \in f^{-1}[O_{f(x)}] \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}[O_{f(x)}] \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Let $V = f^{-1}(U)$. Then it follows that V is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x and $f(V) = f[f^{-1}(U)] \subseteq U$.

Sufficiency. Let $B \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$. Put $O = f^{-1}(B)$. Let $x \in O$. Then $f(x) \in B$. Thus B is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of $f(x)$. So by hypothesis, there exists a θ_ω -neighbourhood V_x of x such that $f(V_x) \subseteq B$. Thus it follows that $x \in V_x \subseteq f^{-1}[f(V_x)] \subseteq f^{-1}(B) = O$. Since V_x is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x , so there exists an $O_x \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in O_x \subseteq V_x$. Hence $x \in O_x \subseteq O$, $O_x \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Thus $O = \cup\{O_x : x \in O\}$. It follows that O is θ_ω -open in X . Therefore, f is θ_ω -irresolute.

Theorem 4.7. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -irresolute if and only if $f[D_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq f(A) \cup D_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$, for all $A \subseteq X$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be θ_ω -irresolute. Let $A \subseteq X$, and $a_0 \in D_{\theta_\omega}(A)$. Assume that $f(a_0) \notin f(A)$ and let V denote a θ_ω -neighbourhood of $f(a_0)$. Since f is θ_ω -irresolute, so by Theorem 4.6, there exists a θ_ω -neighbourhood U of a_0 such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. From $a_0 \in D_{\theta_\omega}(A)$, it follows that $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$; there exists, therefore, at least one element $a \in U \cap A$ such that $f(a) \in f(A)$ and $f(a) \in f(V)$. Since $f(a_0) \notin f(A)$, we have $f(a) \neq f(a_0)$. Thus every θ_ω -neighborhood of $f(a_0)$ contains an element of $f(A)$ different from $f(a_0)$, consequently, $f(a_0) \in D_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$. This proves necessity of the condition.

Sufficiency. Assume that f is not θ_ω -irresolute. Then by Theorem 4.6, there exists $a_0 \in X$ and a

θ_ω -neighborhood V of $f(a_0)$ such that every θ_ω -neighborhood U of a_0 contains at least one element $a \in U$ for which $f(a) \notin V$. Put $A = \{a \in X : f(a) \notin V\}$. Then $a_0 \notin A$ since $f(a_0) \in V$, and therefore $f(a_0) \notin A$; also $f(a_0) \notin D_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$ since $V \cap (V - \{f(a_0)\}) = \emptyset$. So $f(a_0) \in f[D_{\theta_\omega}(A)] - [f(A) \cup D_{\theta_\omega}(f(A))] \neq \emptyset$, which is a contradiction to the given condition. The condition of the Theorem is therefore sufficient and the theorem is proved.

Theorem 4.8. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a one-to-one function. Then f is θ_ω -irresolute, if and only if $f[D_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq D_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$, for all $A \subseteq X$.

Proof. Necessity. Let f be θ_ω -irresolute. Let $A \subseteq X$, $a_0 \in D_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ and V be a θ_ω -neighborhood of $f(a_0)$. Since f is θ_ω -irresolute, so by Theorem 4.6, there exists a θ_ω -neighborhood U of a_0 such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. But $a_0 \in D_{\theta_\omega}(A)$; hence there exists an element $a \in U \cap A$ such that $a \neq a_0$; then $f(a) \in f(A)$ and, since f is one to one, $f(a) \neq f(a_0)$. Thus every θ_ω -neighborhood V of $f(a_0)$ contains an element of $f(A)$ different from $f(a_0)$; consequently $f(a_0) \in D_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$. We have therefore $f[D_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq D_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$.

Sufficiency. Follows from Theorem 4.7.

5 θ_ω – Open Mappings

The purpose of this section is to investigate some characterizations of θ_ω -open mappings.

Definition 5.1. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called θ_ω -open if for every open set G in X , $f(G)$ is a θ_ω -open set in Y .

Theorem 5.2. Prove that a mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -open if and only if for each $x \in X$, and $\theta_\omega U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in U$, there exists a θ_ω -open set $W \subseteq Y$ containing $f(x)$ such that $W \subseteq f(U)$.

Proof. Follows immediately from Definition 5.1.

Theorem 5.3. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be θ_ω -open. If $W \subseteq Y$ and $F \subseteq X$ is a closed set containing $f^{-1}(W)$, then there exists a θ_ω -closed $H \subseteq Y$ containing W such that $f^{-1}(H) \subseteq F$.

Proof. Let $H = Y - f(Y - F)$. Since $f^{-1}(W) \subseteq F$, we have $f^{-1}(Y - F) \subseteq (Y - W)$. Since f is θ_ω -open, then H is θ_ω -closed and $f^{-1}(H) = X - f^{-1}[f(Y - F)] \subseteq X - (X - F) = F$.

Theorem 5.4. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a θ_ω -open. function and let $B \subseteq Y$. Then $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Int_{\theta_\omega}(Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)))] \subseteq Cl[f^{-1}(B)]$.

Proof. $Cl[f^{-1}(B)]$ is closed in X containing $f^{-1}(B)$. By Theorem 5.3, there exists a θ_ω -closed set $B \subseteq H \subseteq Y$ such that $f^{-1}(H) \subseteq Cl[f^{-1}(B)]$. Therefore, we obtain $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Int_{\theta_\omega}(Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)))] \subseteq f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Int_{\theta_\omega}(Cl_{\theta_\omega}(H)))] \subseteq f^{-1}[H] \subseteq Cl[f^{-1}(B)]$.

Theorem 5.5. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -open if and only if $f[Int(A)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$, for all $A \subseteq X$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $A \subseteq X$. Let $x \in Int(A)$. Then there exists $U_x \in \tau$ such that $x \in U_x \subseteq A$. So $f(x) \in f(U_x) \subseteq f(A)$. and by hypothesis, $f(U_x) \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$. Hence $f(x) \in Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$. Thus $f[Int(A)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$.

Sufficiency. Let $U \in \tau$. Then by hypothesis, $f[Int(U)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(U)]$. Since $Int(U) = U$ as U is open. Also $Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(U)] \subseteq f(U)$. Hence $f(U) = Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(U)]$. Thus $f(U)$ is θ_ω -open in Y . So f is θ_ω -open.

Remark 5.6. The equality may not hold in the preceding Theorem.

Theorem 5.7. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -open if and only if $Int[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$, for all $B \subseteq Y$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $B \subseteq Y$. Since $Int[f^{-1}(B)]$ is open in X and f is θ_ω -open, $f[Int(f^{-1}(B))]$ is θ_ω -open in Y . Also we have $f[Int(f^{-1}(B))] \subseteq f[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq B$. Hence, we have $f[Int(f^{-1}(B))] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)$. Therefore, we obtain $Int(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$.

Sufficiency. Let $A \subseteq X$. Then $f(A) \subseteq Y$. Hence by hypothesis, we obtain $Int(A) \subseteq Int[f^{-1}(f(A))] \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(f(A))]$. Thus $f[Int(A)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$, for all $A \subseteq X$. Hence, by Theorem 5.5, f is θ_ω -open.

Theorem 5.8. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a mapping. Then a necessary and sufficient condition for f to be θ_ω -open is that $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)] \subseteq Cl[f^{-1}(B)]$ for every subset B of Y .

Proof. Necessity. Assume f is θ_ω -open Let $B \subseteq Y$. Let $x \in f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$. Then $f(x) \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)$. Let $U \in \tau$ such that $x \in U$. Since f is θ_ω -open, then $f(U)$ is a θ_ω -open set in Y . Therefore, $B \cap f(U) \neq \emptyset$. Then $U \cap f^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$. Hence $x \in Cl[f^{-1}(B)]$. We conclude that $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)] \subseteq Cl[f^{-1}(B)]$.

Sufficiency. Let $B \subseteq Y$. Then $(Y - B) \subseteq Y$. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Y - B)] \subseteq Cl[f^{-1}(Y - B)]$. $X - Cl[f^{-1}(Y - B)] \subseteq X - f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Y - B)]$. Thus $X - Cl[X - f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Y - Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Y - B)]$. By applying a well-known result, it implies that $Int[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$. Now from Theorem 5.7, it follows that f is θ_ω -open.

6 θ_ω - Closed Mappings

In this section we introduce θ_ω -closed functions and study certain properties and characterizations of this type of functions.

Definition 6.1. A mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called θ_ω -closed if the image of each closed set in X is a θ_ω -closed set in Y .

Theorem 6.2. Prove that a mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -closed if and only if $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] \subseteq f[Cl(A)]$ for each $A \subseteq X$.

Proof. Necessity. Let f be θ_ω -closed and let $A \subseteq X$. Then $f(A) \subseteq f[Cl(A)]$ and $f[Cl(A)]$ is a θ_ω -closed set in Y . Thus $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] \subseteq f[Cl(A)]$.

Sufficiency. Suppose that $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] \subseteq f[Cl(A)]$, for each $A \subseteq X$. Let $A \subseteq X$ be a closed set. Then $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] \subseteq f[Cl(A)] = f(A)$. This shows that $f(A)$ is a θ_ω -closed set. Hence f is θ_ω -closed.

Theorem 6.3. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be θ_ω -closed. If $V \subseteq Y$ and $E \subseteq X$ is an open set containing $f^{-1}(V)$, then there exists a θ_ω -open set $G \subseteq Y$ containing V such that $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq E$.

Proof. Let $G = Y - f(X - E)$. Since $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq E$, we have $f(X - E) \subseteq Y - V$. Since

f is θ_ω -closed, then G is a θ_ω -open set and $f^{-1}(G) = X - f^{-1}[f(X - E)] \subseteq X - (X - E) = E$.

Theorem 6.4. Suppose that $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a θ_ω -closed mapping. Then $Int_{\theta_\omega}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(f(A))] \subseteq f[Cl(A)]$ for every subset A of X .

Proof. Suppose f is a θ_ω -closed mapping and A is an arbitrary subset of X . Then $f[Cl(A)]$ is θ_ω -closed in Y . Then $Int_{\theta_\omega}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(f(Cl(A)))] \subseteq f[Cl(A)]$. But also $Int_{\theta_\omega}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(f(A))] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(f(Cl(A)))]$. Hence $Int_{\theta_\omega}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(f(A))] \subseteq f[Cl(A)]$.

Theorem 6.5. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a θ_ω -closed function, and $B, C \subseteq Y$.

Proof. (1) If U is an open neighborhood of $f^{-1}(B)$, then there exists a θ_ω -open neighborhood V of B such that $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$.

(2) If f is also onto, then if $f^{-1}(B)$ and $f^{-1}(C)$ have disjoint open neighborhoods, so have B and C .

Proof. (1) Let $V = Y - f(X - U)$. Then $V^c = Y - V = f(U^c)$. Since f is θ_ω -closed, so V is a θ_ω -open set. Since $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$, we have $V^c = f(U^c) \subseteq f[f^{-1}(B^c)] \subseteq B^c$. Hence, $B \subseteq V$, and thus V is a θ_ω -open neighborhood of B . Further $U^c \subseteq f^{-1}[f(U^c)] = f^{-1}(V^c) = [f^{-1}(V)]^c$. This proves that $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$.

(2) If $f^{-1}(B)$ and $f^{-1}(C)$ have disjoint open neighborhoods M and N , then by (1), we have θ_ω -open neighborhoods U and V of B and C respectively such that $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(U) \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}(M)$ and $f^{-1}(C) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}(N)$. Since M and N are disjoint, so are $Int_{\theta_\omega}(M)$ and $Int_{\theta_\omega}(N)$, hence

so $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are disjoint as well. It follows that U and V are disjoint too as f is onto.

Theorem 6.6. Prove that a surjective mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is θ_ω -closed if and only if for each subset B of Y and each open set U in X containing $f^{-1}(B)$, there exists a θ_ω -open set V in Y containing B such that $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$.

Proof. Necessity. This follows from (1) of Theorem 6.5.

Sufficiency. Suppose F is an arbitrary closed set in X . Let y be an arbitrary point in $Y - f(F)$. Then $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq X - f^{-1}[f(F)] \subseteq (X - F)$ and $(X - F)$ is open in X . Hence by hypothesis, there exists a θ_ω -open set V_y containing y such that $f^{-1}(V_y) \subseteq (X - F)$. This implies that $y \in V_y \subseteq [Y - f(F)]$. Thus we obtain $Y - f(F) = \cup \{V_y : y \in Y - f(F)\}$. So $Y - f(F)$ being a union of θ_ω -open sets, is θ_ω -open. Thus its complement $f(F)$ is θ_ω -closed. This shows that f is θ_ω -closed.

Theorem 6.7. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a bijection. Then the following are equivalent:

- (a) f is θ_ω -closed.
- (b) f is θ_ω -open.
- (c) f^{-1} is θ_ω -ocontinuous.

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b): Let $U \in \tau$. Then $X - U$ is closed in X . By (a), $f(X - U)$ is θ_ω -closed in Y . But $f(X - U) = f(X) - f(U) = Y - f(U)$. Thus $f(U)$ is θ_ω -open in Y . This shows that f is θ_ω -open.

(b) \Rightarrow (c): Let $U \subseteq X$ be an open set. Since f is θ_ω -open. So $f(U) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(U)$ is θ_ω -open in Y . Hence f^{-1} is θ_ω -ocontinuous.

(c) \Rightarrow (a): Let A be an arbitrary closed set in X . Then $X - A$ is open in X . Since f^{-1} is θ_ω -ocontinuous, $(f^{-1})^{-1}(X - A)$ is θ_ω -open in Y . But $(f^{-1})^{-1}(X - A) = f(X - A) = Y - f(A)$. Thus $f(A)$ is θ_ω -closed in Y . This shows that f is θ_ω -closed.

Remark 6.8. A bijection $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ may be open and closed but neither θ_ω -open nor θ_ω -closed.

7 Pre- θ_ω -Open Mappings

The purpose of this section is to introduce and discuss certain properties and characterizations of pre- θ_ω -open functions.

Definition 7.1. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces. Then a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be pre- θ_ω -open if and only if for each $A \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$, $f(A) \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$.

Theorem 7.2. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ be any two pre- θ_ω -open functions. Then the composition function $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is a pre- θ_ω -open function.

Proof. Let $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Then $f(U) \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$. Since f is pre- θ_ω -open. But then $g(f(U)) \in \mu_{\theta_\omega}$ as g is pre- θ_ω -open. Hence, $g \circ f$ is pre- θ_ω -open.

Theorem 7.3. Prove that a mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre- θ_ω -open if and only if for each $x \in X$ and for any $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in U$, there exists $V \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $f(x) \in V$ and $V \subseteq f(U)$.

Proof. Routine.

Theorem 7.4. Prove that a mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre- θ_ω -open if and only if for each $x \in X$ and for any θ_ω -neighbourhood U

of x in X , there exists a θ_ω -neighbourhood V of $f(x)$ in Y such that $V \subseteq f(U)$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $x \in X$ and let U be a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x . Then there exists $W \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in W \subseteq U$. Then $f(x) \in f(W) \subseteq f(U)$. But $f(W) \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$ as f is pre- θ_ω -open. Hence $V = f(W)$ is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of $f(x)$ and $V \subseteq f(U)$.

Sufficiency. Let $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Let $x \in U$. Then U is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of x . So by hypothesis, there exists a θ_ω -neighbourhood $V_{f(x)}$ of $f(x)$ such that $f(x) \in V_{f(x)} \subseteq f(U)$. It follows at once that $f(U)$ is a θ_ω -neighbourhood of each of its points. Therefore $f(U)$ is θ_ω -open. Hence f is pre- θ_ω -open.

Theorem 7.5. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre- θ_ω -open if and only if $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$, for all $A \subseteq X$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $A \subseteq X$. Let $x \in Int_{\theta_\omega}(A)$. Then there exists $U_x \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in U_x \subseteq A$. So $f(x) \in f(U_x) \subseteq f(A)$ and by hypothesis, $f(U_x) \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$. Hence $f(x) \in Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$. Thus $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$.

Sufficiency. Let $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Then by hypothesis, $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(U)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(U)]$. Since $Int_{\theta_\omega}(U) = U$ as U is θ_ω -open. Also $Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(U)] \subseteq f(U)$. Hence $f(U) = Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(U)]$. Thus $f(U)$ is θ_ω -open in Y . So f is pre- θ_ω -open.

We remark that the equality does not hold in Theorem 7.5 as the following example shows.

Example 7.6. Let $X = Y = R$. suppose X be with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \sim, \neq, \square^c, \neq \cup \square^c\}$. Then $\tau_{\theta_\omega} = \{\emptyset, \sim, \neq\}$. Let Y be with discrete topology $\tau_D = \{A : A \subseteq X\} = P(X)$. Let $f = Id : X \rightarrow Y$

be an identity function defined as $f(x) = x$, for each $x \in X$. Let $A = \square^c$. Then $\phi = f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \neq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] = \square^c$.

Theorem 7.7. Prove that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre- θ_ω -open if and only if $Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$, for all $B \subseteq Y$.

Proof. Necessity. Let $B \subseteq Y$. Since $Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)]$ is θ_ω -open in X and f is pre- θ_ω -open, $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(f^{-1}(B))]$ is θ_ω -open in Y . Also we have $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(f^{-1}(B))] \subseteq f[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq B$. Hence, $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(f^{-1}(B))] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)$. Therefore $Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$.

Sufficiency. Let $A \subseteq X$. Then $f(A) \subseteq Y$. Hence by hypothesis, we obtain $Int_{\theta_\omega}(A) \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(f(A))] \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(f(A))]$. This implies that $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq f[f^{-1}(Int_{\theta_\omega}(f(A)))] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$. Thus $f[Int_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)]$, for all $A \subseteq X$. Hence, by Theorem 7.5, f is pre- θ_ω -open.

Theorem 7.8. Prove that a mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre- θ_ω -open if and only if $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)] \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)]$, for every subset B of Y .

Proof. Necessity. Let $B \subseteq Y$. Let $x \in f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$. Then $f(x) \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)$. Let $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ such that $x \in U$. By hypothesis, $f(U) \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$ and $f(x) \in f(U)$. Thus $f(U) \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Hence $U \cap f^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$. Therefore, $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)]$. So we obtain $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(B)] \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)]$.

Sufficiency. Let $B \subseteq Y$. Then $(Y - B) \subseteq Y$. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Y - B)] \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Y - B)]$. So $X - Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Y - B)] \subseteq X - f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Y - B)]$.

So $X - Cl_{\theta_\omega}[X - f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Y - Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Y - B)]$.
 By a well-known result, it follows that $Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Int_{\theta_\omega}(B)]$. Now by Theorem 7.7, it follows that f is pre- θ_ω -open.

Theorem 7.9. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ be two mappings such that $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is θ_ω -irresolute. Then

(1) If g is a pre- θ_ω -open injection, then f is θ_ω -irresolute.

(2) If f is a pre- θ_ω -open surjection, then g is θ_ω -irresolute.

Proof. (1) Let $U \in \sigma_{\theta_\omega}$. Then $g(U) \in \mu_{\theta_\omega}$ since g is pre- θ_ω -open. Also $g \circ f$ is θ_ω -irresolute. Therefore, we have $(g \circ f)^{-1}[g(U)] \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Since g is an injection, so we have :
 $(g \circ f)^{-1}[g(U)] = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})[g(U)] = f^{-1}[g^{-1}(g(U))] = f^{-1}(U)$. Consequently $f^{-1}(U)$ is θ_ω -open in X . This proves that f is θ_ω -irresolute.

(2) Let $V \in \mu_{\theta_\omega}$. Then $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$ since $g \circ f$ is θ_ω -irresolute. Also f is pre- θ_ω -open θ_ω -open $f[(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)]$ is θ_ω -open in Y . Since f is surjective, we note that
 $f[(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)] = [f \circ (g \circ f)^{-1}](V) = [f \circ (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})](V) = [(f \circ f^{-1}) \circ g^{-1}](V) = g^{-1}(V)$.
 Hence g is θ_ω -irresolute.

8 Pre- θ_ω -Closed Mappings

In this last section, we introduce and explore several properties and characterizations of pre- θ_ω -closed functions.

Definition 8.1. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be pre- θ_ω -closed if and only if the image

set $f(A)$ is θ_ω -closed for each θ_ω -closed subset A of X .

Theorem 8.2. The composition of two pre- θ_ω -closed mappings is a pre- θ_ω -closed mapping.

Proof. The straight forward proof is omitted.

Theorem 8.3. Prove that a mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre- θ_ω -closed if and only if $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] \subseteq f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)]$ for every subset A of X .

Proof. Necessity. Suppose f is a pre- θ_ω -closed mapping and A is an arbitrary subset of X . Then $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)]$ is θ_ω -closed in Y . Since $f(A) \subseteq f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)]$, we obtain $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] \subseteq f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)]$.

Sufficiency. Suppose F is an arbitrary θ_ω -closed set in X . By hypothesis, we obtain $f(F) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(F)] \subseteq f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(F)] = f(F)$.

Hence $f(F) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(F)]$. Thus $f(F)$ is θ_ω -closed in Y . It follows that f is pre- θ_ω -closed.

Theorem 8.4. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a pre- θ_ω -closed function, and $B, C \subseteq Y$.

(1) If U is a θ_ω -open neighborhood of $f^{-1}(B)$, then there exists a θ_ω -open neighborhood V of B such that $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$.

(2) If f is also onto, then if $f^{-1}(B)$ and $f^{-1}(C)$ have disjoint θ_ω -open neighborhoods, so have B and C .

Proof. (1) Let $V = Y - f(X - U)$. Then $V^c = Y - V = f(X - U)$. Since f is pre- θ_ω -closed, so V is θ_ω -open. Since $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$, we have $V^c = f(X - U) \subseteq f[X - f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f[X - f^{-1}(B^c)] \subseteq B^c$. Hence, $B \subseteq V$, and thus V is a θ_ω -open neighborhood of B .

Further $U^c \subseteq f^{-1}[f(U^c)] = f^{-1}(V^c) = [f^{-1}(V)]^c$.

This proves that $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$.

(2) If $f^{-1}(B)$ and $f^{-1}(C)$ have disjoint θ_ω -open neighborhoods M and N , then by (1), we have θ_ω -open neighborhoods U and V of B and C respectively such that $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(U) \subseteq \text{Int}_{\theta_\omega}(M)$ and $f^{-1}(C) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \text{Int}_{\theta_\omega}(N)$. Since M and N are disjoint, so are $\text{Int}_{\theta_\omega}(M)$ and $\text{Int}_{\theta_\omega}(N)$, and hence so $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are disjoint as well. It follows that U and V are disjoint too as f is onto.

Theorem 8.5. Prove that a surjective mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre- θ_ω -closed if and only if for each subset B of Y and each θ_ω -open set U in X containing $f^{-1}(B)$, there exists a θ_ω -open set V in Y containing B such that $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$.

Proof. Necessity. This follows from (1) of Theorem 8.4.

Sufficiency. Suppose F is an arbitrary θ_ω -closed set in X . Let y be an arbitrary point in $Y - f(F)$. Then

$$f^{-1}(y) \subseteq X - f^{-1}[f(F)] \subseteq (X - F) \quad \text{and}$$

$(X - F)$ is θ_ω -open in X . Hence by hypothesis, there exists a θ_ω -open set V_y containing y such that $f^{-1}(V_y) \subseteq (X - F)$. This implies that

$$y \in V_y \subseteq [Y - f(F)]. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$Y - f(F) = \cup \{V_y \mid y \in Y - f(F)\}. \quad \text{Hence}$$

$Y - f(F)$, being a union of θ_ω -open sets is θ_ω -open. Thus its complement $f(F)$ is θ_ω -closed. This shows that f is θ_ω -closed.

Theorem 8.6. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a bijection. Then the following are equivalent:

(1) f is pre- θ_ω -closed.

(2) f is pre- θ_ω -open.

(3) f^{-1} is θ_ω -irresolute.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$. Then $X - U$ is θ_ω -closed in X . By (1), $f(X - U)$ is θ_ω -closed in Y . But $f(X - U) = f(X) - f(U) = Y - f(U)$. Thus $f(U)$ is θ_ω -open in Y . This shows that f is pre- θ_ω -open.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let $A \subseteq X$. Since f is pre- θ_ω -open, so by Theorem 7.8, $f^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(f(A))] \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(f(A))]$. It implies that $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f(A)] \subseteq f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)]$.

Thus $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[(f^{-1})^{-1}(A)] \subseteq (f^{-1})^{-1}[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)]$, for all $A \subseteq X$. Then by Theorem 4.2, it follows that f^{-1} is θ_ω -irresolute.

(3) \Rightarrow (1): Let A be an arbitrary θ_ω -closed set in X . Then $X - A$ is θ_ω -open in X . Since f^{-1} is θ_ω -irresolute, $(f^{-1})^{-1}(X - A)$ is θ_ω -open in Y . But $(f^{-1})^{-1}(X - A) = f(X - A) = Y - f(A)$. Thus $f(A)$ is θ_ω -closed in Y . This shows that f is pre- θ_ω -closed.

9 Contra θ_ω - Continuous Mappings

We introduce the definition of contra θ_ω -continuous functions in topological spaces and study some of their properties in this section.

Definition 9.1. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be contra θ_ω -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -closed in (X, τ) for each open set V of (Y, σ) .

Observe that if X is a countable set, then every function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra θ_ω -continuous.

Theorem 9.2. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Then the following are equivalent.

(1) f is contra θ_ω -continuous.

(2) $f^{-1}(F)$ is θ_ω -open in (X, τ) for every closed subset F of (Y, σ) .

(3) For each $x \in X$ and each closed set F in (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$, there exists a θ_ω -open set U in (X, τ) containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq F$.

(4) $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq Ker[f(A)]$ for ever subset A of (X, τ) .

(5) $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Ker(B)]$ for ever subset B of (Y, σ) .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let F be any closed set of Y . Then $Y - F$ is open. Hence by hypothesis $f^{-1}(Y - F)$ is θ_ω -closed. Thus $f^{-1}(Y - F) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Y - F)]$. We can obtain $X - f^{-1}(F) = X - Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)]$. Therefore, we have $f^{-1}(F) = Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)]$. Thus $f^{-1}(F)$ is θ_ω -open in X .

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let $x \in X$ and F be a closed set of Y containing $f(x)$. By (2), $x \in Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)]$. Hence there exists $U \in \theta_\omega(X)$ containing x such that $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$. Then, $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subseteq F$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Let A be any subset of X . Let $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ and F be a closed set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then by (3) there exists $U \in \theta_\omega O(X)$ containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq F$; hence $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$. Since $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$, so $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and hence it follows that $\emptyset \neq f(U \cap A) \subseteq f(U) \cap f(A) \subseteq F \cap f(A)$. Then by Lemma 2.15, we have $f(x) \in Ker[f(A)]$ and hence we obtain $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \subseteq Ker[f(A)]$.

(4) \Rightarrow (5): Let B be any subset of Y . By (4), $f[Cl_{\theta_\omega}(f^{-1}(B))] \subseteq Ker[f(f^{-1}(B))] \subseteq Ker(B)$ and hence $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(B)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Ker(B)]$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1): Let V be any open set of Y . Then by (5) and Lemma 2.15 we obtain $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] \subseteq f^{-1}[Ker(V)] = f^{-1}(V)$. Thus $Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(V)] = f^{-1}(V)$. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is

θ_ω -closed in X . This shows that f is contra θ_ω -continuous.

Proposition 9.3. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be contra θ_ω -continuous. If one of the following conditions holds, then f is θ_ω -continuous.

(1) (Y, σ) is regular,

(2) $Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Cl(V))] \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ for each open set V in (Y, σ) .

Proof. (1) Let $x \in X$ and V be an open set of (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$. Since (Y, σ) is regular, there exists an open set W in (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$ such that $Cl(W) \subseteq V$. Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous, so by Theorem 9.2, there exists a θ_ω -open set U in (X, τ) containing x such that

$f(U) \subseteq Cl(W)$; hence $f(U) \subseteq V$. Therefore f is θ_ω -continuous.

(2) Let V be an open set of (Y, σ) . Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous and $Cl(V)$ is closed, by Theorem 9.2, $f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$ is θ_ω -open set in (X, τ) and hence by (2), it implies $f^{-1}[Cl(V)] \subseteq Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Cl(V))] \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. So, we obtain $f^{-1}(V) = Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Cl(V))]$ and consequently $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -open in (X, τ) . So f is a θ_ω -continuous function.

Recall that for a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the subset $\{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\} \subseteq X \times Y$ is called the graph of f and is denoted by $G(f)$.

Theorem 9.4. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function and $g : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X \times Y, \tau \times \sigma)$ the graph function of f , defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for every $x \in X$. If g is contra θ_ω -continuous, then f is contra θ_ω -continuous.

Proof. Let U be an open set in (Y, σ) , then $X \times U$ is an open set in $(X \times Y, \tau \times \sigma)$. Since g is contra θ_ω -continuous, $g^{-1}(X \times U) = f^{-1}(U)$ is θ_ω -closed in (X, τ) . This shows that f is contra θ_ω -continuous.

Definition 9.5. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω -dense in X if $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) = X$.

Definition 9.6. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be a Urysohn space if for any two distinct points $x, y \in X$, there exist open subsets U and V of (X, τ) such that $x \in U$, $y \in V$ and $Cl(U) \cap Cl(V) = \emptyset$.

Theorem 9.7. Let $f, g : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be two contra θ_ω -continuous functions. If (Y, σ) is Urysohn, the following properties hold:

(1) The set $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$ is θ_ω -closed in (X, τ) .

(2) $f = g$ on (X, τ) whenever $f = g$ on a θ_ω -dense set $A \subseteq X$.

Proof. (1) Let $x \in X - E$. Then $f(x) \neq g(x)$. By assumption on the space (Y, σ) , there exist open sets V and W in (Y, σ) such that $f(x) \in V$, $g(x) \in W$ and $Cl(V) \cap Cl(W) = \emptyset$. Since f and g are contra θ_ω -continuous, $f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$ and $g^{-1}[Cl(W)]$ are θ_ω -open sets in (X, τ) containing x . Let $U = f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$ and $G = g^{-1}[Cl(W)]$ and set $A = U \cap G$. Then A is θ_ω -open set in (X, τ) containing x . Now, $f(A) \cap g(A) = f(U \cap G) \cap g(U \cap G) \subseteq f(U) \cap g(G) \subseteq Cl(V) \cap Cl(W) = \emptyset$. This implies that $A \cap E = \emptyset$, where A is θ_ω -open in (X, τ) . Hence $x \notin Cl_{\theta_\omega}(E)$. So E θ_ω -closed in (X, τ) .

(2) Let $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$. Since f and g are contra θ_ω -continuous and (Y, σ) is Urysohn, by the previous part, E is θ_ω -closed in (X, τ) . By assumption, we have $f = g$ on A , where A is θ_ω -dense in (X, τ) . Since $A \subseteq E$, A is θ_ω -dense and E is θ_ω -closed in (X, τ) , so $X = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(E) = E$. Hence $f = g$ on (X, τ) .

Theorem 9.8. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ be functions, then the following properties hold:

(1) $g \circ f$ is θ_ω -continuous, if f is contra θ_ω -continuous and g is contra-continuous.

(2) $g \circ f$ is contra θ_ω -continuous, if f is contra θ_ω -continuous and g is continuous.

(3) $g \circ f$ is contra θ_ω -continuous, if f is θ_ω -irresolute and g is contra θ_ω -continuous.

Theorem 9.9. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a surjective θ_ω -irresolute and pre- θ_ω -open function and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ be any function. Then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is contra θ_ω -continuous if and only if g is contra θ_ω -continuous.

Proof. Suppose $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is contra θ_ω -continuous. Let F be a closed set in (Z, μ) . Then $f^{-1}[g^{-1}(F)] = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$ is θ_ω -open in (X, τ) . Since f is pre- θ_ω -open and surjective, $g^{-1}(F) = f[f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))]$ is θ_ω -open in (Y, σ) and we obtain that g is contra θ_ω -continuous..

For the converse, suppose g is contra θ_ω -continuous. Let V be a closed set in (Z, μ) . Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -open in (Y, σ) . Since f is θ_ω -irresolute, $f^{-1}[g^{-1}(V)] = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -open in (X, τ) and so $g \circ f$ is a contra θ_ω -continuous.

Definition 9.10. A space topological (X, τ) is said to be Strongly S-closed if every closed cover of X has a finite cover.

Definition 9.11. A space topological (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω -compact if every θ_ω -open cover of X has a finite cover.

Definition 9.12. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω -compact relative to X if for any cover $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathbb{V}\}$ of A by θ_ω -open sets of X , there exists a finite subset V_0 of \mathbb{V} such that $A \subseteq \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in V_0\}$.

Theorem 9.13. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be contra θ_ω -continuous surjection.

(1) If A is θ_ω -compact relative to (X, τ) , then $f(A)$ is strongly S-closed in (Y, σ) .

(2) If (X, τ) is strongly S-closed, then (Y, σ) is compact.

Proof. (1) Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in V\}$ be any cover of $f(A)$ by closed sets of the subspace $f(A)$. For $\alpha \in V$, there exists a closed set A_α of (Y, σ) such that $V_\alpha = A_\alpha \cap f(A)$. For each $x \in A$, there exists $\alpha_x \in V$ such that $f(x) \in A_{\alpha_x}$.

Now by hypothesis f is contra θ_ω -continuous and hence by Theorem 9.2, there exists a θ_ω -open set U_x in (X, τ) such that $x \in U_x$ and $f(U_x) \subseteq A_{\alpha_x}$. Since the family $\{U_x : x \in A\}$ is a cover of A by θ_ω -open sets of (X, τ) , there exists a finite subset A_0 of A such that $A \subseteq \cup\{U_x : x \in A_0\}$. Therefore,

$f(A) \subseteq \cup\{f(U_x) : x \in A_0\} \subseteq \cup\{A_{\alpha_x} : x \in A_0\}$. Thus $f(A) = \cup\{V_{\alpha_x} : x \in A_0\}$ and hence $f(A)$ is strongly S-closed.

(2) Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in V\}$ be any open cover of Y . Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous, $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in V\}$ is a θ_ω -closed cover of the strongly S-closed space (X, τ) . We have $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in V_0\}$ for some finite subset V_0 of V . Since f is surjective, $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in V_0\}$. This shows that (Y, σ) is compact.

Theorem 9.14. Let $\{(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be any family of topological spaces. If a function $f : X \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in V} X_\alpha$ is contra θ_ω -continuous, then $\pi_\alpha \circ f : X \rightarrow X_\alpha$ is contra θ_ω -continuous. for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, where π_α is the projection of $\prod_{\alpha \in V} X_\alpha$ onto X_α .

Proof. For a fixed $\alpha \in \Lambda$, let V_α be any open subset of X_α . Since π_α is continuous, $\pi_\alpha^{-1}(V_\alpha)$ is open in $\prod_{\alpha \in V} X_\alpha$. Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous, $f^{-1}[\pi_\alpha^{-1}(V_\alpha)] = (\pi_\alpha \circ f)^{-1}(V_\alpha)$ is θ_ω -closed in X . Therefore, $\pi_\alpha \circ f$ is contra θ_ω -continuous, for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$.

Definition 9.15. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then the θ_ω -frontier of a subset A of X , denoted by $Fr_{\theta_\omega}(A)$, is defined as $Fr_{\theta_\omega}(A) = [Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)] \cap [Cl_{\theta_\omega}(X - A)] = [Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)] - [Int_{\theta_\omega}(A)]$.

Theorem 9.16. The set of all points x of X at which $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is not contra θ_ω -continuous is identical with the union of θ_ω -frontier of the inverse images of closed sets of Y containing $f(x)$.

Proof. Necessity: Let f be not contra θ_ω -continuous at a point $x \in X$. Then by Theorem 9.2, there exists a closed set F of Y containing $f(x)$ such that $f(U) \cap (Y - F) \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in \theta_\omega O(X, x)$, which implies that $U \cap f^{-1}(Y - F) \neq \emptyset$. Thus $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(Y - F)] = Cl_{\theta_\omega}[X - f^{-1}(F)]$. Again, since $x \in f^{-1}(F)$, we get $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)]$ and so it follows that $x \in Fr_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)]$.

Sufficiency: Suppose that $x \in (Fr_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)])$ for some closed set F of Y containing $f(x)$ and f is contra θ_ω -continuous at x . Then there exists $U \in \theta_\omega O(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq F$. Therefore $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ and hence it follows that $x \in Int_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)] \subseteq X - (Fr_{\theta_\omega}[f^{-1}(F)])$. But this is a contradiction. So f is not contra θ_ω -continuous at x .

Definition 9.17. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called almost weakly θ_ω -continuous, if, for each $x \in X$ and for each open set V of Y containing

$f(x)$, there exists $U \in \theta_\omega O(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq Cl(V)$.

Theorem 9.18. Suppose that a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra θ_ω -continuous. Then f is almost weakly θ_ω -continuous.

Proof. For any open set V of Y , $Cl(V)$ is closed in Y . Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous, $f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$ is θ_ω -open set in X . We take $U = f^{-1}[Cl(V)]$, then $f(U) \subseteq Cl(V)$. Hence f is almost weakly θ_ω -continuous.

Definition 9.19. A space (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω -connected provided that X is not the union of two disjoint nonempty θ_ω -open sets.

Proposition 9.20. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be surjective and contra θ_ω -continuous. If (X, τ) is θ_ω -connected, then (Y, σ) is connected.

Proof. Assume that (Y, σ) is not connected. Then, there exist nonempty open sets V_1, V_2 of (Y, σ) such that $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ and $V_1 \cup V_2 = Y$. Hence we have $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \emptyset$ and $f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2) = X$. Since f is surjective, $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$ are nonempty sets. Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous and V_1, V_2 are open sets. Hence $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$ are θ_ω -open sets in (X, τ) . Therefore, (X, τ) is not θ_ω -connected.

Theorem 9.21. If every contra θ_ω -continuous function from a space (X, τ) into any T_0 -space (Y, σ) is constant, then (X, τ) is θ_ω -connected.

Proof. Suppose that (X, τ) is not θ_ω -connected and every contra θ_ω -continuous function from (X, τ) into any T_0 -space (Y, σ) is constant. Since (X, τ) is not θ_ω -connected, there exists a proper nonempty θ_ω -open subset A of (X, τ) . Let $Y = \{a, b\}$ and

$\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ be a topology for Y . Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function such that $f(A) = \{a\}$ and $f(X - A) = \{b\}$.

Then f is not constant and contra θ_ω -continuous such that (Y, σ) is T_0 -space. This is a contradiction. Hence (X, τ) must be θ_ω -connected.

Definition 9.22. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω - T_2 if for each two distinct points $x, y \in X$, there exist θ_ω -open sets U and V in (X, τ) such that $x \in U, y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Definition 9.23. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be weakly Hausdorff if each element of X is an intersection of regular closed sets.

Definition 9.24. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be ultra Hausdorff if every two distinct points of X can be separated by disjoint clopen sets.

Definition 9.25. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be ultra normal (resp. θ_ω -normal) if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen (resp. θ_ω -open) sets.

Theorem 9.26. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a contra θ_ω -continuous injection, then the following properties hold:

(1) (X, τ) is θ_ω - T_1 if (Y, σ) is weakly Hausdorff.

(2) (X, τ) is θ_ω - T_2 if (Y, σ) is a Urysohn space or ultra Hausdorff.

(3) (X, τ) is θ_ω -normal if (Y, σ) is ultra normal and f is closed.

Proof. (1) Suppose that (Y, σ) is weakly Hausdorff. For any distinct points x and y in (X, τ) , there exist regular closed sets A, B in (Y, σ) such that $f(x) \in A, f(y) \notin A, f(x) \notin B$ and $f(y) \in B$. Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous, $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are θ_ω -open sets in (X, τ) such that $x \in f^{-1}(A), y \notin f^{-1}(A), x \notin f^{-1}(B)$ and $y \in f^{-1}(B)$. This shows that (X, τ) is θ_ω - T_1 .

(2) Let x_1 and x_2 be any distinct points in X . Then, since f is injective, $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$. Moreover, since (Y, σ) is ultra-Hausdorff, there exist clopen sets V_1, V_2 such that $f(x_1) \in V_1, f(x_2) \in V_2$ and $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$. Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous. So there exists $U_i \in \theta_\omega O(X, \tau)$ containing x_i such that $f(U_i) \subseteq V_i$ for $i=1,2$. Clearly, we obtain $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$. Thus (X, τ) is θ_ω - T_2 .

In case (Y, σ) is Urysohn space, there exist open sets U_1, U_2 such that $f(x_1) \in U_1, f(x_2) \in U_2$ and $Cl(U_1) \cap Cl(U_2) = \emptyset$. Let $G = f^{-1}[Cl(U_1)]$ and $H = f^{-1}[Cl(U_2)]$. Then $x_1 \in G, x_2 \in H$ and $G \cap H = \emptyset$. Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous. Therefore G and H are θ_ω -open sets in (X, τ) . Thus (X, τ) is θ_ω - T_2 .

(3) Let F_1 and F_2 be disjoint closed subsets of (Y, σ) . Since f is closed and injective, $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are disjoint closed subsets of (Y, σ) . Since (Y, σ) is ultra normal, $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are separated by disjoint clopen sets V_1 and V_2 , respectively. Since f is contra θ_ω -continuous, $F_i \subseteq f^{-1}(V_i)$ and $f^{-1}(V_i)$ is θ_ω -open in (X, τ) for $i=1,2$ and $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \emptyset$. Thus (X, τ) is θ_ω -normal.

Theorem 9.27. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. If for each pair of distinct points x_1 and x_2 in X there exists a function f of (X, τ) into a Urysohn space (Y, σ) such that $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ and f is contra θ_ω -continuous at x_1 and x_2 , then (X, τ) is θ_ω - T_2 .

Proof. Let x and y be any two distinct points of X . Then by the hypothesis, there exist a Urysohn space (Y, σ) and a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ which satisfies the condition of the theorem. Let $y_i = f(x_i)$ for $i=1,2$. Then $y_1 \neq y_2$. Since Y is Urysohn, there exist open sets U and V containing y_1 and y_2 , respectively, such that $Cl(U) \cap Cl(V) = \emptyset$. Since

f is contra θ_ω -continuous at x_1 and x_2 , so there exists θ_ω -open sets G and H in (X, τ) containing x_1 and x_2 , respectively, such that $f(G) \subseteq Cl(U)$ and $f(H) \subseteq Cl(V)$. Hence we obtain $G \cap H = \emptyset$. Therefore, (X, τ) is θ_ω - T_2 .

Definition 9.28. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called almost contra θ_ω -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ_ω -closed for every regular open set V of Y .

Theorem 9.29. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) f is almost contra θ_ω -continuous
- (b) $f^{-1}(F)$ is θ_ω -open in X for every regular closed set F of Y .
- (c) for each $x \in X$ and each regular open set F of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists $U \in \theta_\omega O(X)$ such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subseteq F$.
- (d) for each $x \in X$ and each regular open set V of Y non-containing $f(x)$, there exists a θ_ω -closed set K of X non-containing x such that $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq K$.

Proof. (a) \Leftrightarrow (b): Let F be any regular closed set of Y . Then $(Y - F)$ is regular open and therefore $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F) \in \theta_\omega C(X)$. Hence, $f^{-1}(F) \in \theta_\omega O(X)$. The converse part is obvious.

(b) \Rightarrow (c): Let F be any regular closed set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then $f^{-1}(F) \in \theta_\omega O(X)$ and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. Taking $U = f^{-1}(F)$ we get $f(U) \subseteq F$.

(c) \Rightarrow (b): Let F be any regular closed set of Y and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. Then, there exists

$U_x \in \theta_\omega O(X, x)$ such that $f(U_x) \subseteq F$ and so $U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$. Also, we have $f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(F)} U_x$. Hence $f^{-1}(F) \in \theta_\omega O(X)$.

(c) \Rightarrow (d): Let V be any regular open set of Y non-containing $f(x)$. Then $(Y - V)$ is regular closed set of Y containing $f(x)$. Hence by (c), there exists $U \in \theta_\omega O(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq (Y - V)$. Hence, we obtain $U \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - V) \subseteq X - f^{-1}(V)$ and so $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq (X - U)$. Now, since $U \in \theta_\omega O(X)$, $(X - U)$ is θ_ω -closed set of X not containing x . The converse part is obvious.

Theorem 9.30. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be almost contra θ_ω -continuous. Then f is almost weakly θ_ω -continuous.

Proof. For $x \in X$, let H be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then $Cl(H)$ is a regular closed set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then by Theorem 9.29, there exists $G \in \theta_\omega O(X, x)$ such that $f(G) \subseteq Cl(H)$. So f is almost weakly θ_ω -continuous.

Theorem 9.31. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an almost contra θ_ω -continuous injection and Y is weakly Hausdorff. Then X is $\theta_\omega - T_1$.

Proof. Since Y is weakly Hausdorff, for distinct points x, y of Y , there exist regular closed sets U and V such that $f(x) \in U, f(y) \notin U$ and $f(y) \in V, f(x) \notin V$. Now, f being almost contra θ_ω -continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are θ_ω -open subsets of X such that $x \in f^{-1}(U), y \notin f^{-1}(U)$ and $y \in f^{-1}(V), x \notin f^{-1}(V)$. This shows that X is $\theta_\omega - T_1$.

Corollary 9.32. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra θ_ω -continuous injection and Y is weakly Hausdorff, then X is $Bc - T_1$.

Theorem 9.33. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an almost contra θ_ω -continuous surjection and X be θ_ω -connected. Then Y is connected.

Proof. If possible, suppose that Y is not connected. Then there exist disjoint non-empty open sets U and V of Y such that $Y = U \cup V$. Since U and V are clopen sets in Y , they are regular open sets of Y . Again, since f is almost contra θ_ω -continuous surjection, $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are θ_ω -open sets of X and $X = f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V)$. This shows that X is not θ_ω -connected. But this is a contradiction. Hence Y is connected.

Definition 9.34. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be countably θ_ω -compact if every countable cover of X by θ_ω -open sets has a finite subcover.

Definition 9.35. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω -Lindelof if every θ_ω -open cover of X has a countable subcover.

Theorem 9.36. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an almost contra θ_ω -continuous surjection. Then the following statements hold:

- (a) If X is θ_ω -compact, then Y is S -closed.
- (b) If X is θ_ω -Lindelof, then Y is S -Lindelof.
- (c) If X is countably θ_ω -compact, then Y is countably S -closed.

Proof. (a): Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be any regular closed cover of Y . Since f is almost contra θ_ω -continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is a θ_ω -open cover of X . Again, since X is θ_ω -compact, there exist a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \bigcup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ and hence $Y = \{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$. Therefore, Y is S-closed.

The proofs of (b) and (c) are being similar to (a): omitted.

Definition 9.37. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω -closed compact if every θ_ω -closed cover of X has a finite subcover.

Definition 9.38. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be countably θ_ω -closed if every countable cover of X by θ_ω -closed sets has a finite subcover.

Definition 9.39. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be θ_ω -closed Lindelof if every θ_ω -closed cover of X has a countable subcover.

Theorem 9.40. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an almost contra θ_ω -continuous surjection. Then the following statements hold:

(a) If X is θ_ω -closed compact, then Y is nearly compact.

(b) If X is θ_ω -closed Lindelof, then Y is nearly Lindeloff.

(c) If X is countably θ_ω -closed compact, then Y is nearly countable compact.

Proof. (a): Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be any regular open cover of Y . Since f is almost contra θ_ω -continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is a

θ_ω -closed cover of X . Again, since X is θ_ω -closed compact, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \bigcup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ and hence $Y = \{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$. Therefore, Y is nearly compact.

The proofs of (b) and (c) are being similar to (a): omitted.

10 Conclusion

Sets and functions in topological spaces are developed and used in many engineering problems, information systems and computational topology. By researching generalizations of closed sets, some new separation axioms and compact spaces have founded and are turned to be useful in the study of digital topology. In this paper we have introduced θ_ω -continuous, θ_ω -irresolute, θ_ω -open, θ_ω -closed, pre- θ_ω -open, pre- θ_ω -closed, contra θ_ω -continuous and almost contra θ_ω -mappings and have investigated properties and characterizations of these new types of mappings in topological spaces. We have studied new types of functions using θ_ω -open sets and these functions will have many possibilities of applications in computer graphics and digital topology.

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