

## ON PRESERVING $\Omega s$ -CLOSENESS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** The aim of this paper is to introduce and study the concepts of  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous maps. These concepts are used to obtain several results concerning the preservation of  $\Omega s$ -closed sets. Moreover, we use  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous maps to obtain a characterization of  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  spaces.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Noiri and Sayed [16] introduced the class of  $\Omega s$ -closed sets. By the mean of these sets they introduced and studied  $\Omega s$ -continuous and  $\Omega s$ -irresolute maps. In [17], Sayed introduced  $\Omega s$ -open sets and studied some applications on them. In this paper, we obtain some new decompositions of  $\Omega s$ -continuity. Also, a new forms of continuity (which we call  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous) are introduced and several properties of them are investigated. We use these concepts to obtain some results concerning the preservation of  $\Omega s$ -closed sets. Furthermore, we characterize  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  and *semi* -  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  spaces in terms of  $\Omega s$ -closed sets.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \nu)$  represent non-empty spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned, and they are simply written as  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ , respectively, when no confusion arises. The family of all closed subsets of  $X$  (resp.  $Y$ ) is denoted by  $F_X$  (resp.  $F_Y$ ). All sets are assumed to be subsets of topological spaces. The closure and the interior of a set  $A$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  [6] and  $Int(A)$  [7], respectively. In order to make the contents of this paper as self contained as possible, we briefly describe certain definitions; notations and some properties.

**Definition 1.** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

- (1) semi-open [11] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$  and semi-closed [4] if  $Int(Cl(A)) \subseteq A$ ;
- (2) preopen [14] if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$ ;
- (3) semi-preopen [1] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ ;
- (4) regular open (resp. regular closed) [19] if  $A = Int(Cl(A))$  (resp.  $A = Cl(Int(A))$ ).

**Definition 2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . The semi-interior of  $A$  [6], denoted by  $sInt(A)$ , is the union of all semi-open subsets of  $A$ .  $A$  is semi-open [6] if and only if  $sInt(A) = A$ . It is well known that  $sInt(A) = A \cap Cl(Int(A))$  [10].

**Definition 3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is semi-closed if and only if  $X \setminus A$  is semi-open and the semi-closure of  $B$  [4], denoted by  $sCl(B)$ , is the intersection of all semi-closed supersets of  $B$ .  $B$  is semi-closed [15] if and only if  $sCl(B) = B$ . It is well known that  $sCl(B) = B \cup Int(Cl(B))$  [10].

**Definition 4.** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (1)  $sg$ -closed [3] in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $sCl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ ;
- (2)  $\Omega$ -closed [16] in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $sCl(A) \subseteq Int(U)$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ ;
- (3)  $\Omega$ s-closed [16] in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $sCl(A) \subseteq Int(Cl(U))$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (4) The complement of  $\Omega$ -closed set (resp.  $\Omega$ s-closed set) is said to be  $\Omega$ -open (resp.  $\Omega$ s-open) [17] in  $(X, \tau)$ . Equivalently, a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\Omega$ s-open [17, Proposition 2.3(2)] if  $Cl(Int(F)) \subseteq sInt(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$  and  $F$  is semi-closed.

We need the following notations:

- $\Omega_s C(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $\Omega_s O(X, \tau)$ ) denotes the family of all  $\Omega$ s-closed sets (resp.  $\Omega$ s-open sets) in  $(X, \tau)$ ;
- $\Omega C(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $\Omega O(X, \tau)$ ) denotes the family of all  $\Omega$ -closed sets (resp.  $\Omega$ -open sets) in  $(X, \tau)$ ;
- $SGC(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $SGO(X, \tau)$ ) denotes the family of all  $sg$ -closed sets (resp.  $sg$ -open sets) in  $(X, \tau)$ ;
- $SC(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $SO(X, \tau)$ ) denotes the family of all semi-closed sets (resp. semi-open sets) in  $(X, \tau)$ ;

**Definition 5.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be:

(1) *RC-continuous* [2] (resp. *contra-semicontinuous* [8], *contra-precontinuous* [9]) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular closed (resp. semi-closed, preclosed) in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open subset  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ;

(2)  $\Omega s$ -continuous [16] (resp. *sg-continuous* [20]) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed (resp. *sg-closed*) in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed subset  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ;

(3) *irresolute* [7] (resp.  $\Omega s$ -irresolute [16]) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open (resp.  $\Omega s$ -closed) in  $(X, \tau)$  for every semi-open (resp.  $\Omega s$ -closed) subset  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ;

(4) *pre-semiopen* [7] (resp. *pre-semi-closed* [18], *pre- $\Omega s$ -closed* [17]) if  $f(F)$  is semi-open (resp. semi-closed,  $\Omega s$ -closed) in  $(Y, \sigma)$  whenever  $F$  is semi-open (resp. semi-closed,  $\Omega s$ -closed) in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 6.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be *semi- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$*  [5] (resp.  *$\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$*  [15]) if every *sg-closed* (resp.  $\Omega s$ -closed) set is semi-closed.

### 3. $\Omega s$ -CLOSED SETS AND $\Omega s$ -CONTINUITY

**Theorem 1.** Every preopen subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a preopen subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is a semi-open set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $sCl(A) = A \cup Int(Cl(A)) = Int(Cl(A)) \subseteq Int(Cl(U))$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed.

**Remark 1.** We have the following more relationship between  $\Omega s$ -closed sets and some other sets (cf. Remark 3.2 in [16]); and the following examples below show them.

- 1) An  $\Omega s$ -closed set need not be pre-open (cf. Example 1);
- 2) Semi-preopen sets and  $\Omega s$ -closed sets are independent (cf. Examples 1 and 2);
- 3) Semi-closed sets and  $\Omega s$ -closed sets are independent (cf. Examples 1 and 2);
- 4) A closed semi-open set need not be  $\Omega s$ -closed (cf. Example 2);
- 5) *sg-closed* sets and  $\Omega s$ -closed sets are independent (cf. Example 2).

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  be the Sierpinski space and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . The subset  $\{b\}$  of  $X$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed but it is neither preopen nor semi-preopen. Furthermore, the subset  $\{a\}$  of  $X$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed but it is not semi-closed.

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . The subset  $\{b, c\}$  of  $X$  is both closed and semi-open but it is not  $\Omega s$ -closed. Also,  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed but it is not *sg-closed*. Furthermore, the subset  $\{c\}$  of  $X$  is *sg-closed* but it is not  $\Omega s$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.** *If a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is regular open then  $A$  is both semi-open and  $\Omega s$ -closed and the converse is not true.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a regular open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . To prove that  $A$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed, let  $A \subseteq G$ , where  $G$  is a semi-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $sCl(A) = A \cup Int(Cl(A)) = Int(Cl(A)) \subseteq Int(Cl(G))$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed. Conversely, in Example 2 the subset  $\{a, b\}$  of  $X$  is both semi-open and  $\Omega s$ -closed but it is not regular open.

**Corollary 3.** *If a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is regular closed then it is both semi-closed and  $\Omega s$ -open.*

**Remark 2.** *The converse of the above corollary is not true as shown by Example 2, where  $\{c\}$  is both semi-closed and  $\Omega s$ -open but it is not regular closed.*

**Corollary 4.** *A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is clopen if and only if  $A$  is semi-open, semi-closed,  $\Omega s$ -open and  $\Omega s$ -closed.*

**Theorem 5.** *A contra-precontinuous map is  $\Omega s$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* From Theorem 1, the proof is straightforward.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as shown by the following example

**Example 3.** *Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . The identity map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  is  $\Omega s$ -continuous but it is not contra-precontinuous.*

**Theorem 6.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $RC$ -continuous, then it is both  $\Omega s$ -continuous and contra-semicontinuous.*

*Proof.* From Theorem 2, the proof is straightforward.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as shown by the following example

**Example 4.** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \phi, \{c\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  to be the identity map. Then  $f$  is both contra-semicontinuous and  $\Omega s$ -continuous but not  $RC$ -continuous.*

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. If  $\tau = F_X$ , then

- (1)  $SO(X, \tau) = SC(X, \tau) = \tau$ .
- (2)  $\Omega_s O(X, \tau) = \Omega_s C(X, \tau) = P(X)$ .

#### 4. $\Omega s^*$ -CLOSED AND $\Omega s^*$ -CONTINUOUS MAPS

In this section, we introduce a new type of maps called  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous maps and obtain some of their properties and characterizations. Furthermore, we establish a necessary and sufficient conditions for a map to be  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.

**Definition 7.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\Omega s^*$ -closed if  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ , whenever  $S$  is a semi-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $f(S) \subseteq O$ .

**Definition 8.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous if  $sCl(O_1) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S_1)))$ , whenever  $O_1$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $S_1$  is a semi-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $O_1 \subseteq f^{-1}(S_1)$ .

The following example shows that  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous is not continuous, not  $\Omega s^*$ -closed, and not  $\Omega s$ -irresolute.

**Example 5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  be a topology on  $X$ , and  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  be a topology on  $Y$ . Define the map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  to be the identity map. We have that  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous but not continuous, not  $\Omega s^*$ -closed, not  $\Omega s$ -irresolute, and not  $\Omega s$ -continuous.

The following example shows that  $\Omega s$ -continuous does not imply  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.

**Example 6.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}\}$  be a topology on  $X$ , and  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  be a topology on  $Y$ . Define the map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  to be the identity map. We have that  $f$  is  $\Omega s$ -continuous, but not  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.

From the above discussion we note that:

- (1)  $\Omega s$ -continuity and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuity are independent.
- (2) Continuity and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuity are independent.

**Theorem 7.** For a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , we denote the following properties by (1), (2) and (3), respectively.

- (1)  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed;
- (2)  $sCl(O_1) \subseteq f(Int(Cl(S_1)))$  holds, whenever  $S_1$  is a semi-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $O_1$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $O_1 \subseteq f(S_1)$ ;
- (3)  $Cl(Int(S)) \subseteq f^{-1}(sInt(O))$  holds, whenever  $S$  is a semi-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $S \subseteq f^{-1}(O)$ .

Then, we have the following implications:

- (i) (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) if  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is surjective;
- (ii) (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) if  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is bijective;
- (iii) (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3).

*Proof.* (i) Let  $S \in SC(X, \tau)$  and  $O \in \Omega_s O(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $f(S) \subseteq O$ . Then, since  $f$  is surjective, we have that  $Y \setminus O \subseteq Y \setminus f(S) \subseteq f(X \setminus S)$ . For the sets  $X \setminus S \in SO(X, \tau)$  and  $Y \setminus O \in \Omega_s C(Y, \sigma)$ , by (2), it is obtained that  $sCl(Y \setminus O) \subseteq f(Int(Cl(X \setminus S)))$ ; and so  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Therefore,  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\Omega_s^*$ -closed.

(ii) Let  $S_1 \in SO(X, \tau)$  and  $O_1 \in \Omega_s C(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $O_1 \subseteq f(S_1)$ . Then, since  $f$  is injective, we have that  $f(X \setminus S_1) \subseteq Y \setminus f(S_1) \subseteq Y \setminus O_1$ . For the sets  $X \setminus S_1 \in SC(X, \tau)$  and  $Y \setminus O_1 \in \Omega_s O(Y, \sigma)$ , by (1), it is obtained that  $f(Cl(Int(X \setminus S_1))) \subseteq sInt(Y \setminus O_1)$ ; and so  $f(X \setminus Int(Cl(S_1))) \subseteq Y \setminus sCl(O_1)$ . Using the assumption of surjectivity of  $f$ , we have that  $Y \setminus f(Int(Cl(S_1))) \subseteq f(X \setminus Int(Cl(S_1))) \subseteq Y \setminus sCl(O_1)$  and so  $sCl(O_1) \subseteq f(Int(Cl(S_1)))$ .

(iii) (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $S \in SC(X, \tau)$  and  $O \in \Omega_s O(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $S \subseteq f^{-1}(O)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\Omega_s^*$ -closed, we have  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ ; and so  $Cl(Int(S)) \subseteq f^{-1}(sInt(O))$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $S \in SC(X, \tau)$  and  $O \in \Omega_s O(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $f(S) \subseteq O$ . Since  $S \subseteq f^{-1}(O)$ , by (3), it is obtained that  $Cl(Int(S)) \subseteq f^{-1}(sInt(O))$  holds; and so  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ .

**Theorem 8.** For a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $\Omega_s^*$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f^{-1}(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$  whenever  $f^{-1}(S) \subseteq O$ , where  $S$  is a semi-closed subset of  $Y$  and  $O$  is an  $\Omega_s$ -open subset of  $X$ .
- (3)  $f(sCl(O_1)) \subseteq Int(Cl(S_1))$  whenever  $f(O_1) \subseteq S_1$ , where  $O_1$  is an  $\Omega_s$ -closed subset of  $X$  and  $S_1$  is a semi-open subset of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Suppose that  $f^{-1}(S) \subseteq O$ , where  $S \in SC(Y, \sigma)$  and  $O \in \Omega_s O(X, \tau)$ . Since  $X \setminus O \subseteq f^{-1}(Y \setminus S)$  and  $f$  is  $\Omega_s^*$ -continuous, then  $X \setminus sInt(O) = sCl(X \setminus O) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(Y \setminus S))) = X \setminus f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$ . Therefore, we have the required property:  $f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $f(O_1) \subseteq S_1$ , where  $S_1 \in SO(Y, \sigma)$  and  $O_1 \in \Omega_s C(X, \tau)$ . Then, we have  $f^{-1}(Y \setminus S_1) \subseteq X \setminus O_1$ ,  $Y \setminus S_1 \in SC(Y, \sigma)$  and  $X \setminus O_1 \in \Omega_s O(X, \tau)$ . By (2), it is obtained that  $X \setminus f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S_1))) = f^{-1}(Cl(Int(Y \setminus S_1))) \subseteq sInt(X \setminus O_1) = X \setminus sCl(O_1)$ ; and so  $f(sCl(O_1)) \subseteq Int(Cl(S_1))$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $S \in SO(Y, \sigma)$  and  $O \in \Omega_s C(X, \tau)$  such that  $O \subseteq f^{-1}(S)$ . Since  $f(O) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(S)) \subseteq S$ , by (3), it is obtained that  $f(sCl(O)) \subseteq Int(Cl(S))$  and hence  $sCl(O) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $\Omega_s^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a bijection. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $\Omega_s^*$ -closed.
- (2)  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Omega_s^*$ -continuous.

*Proof.* (1) $\implies$ (2) Let  $O_1 \subseteq (f^{-1})^{-1}(S_1) = f(S_1)$ , where  $O_1$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $S_1$  is a semi-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . From Theorem 7 we have  $sCl(O_1) \subseteq f(Int(Cl(S_1))) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(Int(Cl(S_1)))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.

(2) $\implies$ (1) Let  $O_1 \subseteq f(S_1)$  or  $O_1 \subseteq (f^{-1})^{-1}(S_1)$ , where  $O_1$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $S_1$  is a semi-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $sCl(O_1) \subseteq (f^{-1})^{-1}(Int(Cl(S_1)))$  or  $sCl(O_1) \subseteq f(Int(Cl(S_1)))$ . Therefore by Theorem 7 we have  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map . If  $f(H)$  is a semi-closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $f(Cl(Int(H))) \subseteq Cl(Int(f(H)))$  for every semi-closed subset  $H$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f(H) \subseteq O$ , where  $H$  is a semi-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open, then  $Cl(Int(f(H))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Hence  $f(Cl(Int(H))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map. If  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a semi-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $Int(Cl(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$  for every semi-open subset  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $O \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ , where  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $V$  is a semi-open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed, then  $sCl(O) \subseteq Int(Cl(f^{-1}(V)))$ . Hence  $sCl(O) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.

## 5. PRESERVING $\Omega s$ -CLOSED SETS

In this section, the concepts of  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous maps are used to study the preservation of  $\Omega s$ -closed set. Also, we establish a necessary conditions for a map to be  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous. Finally, we investigate some of the properties of these maps involving restriction and composition.

**Theorem 12.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is irresolute and  $\Omega s^*$ -closed, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed ( $\Omega s$ -open) subset of  $(X, \tau)$  whenever  $B$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed ( $\Omega s$ -open) subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $B$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is a semi-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $X \setminus U \subseteq X \setminus f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus B)$  or  $f(X \setminus U) \subseteq Y \setminus B$ . Since  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed, then  $f(Cl(Int(X \setminus U))) \subseteq sInt(Y \setminus B) = Y \setminus sCl(B)$ . Hence  $Cl(Int(X \setminus U)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y \setminus sCl(B)) = X \setminus f^{-1}(sCl(B))$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(sCl(B)) \subseteq X \setminus Cl(Int((X \setminus U))) = Int(Cl(U))$ . Since  $f$  is irresolute, then  $sCl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq sCl(f^{-1}(sCl(B))) = f^{-1}(sCl(B)) \subseteq Int(Cl(U))$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

A similar argument shows that the inverse image of an  $\Omega s$ -open set is an  $\Omega s$ -open.

**Remark 3.** From the above theorem we note that if  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is irresolute and  $\Omega s^*$ -closed, then  $f$  is  $\Omega s$ -irresolute.

The converse of the above remark is not true as illustrated by the following example

**Example 7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}, Y = \{p, q\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{p\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  as follows:  $f(a) = f(c) = p$  and  $f(b) = q$ . Then  $f$  is  $\Omega s$ -irresolute but not irresolute.

**Theorem 13.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous and pre-semi-closed, then  $f(A)$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  whenever  $A$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $f(A) \subseteq V$ , where  $V$  is a semi-open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous, then  $sCl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$ . Hence  $f(sCl(A)) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . Since  $f$  is pre-semi-closed,  $sCl(f(A)) \subseteq sCl(f(sCl(A))) = f(sCl(A)) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . Therefore  $f(A)$  is an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Remark 4.** From the above theorem we note that if  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous and pre-semi-closed, then  $f$  is pre- $\Omega s$ -closed.

The converse of the above remark is not true as illustrated by the following example.

**Example 8.** Let  $X = \{x, y\}, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{x\}\}, Y = \{p, q, r\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{p\}, \{q, r\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  as follows:  $f(x) = p$  and  $f(y) = r$ . Then  $f$  is pre- $\Omega s$ -closed but not pre-semi-closed.

**Theorem 14.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces such that  $\sigma = F_Y$ . If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a pre-semi-closed map and  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq f(S)$  holds for every semi-closed subset  $S$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $f$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.

*Proof.* Let  $f(S) \subseteq O$ , where  $S$  be a semi-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then, by Proposition 1,  $f(S)$  is a semi-open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Therefore  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq f(S) \subseteq sInt(f(S)) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Hence  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.

**Theorem 15.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces such that  $\tau = F_X$ . If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is irresolute map and  $f^{-1}(S) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(VS)))$  holds for every semi-open subset  $S$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map.



*Proof.* Let  $O \subseteq f^{-1}(S)$ , where  $S$  is a semi-open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $O$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(S) \in SO(X)$  and by Proposition 1,  $f^{-1}(S) \in SC(X)$ . Therefore  $sCl(O) \subseteq sCl(f^{-1}(S)) = f^{-1}(S) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map.

**Theorem 16.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map. If  $f(S)$  is a semi-closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq Cl(Int(f(S)))$  for every semi-closed subset  $S$  of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $S$  is a semi-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $(Z, \nu)$  and  $g(f(S)) \subseteq O$ . Then  $g(Cl(Int(f(S)))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Therefore  $g(f(Cl(Int(S)))) \subseteq g(Cl(Int(f(S)))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.

**Theorem 17.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is an  $\Omega s$ -irresolute and pre-semi-open map, then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $S$  is a semi-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $(Z, \nu)$  such that  $g(f(S)) \subseteq O$ . Then  $f(S) \subseteq g^{-1}(O)$ . By assumption,  $g$  is an  $\Omega s$ -irresolute map; and so  $g^{-1}(O)$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map, then  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(g^{-1}(O))$ . Hence  $g(f(Cl(Int(S)))) \subseteq g(sInt(g^{-1}(O))) = sInt(g(sInt(g^{-1}(O)))) \subseteq sInt(g(g^{-1}(O))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Therefore,  $g \circ f$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.

**Theorem 18.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is an irresolute map; and  $Int(Cl(g^{-1}(S))) \subseteq g^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$  for every semi-open subset  $S$  of  $(Z, \nu)$ , then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map.*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a semi-open subset of  $(Z, \nu)$  and  $O$  be an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $O \subseteq (g \circ f)^{-1}(S)$ . Then  $O \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(S))$  and  $g^{-1}(S)$  is a semi-open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous, then  $sCl(O) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(g^{-1}(S)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}Int(Cl(S))) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map.

The following example shows that the restrictions of  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous maps can fail to be  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous, respectively.

**Example 9.** *Let  $X$  be an indiscrete space with a nonempty proper subset  $B$ . The identity mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and hence by Theorem 9 is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.*

*First, we prove that  $f|_B : B \rightarrow X$  is not  $\Omega s^*$ -closed. Observe that  $f(B) = f|_B(B)$  is  $\Omega s$ -open in  $X$  (Proposition 1). Then  $f|_B(B) \subseteq f(B)$ , where  $f(B)$  is  $\Omega s$ -open*

in  $X$  and  $B$  is a semi-closed in  $B$ . But  $f|_B(Cl_B(Int_B(B))) = f|_B(B) = f(B) \not\subseteq sInt(f(B))$  (where  $Cl_B(B)$  is the closure of  $B$  in  $B$  and  $Int_B(B)$  is the interior of  $B$  in  $B$ ). Hence  $f|_B$  is not  $\Omega s^*$ -closed.

Second, we prove that  $f|_B: B \rightarrow X$  is not  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous. Since  $B \subseteq (f|_B)^{-1}(B)$ , where  $B$  is semi-open in  $X$  (Proposition 1) and  $\Omega s$ -closed in  $B$ . But  $(f|_B)^{-1}(Int(Cl(B))) = f^{-1}(Int(Cl(B))) \cap B \not\subseteq sCl_B(B) = B$  (where  $sCl_B(B)$  is the semi-closure of  $B$  in  $B$ ). Hence  $f|_B$  is not  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.

Now, we have the following two theorems

**Theorem 19.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map and  $B$  is an open and a semi-closed subset of  $X$ , then  $f|_B: B \rightarrow Y$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $f|_B(S) \subseteq O$ , where  $O$  is an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $Y$  and  $S$  is an open and a semi-closed subset of  $B$ . Then  $S$  is semi-closed in  $X$  ([13, Theorem 2.6]) and  $f|_B(S) = f(S)$ . Therefore  $f(S) \subseteq O$ . Since  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed, then  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Now, we prove that  $f|_B(Cl_B(Int_B(S))) \subseteq f(Cl(Int(S)))$ . Since  $Cl(E) \cap B = Cl_B(E)$  holds for any set  $E \subseteq B$  and  $Int(E) \cap B = Int_B(E)$  holds for any  $E \subseteq B$  if  $B$  is open, then  $Cl(Int(S)) \cap B = Cl_B[(Int(S)) \cap B] = Cl_B(Int_B(S))$ . Thus, we have  $f(Cl(Int(S))) \supseteq f(Cl(Int(S)) \cap B) = f|_B(Cl(Int(S)) \cap B) \supseteq f|_B(Cl_B(Int_B(S)))$ . Therefore, we have that  $f|_B(Cl_B(Int_B(S))) \subseteq f(Cl(Int(S))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Hence,  $f|_B$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map.

**Theorem 20.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous and  $B$  is open and  $\Omega$ -closed subset of  $X$ , then  $f|_B: B \rightarrow Y$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Assume  $O \subseteq (f|_B)^{-1}(S)$ , where  $O$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed in  $B$  and  $S$  is semi-open in  $Y$ . Then, we have  $O \subseteq f^{-1}(S)$  and  $O$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed relative to  $X$  ([16, Theorem 3.4]). Since  $f$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map, then  $sCl(O) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$ . Hence  $sCl(O) \cap B \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(S))) \cap B = (f|_B)^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$ . Since  $B$  is open in  $X$ , then  $sCl(O) \cap B = sCl_B(O)$  [12]. Therefore  $sCl_B(O) \subseteq (f|_B)^{-1}(Int(Cl(S)))$  and  $f|_B: B \rightarrow Y$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map.

## 6. A CHARACTERIZATION OF $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ SPACES

In the following results, we obtain two properties of *semi* -  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  spaces. Furthermore, we offer a characterization of the class of  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  spaces by using the concepts of  $\Omega s^*$ -closed and  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 21.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.*

- (i) *For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is semi-closed or  $\Omega s$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .*
- (ii)  *$(X, \tau)$  is semi- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if every  $\Omega s$ -open singleton is semi-open.*

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that a singleton  $\{x\}$  is not semi-closed. Then,  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is not semi-open; and so the only semi-open set containing  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $X$ . Thus, whenever  $U$  is a semi-open set such that  $X \setminus \{x\} \subseteq U$ , then  $U = X$  and  $sCl(X \setminus \{x\}) \subseteq X = Int(Cl(U))$  hold; and so  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed. Hence  $\{x\}$  is  $\Omega s$ -open.

(ii) From (i),  $\{x\}$  is semi-closed or  $\Omega s$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . By hypothesis  $\{x\}$  is semi-closed or semi-open. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is semi- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  [16, Theorem 5.1].

The converse of Theorem 21 (ii) is not true as shown by the following example.

**Example 10.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$  and  $F_X := \{X, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$ ; then it is shown that  $SO(X, \tau) := \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $SC(X, \tau) := \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ; and  $SGC(X, \tau) := \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\} = SC(X, \tau)$ ;  $\Omega C(X, \tau) := \{X, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$ ;  $\Omega O(X, \tau) := \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ ;  $\Omega_s C(X, \tau) = \Omega_s O(X, \tau) := \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\} = P(X)$ .

• One singleton  $\{a\}$  is semi-open and two singletons  $\{b\}$  and  $\{c\}$  are semi-closed. Thus, we conclude that this space  $(X, \tau)$  is semi- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Indeed,  $SGC(X, \tau) = SC(X, \tau)$  holds. Namely, every sg-closed set is semi-closed; and so by definition of semi- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ness, this space  $(X, \tau)$  is semi- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ . However, there exists a singletons  $\{b\}$  such that  $\{b\}$  is  $\Omega s$ -open but  $\{b\}$  is not semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus, we conclude that the property (=every  $\Omega s$ -open singleton is semi-open or (open)) is not true for this singleton  $\{b\}$  of  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore, we conclude that the converse of Theorem 21 is not true.

**Theorem 22.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map for any space  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then the space  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space.

*Proof.* Let  $O$  be an  $\Omega s$ -closed subset of  $X$  and  $Y$  be the set  $X$  with the topology  $\sigma = \{Y, O, Y \setminus O, \phi\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. By assumption,  $f$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -continuous map. Since  $O$  is  $\Omega s$ -closed in  $X$ , open and closed in  $Y$ , and  $O \subseteq f^{-1}(O)$ , then  $sCl(O) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(O))) = f^{-1}(O) = O$ . Hence,  $O$  is semi-closed in  $X$ . Therefore, the space  $Y$  is  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Theorem 23.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an  $\Omega s^*$ -closed map for any space  $(X, \tau)$ , then the space  $(Y, \sigma)$  is an  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space.

*Proof.* Let  $O$  be an  $\Omega s$ -open subset of  $Y$  and  $X$  be the set  $Y$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, O, X \setminus O, \phi\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. By assumption,  $f$  is  $\Omega s^*$ -closed. Since  $O$  is  $\Omega s$ -open in  $Y$ , open and closed in  $X$ , and  $f(O) \subseteq O$ , it follows that  $O = f(O) = f(Cl(Int(O))) \subseteq sInt(O)$ . Hence,  $O$  is semi-open in  $Y$ . Therefore, the space  $Y$  is  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

The converse of both Theorem 22 and 23 is not true as shown by the following example

**Example 11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $F_X := \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ; then it is shown that  $SO(X, \tau) = SC(X, \tau) = P(X)$ ;  $\Omega_s C(X, \tau) = \tau$ ; and  $\Omega_s O(X, \tau) = F_X$ . The space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Now, define the map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  to be:  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = b$ .  $f$  is not  $\Omega_s^*$ -continuous. Indeed, we have  $\{b\} \subseteq f^{-1}(\{c\})$ , where  $\{b\} \in \Omega_s C(X, \tau)$  and  $\{c\} \in SO(X, \tau)$ , but  $sCl(\{b\}) = \{b\} \not\subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(\{c\}))) = \phi$ . We conclude that  $f$  is not an  $\Omega_s^*$ -continuous map and the converse of Theorem 22 is not true.

Furthermore,  $f$  is not  $\Omega_s^*$ -closed. Indeed, we have  $f(\{b\}) \subseteq \{c\}$ , where  $\{b\} \in SC(X, \tau)$  and  $\{c\} \in \Omega_s O(X, \tau)$ , but  $f(Cl(Int(\{b\}))) = \{b, c\} \not\subseteq \{c\} = sInt(\{c\})$ . We conclude that  $f$  is not an  $\Omega_s^*$ -closed map and the converse of Theorem 23 is not true.

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