

ON PRESERVING Ωs -CLOSENESS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, ν) 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, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is said to be

- (1) sg -closed [3] in (X, τ) if $sCl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semi-open in (X, τ) ;
- (2) Ω -closed [16] in (X, τ) if $sCl(A) \subseteq Int(U)$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semi-open in (X, τ) ;
- (3) Ωs -closed [16] in (X, τ) if $sCl(A) \subseteq Int(Cl(U))$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semi-open in (X, τ) .
- (4) The complement of Ω -closed set (resp. Ωs -closed set) is said to be Ω -open (resp. Ωs -open) [17] in (X, τ) . Equivalently, a subset A of a space (X, τ) is said to be Ωs -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 Ωs -closed sets (resp. Ωs -open sets) in (X, τ) ;
- $\Omega C(X, \tau)$ (resp. $\Omega O(X, \tau)$) denotes the family of all Ω -closed sets (resp. Ω -open sets) in (X, τ) ;
- $SGC(X, \tau)$ (resp. $SGO(X, \tau)$) denotes the family of all sg -closed sets (resp. sg -open sets) in (X, τ) ;
- $SC(X, \tau)$ (resp. $SO(X, \tau)$) denotes the family of all semi-closed sets (resp. semi-open sets) in (X, τ) ;

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, τ) for every open subset V in (Y, σ) ;

(2) Ωs -continuous [16] (resp. *sg-continuous* [20]) if $f^{-1}(V)$ is Ωs -closed (resp. *sg-closed*) in (X, τ) for every closed subset V in (Y, σ) ;

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

(4) *pre-semiopen* [7] (resp. *pre-semi-closed* [18], *pre- Ωs -closed* [17]) if $f(F)$ is semi-open (resp. semi-closed, Ωs -closed) in (Y, σ) whenever F is semi-open (resp. semi-closed, Ωs -closed) in (X, τ) .

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

3. Ωs -CLOSED SETS AND Ωs -CONTINUITY

Theorem 1. Every preopen subset of (X, τ) is Ωs -closed.

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

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

- 1) An Ωs -closed set need not be pre-open (cf. Example 1);
- 2) Semi-preopen sets and Ωs -closed sets are independent (cf. Examples 1 and 2);
- 3) Semi-closed sets and Ωs -closed sets are independent (cf. Examples 1 and 2);
- 4) A closed semi-open set need not be Ωs -closed (cf. Example 2);
- 5) *sg-closed* sets and Ωs -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 Ωs -closed but it is neither preopen nor semi-preopen. Furthermore, the subset $\{a\}$ of X is Ωs -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 Ωs -closed. Also, $\{a, b\}$ is Ωs -closed but it is not *sg-closed*. Furthermore, the subset $\{c\}$ of X is *sg-closed* but it is not Ωs -closed.

Theorem 2. *If a subset A of a space (X, τ) is regular open then A is both semi-open and Ωs -closed and the converse is not true.*

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

Corollary 3. *If a subset A of a space (X, τ) is regular closed then it is both semi-closed and Ωs -open.*

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

Corollary 4. *A subset A of a space (X, τ) is clopen if and only if A is semi-open, semi-closed, Ωs -open and Ωs -closed.*

Theorem 5. *A contra-precontinuous map is Ωs -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 Ωs -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 Ωs -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 Ωs -continuous but not RC -continuous.*

Let (X, τ) 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. Ωs^* -CLOSED AND Ωs^* -CONTINUOUS MAPS

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

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

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

The following example shows that Ωs^* -continuous is not continuous, not Ωs^* -closed, and not Ωs -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 Ωs^* -continuous but not continuous, not Ωs^* -closed, not Ωs -irresolute, and not Ωs -continuous.

The following example shows that Ωs -continuous does not imply Ωs^* -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 Ωs -continuous, but not Ωs^* -continuous.

From the above discussion we note that:

- (1) Ωs -continuity and Ωs^* -continuity are independent.
- (2) Continuity and Ωs^* -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 Ωs^* -closed;
- (2) $sCl(O_1) \subseteq f(Int(Cl(S_1)))$ holds, whenever S_1 is a semi-open subset of (X, τ) , O_1 is an Ωs -closed subset of (Y, σ) 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, τ) , O is an Ωs -open subset of (Y, σ) 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 Ω_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 Ω_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 Ω_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 Ω_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 Ω_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 Ω_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 Ω_s^* -continuous.

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

- (1) f is Ω_s^* -closed.
- (2) f^{-1} is Ω_s^* -continuous.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) Let $O_1 \subseteq (f^{-1})^{-1}(S_1) = f(S_1)$, where O_1 is an Ωs -closed subset of (Y, σ) and S_1 is a semi-open subset of (X, τ) . 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 Ωs^* -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 Ωs -closed subset of (Y, σ) and S_1 is a semi-open subset of (X, τ) . 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 Ωs^* -closed.

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

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

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

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

5. PRESERVING Ωs -CLOSED SETS

In this section, the concepts of Ωs^* -closed and Ωs^* -continuous maps are used to study the preservation of Ωs -closed set. Also, we establish a necessary conditions for a map to be Ωs^* -closed and Ωs^* -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 Ωs^* -closed, then $f^{-1}(B)$ is an Ωs -closed (Ωs -open) subset of (X, τ) whenever B is an Ωs -closed (Ωs -open) subset of (Y, σ) .*

Proof. Assume that B is an Ωs -closed subset of (Y, σ) and $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$, where U is a semi-open subset of (X, τ) . 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 Ωs^* -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 Ωs -closed subset of (X, τ) .

A similar argument shows that the inverse image of an Ωs -open set is an Ωs -open.

Remark 3. From the above theorem we note that if $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is irresolute and Ωs^* -closed, then f is Ωs -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 Ωs -irresolute but not irresolute.

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

Proof. Assume that A is an Ωs -closed subset of (X, τ) and $f(A) \subseteq V$, where V is a semi-open subset of (Y, σ) . Then $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is Ωs^* -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 Ωs -closed subset of (Y, σ) .

Remark 4. From the above theorem we note that if $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is Ωs^* -continuous and pre-semi-closed, then f is pre- Ωs -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- Ωs -closed but not pre-semi-closed.

Theorem 14. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) 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, τ) , then f is an Ωs^* -closed map.

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

Theorem 15. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) 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, σ) , then f is Ωs^* -continuous map.

Proof. Let $O \subseteq f^{-1}(S)$, where S is a semi-open subset of (Y, σ) and O is Ωs -closed subset of (X, τ) . 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 Ωs^* -continuous map.

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

Proof. Suppose that S is a semi-closed subset of (X, τ) and O is an Ωs -open subset of (Z, ν) 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 Ωs^* -closed map.

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

Proof. Suppose that S is a semi-closed subset of (X, τ) and O is an Ωs -open subset of (Z, ν) such that $g(f(S)) \subseteq O$. Then $f(S) \subseteq g^{-1}(O)$. By assumption, g is an Ωs -irresolute map; and so $g^{-1}(O)$ is an Ωs -open subset of (Y, σ) . Since f is an Ωs^* -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 Ωs^* -closed map.

Theorem 18. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an Ωs^* -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, ν) , then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \nu)$ is an Ωs^* -continuous map.*

Proof. Let S be a semi-open subset of (Z, ν) and O be an Ωs -closed subset of (X, τ) 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, σ) . Since f is Ωs^* -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 Ωs^* -continuous map.

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

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

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

Second, we prove that $f|_B: B \rightarrow X$ is not Ωs^* -continuous. Since $B \subseteq (f|_B)^{-1}(B)$, where B is semi-open in X (Proposition 1) and Ωs -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 Ωs^* -continuous.

Now, we have the following two theorems

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

Proof. Suppose $f|_B(S) \subseteq O$, where O is an Ωs -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 Ωs^* -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 Ωs^* -closed map.

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

Proof. Assume $O \subseteq (f|_B)^{-1}(S)$, where O is Ωs -closed in B and S is semi-open in Y . Then, we have $O \subseteq f^{-1}(S)$ and O is Ωs -closed relative to X ([16, Theorem 3.4]). Since f is an Ωs^* -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 Ωs^* -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 Ωs^* -closed and Ωs^* -continuous.

Theorem 21. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space.*

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

(ii) From (i), $\{x\}$ is semi-closed or Ωs -open in (X, τ) . By hypothesis $\{x\}$ is semi-closed or semi-open. Then (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is semi- $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$. However, there exists a singletons $\{b\}$ such that $\{b\}$ is Ωs -open but $\{b\}$ is not semi-open in (X, τ) . Thus, we conclude that the property (=every Ωs -open singleton is semi-open or (open)) is not true for this singleton $\{b\}$ of (X, τ) . Therefore, we conclude that the converse of Theorem 21 is not true.

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

Proof. Let O be an Ωs -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 Ωs^* -continuous map. Since O is Ωs -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 Ωs^* -closed map for any space (X, τ) , then the space (Y, σ) is an $\Omega - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ space.

Proof. Let O be an Ωs -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 Ωs^* -closed. Since O is Ωs -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, τ) 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 Ω_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 Ω_s^* -continuous map and the converse of Theorem 22 is not true.

Furthermore, f is not Ω_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 Ω_s^* -closed map and the converse of Theorem 23 is not true.

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