

**$(i, j) - S_c -$  Continuous and  $(i, j) - \theta S_c -$  continuous Functions**ALIAS BARAKAT KHALAF<sup>1</sup>, HARDI NASRADDIN AZIZ<sup>2</sup> AND HARDI ALI SHAREF<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>Dept. of Mathematic, Faculty of Science, University of Duhok, Kurdistan Region-Iraq<sup>2</sup> Dept. of Mathematic, Faculty of Science, University of Sulaimani, Kurdistan Region-Iraq

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper, we introduce new types of continuity in bitopological spaces called  $(i, j) - S_c -$  continuous and  $(i, j) - \theta S_c -$  continuous. We discuss the relationship between these types of continuity and other known types of continuous functions.

**Keywords:**  $(i, j) - S_c -$  continuous,  $(i, j) - \theta S_c -$  continuous, Semi - continuous.

**1. Introduction**

In [Kelley, 1963] Kelley was first introduced the concept of bitopological spaces, where  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  are topologies on  $X$ . Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is a bitopological space, and if  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $i - Int(A)$  and  $i - Cl(A)$  denote respectively the interior and closure of  $A$  with respect to the topology  $\tau_i$  on  $X$ .

A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called preopen [Mashhour, 1982] (resp., semi-open [Levine, 1963], regular open [Stone, 1937]) if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$  (resp.,  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$ ,  $A = Int(Cl(A))$ ).

The complement of a preopen (resp., semi-open, regular open) set is said to be preclosed (resp., semi-closed, regular closed).

The intersection of all preclosed (resp., semi - closed) sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called preclosure [El-Deeb, 1983] (resp., semi - closure [Crossely, 1971]).

The union of all preopen (resp., semi - open) sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called preinterior (resp., semi - interior).

A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called  $\theta -$  semi - open [Joseph, 1980], if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a semi - open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G \subseteq Cl(G) \subseteq A$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be in semi -  $\theta -$  closure [Di Maio, 1987] (resp.,  $\theta -$  semi - closure [Joseph, 1980]) of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  denoted by  $sCl_\theta(A)$  (resp.,  $\theta sCl(A)$ ), if  $A \cap sCl(U) \neq \emptyset$  (resp.,  $A \cap Cl(U) \neq \emptyset$ ), for each semi - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $\theta -$  semi closed, if  $A = \theta sCl(A)$ .

In [Levine, 1963] Levine defined a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to be semi - continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi - open set in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\theta s -$  continuous in sense of khalaf and Easif [Khalaf, 1999]

(resp., RC- continuous [Dontchev, 1999]) if the inverse image of each open subset of  $Y$  is  $\theta -$  semi - open (resp., regular closed) in  $X$ . A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\theta -$  irresolute in sense of park and park [Park, 1995] (resp.,  $\theta -$  irresolute in sense of Kheder and Noiri [Kheder, 1986], weakly  $\theta -$  irresolute [Ganster, 1988]), if for each  $x \in X$  and each semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a semi - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(sCl(U)) \subseteq sCl(V)$  (resp.,  $f(Cl(U)) \subseteq Cl(V)$ ,  $f(U) \subseteq Cl(V)$ ).

In [Joseph, 1980] Joseph and Kwack introduced a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to be  $(\theta, s) -$  continuous, if for each  $x \in X$  and each semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq Cl(V)$ . A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $R -$  map [Carnahan, 1973], if the inverse image of each regular open subset of  $Y$  is regular open in  $X$ . In the present paper we introduce and investigate the concept of  $(i, j) - S_c -$  continuous and  $(i, j) - \theta S_c -$  continuous functions.

**2. Preliminaries**

We give the following definition and results which are used in next sections.

**Definition 2.1** A space  $X$  is regular if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $G$  containing  $x$ , there exists an open set  $H$  such that  $x \in H \subseteq Cl(H) \subseteq G$ .

**Definition 2.2** [Ganster, 1990] A space  $X$  is said to be strongly  $s$ -regular space, if for each closed set  $A$  and any point  $x \notin X \setminus A$ , there exists a regular closed set  $F$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in F$  and  $F \cap A = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.3** [Arya, 1982] A space  $X$  is said to be  $s$ -Urysohn, if for each two distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exist two semi - open sets  $U, V$  such

that  $x \in U, y \in V, y \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$  and  $Cl(U) \cap Cl(V) = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.4** [Stone, 1937] A space  $X$  is said to be externally disconnected, if  $Cl(G)$  is open for every open set  $G$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5** [Hardi, 2012] A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open, if  $A$  is  $j$  - semi - open and for all  $x \in A$ , there exist an  $i$  - closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subseteq A$ . A subset  $B$  of  $X$  is called  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed if and only if  $B^c$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open. The family of  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open (resp.,  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed) subset of  $X$  is denoted by  $(i, j) - S_C O(X)$  (resp.,  $(i, j) - S_C C(X)$ ).

**Theorem 2.6:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then:

- 1- If  $A \in SO(X)$ , then  $pCl(A) = Cl(A)$ . [Dontchev, 2000]
- 2- If  $A \in \tau$ , then  $Cl_\theta(A) = Cl(A)$ . [Velicko, 1986].
- 3-  $A \in PO(X)$  if and only if  $sCl(A) = Int(Cl(A))$ . [Jankovich, 1985].
- 4- If  $A$  is open set in a space  $X$ , then  $sCl(A) = Int(Cl(A))$ . [Di Maio, 1987].

**Theorem 2.7** [Hardi, 2012] A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set if and only if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $B$  such that  $x \in B \subseteq A$ .

**Theorem 2.8** [Hardi, 2012] Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. If  $(X, \tau_i)$  is a  $T_1$  - space, then  $(i, j) - S_C O(X) = j - SO(X)$ .

**Theorem 2.9** [Hardi, 2012] Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. If  $(X, \tau_i)$  is a regular space, then  $\tau_j \subseteq (i, j) - S_C O(X)$ .

**Theorem 2.10** [Donchev, 19988] The intersection of preopen set  $A$  and regular closed set  $B$  is regular closed in the preopen set  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.11**[Hardi, 2012] Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $A \subseteq Y$ . If  $A \in (i, j) - S_C O(Y)$  and  $Y \in j - RC(X) \cap i - RC(X)$ , then  $A \in (i, j) - S_C O(X)$ .

**Proposition 2.12** [Hardi, 2012] Let  $X_1, X_2$  be two bitopological spaces. If  $A \in (i, j) - S_C O(X_1)$  and  $B \in (i, j) - S_C O(X_2)$ , then  $A \times B \in (i, j) - S_C O(X_1 \times X_2)$ .

### 3. $(i, j) - S_C$ - Continuous Function

**Definition 3.1:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous at a point  $x \in X$ , if for each  $j$  - open  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  -

open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

If  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous at every point  $x$  of  $X$ , then it is called  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous.

**Proposition 3.2:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous if and only if the inverse image of every  $j$  - open set in  $Y$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ .

**Proof** ( $\rightarrow$ ): Let  $f$  be an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous function and let  $V$  be any  $j$  - open set in  $Y$ . If  $f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$  implies  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ , if  $f^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  implies  $f(x) \in V$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ , this implies that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.7.,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ .

( $\leftarrow$ ): Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - open set in  $Y$ , then by hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous.

It is evident that every  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous function is  $j$  - semi - continuous, but the converse may not be true.

**Example 3.3** : Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{X, \{a\}, \emptyset\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset\}$ , then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $j$ -semi-continuous but it is not  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous because  $\{a, c\}$  is not  $(i, j) - S_C$ -open set.

**Proposition 3.4:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous if and only  $f$  is  $j$  - semi - continuous and for each  $x \in X$  and each  $j$  - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $i$  - closed set  $F$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subseteq V$ .

**Proof:** ( $\rightarrow$ ): Let  $f$  be an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous and let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $j$  - open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By hypothesis, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Since,  $U$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set, then for each  $x \in U$ , there exists an  $i$  - closed set  $F$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in F \subseteq U$ . Therefore, we have  $f(F) \subseteq V$  and  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous always implies  $j$  - semi - continuous.

( $\leftarrow$ ): Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - open set of  $Y$ , we have to show that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . Since,  $f$  is  $j$ -semi-continuous, then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $j$  - semi - open set in  $X$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ , then  $f(x) \in V$ . By hypothesis there exists an  $i$  - closed set  $F$  of  $X$  containing  $x$

such that  $f(F) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open set in  $X$ . Hence, by Proposition 3.2,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous.

**Proposition 3.5:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1-  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous.
- 2-  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open set in  $X$ , for each  $j -$  open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- 3-  $f^{-1}(F)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  closed set in  $X$ , for each  $j -$  closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .
- 4-  $f((i, j) - S_C Cl(A)) \subseteq j - Cl(f(A))$ , for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ .
- 5-  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - ClB)$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- 6-  $f^{-1}(j - Int(B)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B))$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- 7-  $j - Int(f(A)) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int(A))$ , for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Proof:** 1  $\Rightarrow$  2: Follows from Proposition 3.2.

2  $\Rightarrow$  3: Let  $F$  be any  $j -$  closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y - F$  is  $j -$  open in  $Y$ . By (2),  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}F$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open set in  $X$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  closed in  $X$ .

3  $\Rightarrow$  4: Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ , then  $f(A) \subseteq j - Cl(f(A))$  and  $j - Cl(f(A))$  is  $j -$  closed set in  $Y$ . Hence  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl(f(A)))$ , by (3) we have,  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(f(A)))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  closed set in  $X$ . Therefore,  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl(f(A)))$ .

Therefore,  $f((i, j) - S_C Cl(A)) \subseteq j - Cl(f(A))$ .

4  $\Rightarrow$  5: Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a subset of  $X$ , by (4), we have,  $f((i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq j - Cl(B)$ . Hence,  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl(B))$ .

5  $\Rightarrow$  6: Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then if we apply (5) to  $Y - B$ , we obtain

$$(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(Y - B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl(Y - B))$$

if and only if  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(X - f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - (j - Int(B)))$

if and only if  $X - ((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - (j - Int(B)))$

if and only if  $f^{-1}(j - Int(B)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(j - Int(B)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B))$ .

6  $\Rightarrow$  7: Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . Then  $f(A)$  is a subset of  $Y$ . By (6) we have,  $f^{-1}(j - Int f A \subseteq i, j - S_C Int f^{-1} f A = i, j - S_C Int A$ .

Therefore,  $j - Int(f(A)) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int A$ .

7  $\Rightarrow$  1: Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be any  $j -$  open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a subset of  $X$ , by (7), we have  $j - Int(f(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int f^{-1} V$ . Then

$$j - Int(V) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(V))).$$

Since  $V$  is  $j -$  open set, then  $V \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(V)))$ , implies that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(V))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open set in  $X$  which containing  $x$  and  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$ . Hence,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous.

**Proposition 3.6:** If a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous, then  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl_\theta(V))$ , for each  $j -$  open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be any  $j -$  open set in  $Y$ . Suppose that  $x \notin f^{-1}(j - Cl_\theta(V))$ , then  $f(x) \notin j - Cl_\theta(V)$ , so there exists a  $j -$  open set  $G$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $j - Cl(G) \cap V = \emptyset$  implies  $G \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous, then there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq G$ . Therefore,  $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $U \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $x \notin (i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(V))$ . Hence

$$(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl_\theta(V))$$

**Proposition 3.7:** Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a function, and  $\beta$  be any basis for  $\sigma_j$  in  $Y$ . Then  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous if and only if for each  $B \in \beta$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open subset of  $X$ .

**Proof:** ( $\rightarrow$ ): Suppose that  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous. Since  $B \in \beta$  is  $j -$  open set in  $Y$  and  $f$   $(i, j) - S_C -$  continuous, then by Proposition 3.2,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open subset of  $X$ .

( $\leftarrow$ ): Let  $V$  be any  $j -$  open subset of  $Y$ . Then  $V = \cup \{B_i : i \in I\}$ , where every  $B_i$  is a member of  $\beta$  and  $I$  is a suitable index set. It follows that  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(\cup \{B_i : i \in I\}) = \cup f^{-1}(\{B_i : i \in I\})$ . Since,  $f^{-1}(B_i)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C -$  open

subset of  $X$ , for each  $i \in I$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a union of a family of  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open sets of  $X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set of  $X$ . Therefore, by Proposition 3.2,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous.

**Corollary 3.8:** If a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $j$  - continuous and  $(X, \tau_i)$  is regular space, then  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Follows from Theorem 2.9.

**Proposition 3.9:** Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous and  $Y$  is  $j$  - open subset of a bitopological space  $Z$ , then  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - open set in  $Z$ . Then,  $V \cap Y$  is  $j$  - open set in  $Y$ , since  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous, by Proposition 3.2,  $f^{-1}(V \cap Y)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . But  $f(x) \in Y$  for each  $x \in X$  and thus  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V \cap Y)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . Therefore, by Proposition 3.2,  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous.

#### 4. $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ - Continuous Functions

**Definition 4.1:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous at a point  $x \in X$ , if for  $j$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ .

If  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous at every point  $x$  of  $X$ , then it is called  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

**Proposition 4.2:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $j$  - regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq F$ .

**Proof:** ( $\rightarrow$ ): Let  $V$  be a  $j$  - semi - open set in  $Y$ , so  $j - Cl(V) = F$  is  $j$  - regular closed, then by hypothesis, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq F = j - Cl(V)$ . Hence,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

( $\leftarrow$ ): Suppose that  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous, therefore for each  $j$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ , put  $F = j - Cl(V)$  which is a  $j$  - regular closed set, this completes the proof.

**Proposition 4.3:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous if and

only if the inverse image of every  $j$  - regular closed set in  $Y$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** ( $\rightarrow$ ): Let  $f$  be an  $(i, j) -$  continuous function and let  $V$  be any  $j$  - regular closed set in  $Y$ . If  $f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$  implies  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ , if  $f^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  implies  $f(x) \in V$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous, then by Proposition 4.2, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V) = V$ , this implies that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.7.,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ .

( $\leftarrow$ ): Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - regular closed set in  $Y$ , then by hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

The functions  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous and  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous are incomparable as it is shown in the following examples:

**Example 4.4:** Let  $\tau = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{X, \{a\}, \emptyset\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset\}$ , then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous but it is not  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous because  $\{a, c\}$  is not  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set.

**Example 4.5:** Let  $\tau = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \emptyset\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \emptyset\}$ , then we define a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  as follows:  $f(a) = f(c) = b, f(b) = a$  and  $f(d) = d$ , so  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous but it is not  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous because  $\{a, c, d\}$  is  $j$  - regular closed set but its inverse is  $\{a, d\}$  which is not  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open.

**Proposition 4.6:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each and each  $j - \theta$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Proof:** ( $\rightarrow$ ): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $j$  - semi - open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , so  $j - Cl(V)$  is  $j - \theta$  - semi - open of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By hypothesis, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ . This shows that  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

( $\leftarrow$ ): Follows from the fact that  $j - Cl(V) \in j - \theta SO(X)$ , for each  $V \in j - SO(X)$ .

**Proposition 4.7:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

For each  $x \in X$  and each  $j$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ .

For each  $x \in X$  and each  $j$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq j - pCl(V)$ .

For each  $x \in X$  and each  $j$  - regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq F$ .

For each  $x \in X$  and each  $j - \theta$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Proof:** **1**  $\Rightarrow$  **2:** Obvious.

**2**  $\Rightarrow$  **3:** Since  $j - Cl(V) = j - pCl(V)$ , for each  $j$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$

**3**  $\Rightarrow$  **4:** Since  $j - Cl(V) \in j - RC(Y)$ , for every  $j$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**4**  $\Rightarrow$  **5:** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $j - \theta$  - semi - open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then for each  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists  $j$  - regular closed set  $F$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $F \subseteq V$ . By (4), there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq F \subseteq V$ . This completes the proof.

**5**  $\Rightarrow$  **1:** It is proved in Proposition 4.6.

**Proposition 4.8:** Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a  $j$  - weakly  $\theta$  - irresolute function and for each  $x \in X$  and each  $j - \theta$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $i$  - closed set  $F$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subseteq V$ , then  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be any  $j - \theta$  - semi - open set of  $Y$ . To show  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $j$  - weakly  $\theta$  - irresolute, then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $j$  - semi - open set in  $X$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  implies  $f(x) \in V$ . By hypothesis, there exists an  $i$  - closed set  $F$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subseteq V$ . This implies that  $x \in F \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ .

Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$  and  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$ . By Proposition 4.6,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

**Proposition 4.9:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

$f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ , for each  $j$  - semi - open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(j - Int(F))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed set in  $X$ , for each  $j$  - semi - closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed set in  $X$ , for each  $j$  - regular closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(F)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ , for each  $j$  - regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ , for each  $j - \theta$  - semi - open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(F)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed set in  $X$ , for each  $j - \theta$  - semi - closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

$f((i, j) - S_C Cl(A)) \subseteq j - \theta sCl(f(A))$ , for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

$(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - \theta sCl(B))$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(j - \theta sInt(B)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B))$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

$j - \theta sInt(f(A)) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int(A))$ , for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Proof:** **1**  $\Rightarrow$  **2:** Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - semi - open set in  $Y$  and let  $x \in f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$ . Then  $f(x) \in j - Cl(V)$  and  $j - Cl(V)$  is  $j$  - regular closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous, then by Proposition 4.3, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ , implies that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$ .

Therefore, by Theorem 2.7,  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ .

**2**  $\Rightarrow$  **3:** Let  $F$  be  $j$  - semi - closed set in  $Y$ , then  $Y - F$  is  $j$  - semi - open set in  $Y$ . By (2),  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(Y - F))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(Y - F)) = f^{-1}(Y - j - Int F = X - f^{-1} j - Int F)$  is an  $i, j - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(j - Int(F))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed set in  $X$ .

**3**  $\Rightarrow$  **4:** Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - regular open in  $Y$ , then  $V$  is  $j$  - semi - closed in  $Y$  and  $j - Int(V) = V$ . By (3),  $f^{-1}(j - Int(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed set in  $X$ .

**4**  $\Rightarrow$  **5:** Let  $F$  be any  $j$  - regular closed set of  $Y$ , then  $Y - F$  is  $j$  - regular open set of  $Y$ . By (4),  $f^{-1}(Y - F)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - closed set in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ .

**5 ⇒ 6:** This follows from the fact that any  $\theta$  – semi – open set is a union of regular closed sets.

**6 ⇒ 7:** Similar to the proof of **4 ⇒ 5**.

**7 ⇒ 8:** Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$  and  $y \notin j - \theta sCl(f(A))$ . Then there exists  $V \in j - SO(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $f(A) \cap j - Cl(V) = \phi$ . Since,

$j - Cl(V)$  is  $j - \theta$  – semi – open set, so  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open set in  $X$  and  $A \cap f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)) = \phi$ . Therefore,  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(A) \cap f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)) = \phi$  and  $f((i, j) - S_C Cl(A)) \cap j - Cl(V) = \phi$ .

Consequently, we obtain

$y \notin f((i, j) - S_C Cl(A))$ . Hence,  $f((i, j) - S_C Cl(A)) \subseteq j - \theta sCl fA$ .

**8 ⇒ 9:** Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a subset of  $X$ . By (8),

$$f((i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq j - \theta sCl(f(f^{-1}(B))) = j - \theta sCl(B).$$

Therefore,  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - \theta sCl(B))$ .

**9 ⇒ 10:** Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ , then  $Y - B$  also subset of  $Y$ . By (9),

$$\begin{aligned} (i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(Y - B)) &\subseteq f^{-1}(j - \theta sCl(Y - B)) \\ \Leftrightarrow (i, j) - S_C Cl(X - f^{-1}(B)) &\subseteq f^{-1}(Y - (j - \theta sInt(B))) \\ \Leftrightarrow X - ((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B))) &\subseteq X - f^{-1}(j - \theta sInt(B)) \\ \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(j - \theta sInt(B)) &\subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f^{-1}(j - \theta sInt(B)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(B))$ .

**10 ⇒ 11:** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ , then  $f(A)$  is a subset of  $Y$ . By (10),

$$f^{-1}(j - \theta sInt(f(A))) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(f(A))) = (i, j) - S_C Int(A).$$

Therefore,  $j - \theta sInt(f(A)) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int A)$ .

**11 ⇒ 1:** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $j$  – semi – open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , then  $x \in f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$  and  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$  is a subset of  $X$ . By (11),

$$j - \theta sInt(f(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)))) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)))).$$

Then,

$$j - \theta sInt(j - Cl(V)) = j - Cl(V) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))))$$

So,  $j - Cl(V) \subseteq f((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))))$ , implies that

$$f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))).$$

Therefore,  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open set in  $X$  which contain  $x$  and

$f(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ . Hence,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous.

**Proposition 4.10:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:  
**f is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous.**

$(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Int j - ClV)$ , for each  $j$  – preopen set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(j - Cl(j - Int(F))) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each  $j$  – preclosed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:** **1 ⇒ 2:** Let  $V$  be any  $j$  – preopen set in  $Y$ , then  $V \subseteq j - Int(j - Cl(V))$  and  $j - Int(j - Cl(V))$  is  $j$  – regular open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 4.9 part (4),  $f^{-1}(j - Int j - ClV)$  is an  $i, j$  –  $S_C$  – closed set in  $X$ .

Hence, we obtain  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Int(j - Cl(V)))$ .

**2 ⇒ 3:** Let  $F$  be any  $j$  – preclosed set in  $Y$ , then  $Y - F$  is  $j$  – preopen of  $Y$  and by (2),  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(Y - F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Int j - ClY - F)$

If and only if  $X - ((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - (j - Cl(j - Int(F))))$

If and only if  $X - ((i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq X - f^{-1}(j - Cl(j - Int(F)))$

Therefore,  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(j - Int(F))) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(F))$ .

**3  $\Rightarrow$  1:** Let  $V$  be any  $j$ -regular open set of  $Y$ . Then  $X - V$  is  $j$ -preclosed set of  $Y$ , by (3), we have  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(j - Int(X - V))) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(X - V))$  if and only if  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Int(j - Cl(V)))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}V$  is  $i, j$ -SC-closed set in  $X$ . So by Proposition 4.8 part (4),  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous.

**Corollary 4.10:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous.  
 $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - sCl(V))$ , for each  $j$ -preopen set  $V$  of  $Y$ .  
 $f^{-1}(j - sInt(F)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each  $j$ -preclosed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Follows from Proposition 4.9 and the fact that  $j - sCl(V) = j - Int(j - Cl(V))$ , for each  $j$ -preopen set  $V$  of  $Y$ . [Jankovich, 1985].

**Proposition 4.11:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)))$ , for each  $j$ -semi-open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof:** ( $\rightarrow$ ): Let  $V$  be any  $j$ -semi-open set in  $Y$ . Then  $V \subseteq j - Cl(V)$  and  $j - Cl(V)$  is  $j$ -regular closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous, so by Proposition 4.8 part (5),  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)) = (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V)))$ .

( $\leftarrow$ ): Let  $V$  be any  $j$ -regular closed set in  $Y$ , then  $V$  is  $j$ -semi-open set of  $Y$ . By hypothesis, we have

$$f^{-1}(V) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Cl(V))) = (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(V)).$$

Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence by Proposition 4.8,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous.

From Proposition 4.11 and Theorem 2.6, we get the following corollaries:

**Corollary 4.12:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - pCl(V)))$ , for each  $j$ -semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 4.13:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous if and

only if  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(j - Int(F))) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ , for each  $j$ -semi-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 4.15:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous if and only if  $(i, j) - S_C Cl(f^{-1}(j - pInt(F))) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ , for each  $j$ -semi-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proposition 4.16:** If a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Int(j - Cl(V))))$ , for each  $j$ -preopen set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be any  $j$ -preopen set in  $Y$ , then  $V \subseteq j - Int(j - Cl(V))$  and  $j - Int(j - Cl(V))$  is  $j$ -regular open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous, then by Proposition 4.8 Part (4),  $f^{-1}(j - Int(j - Cl(V)))$  is an  $i, j$ -SC-open set in  $X$ . Therefore,

$$f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(j - Int(j - Cl(V))) = (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(j - Int(j - Cl(V))))$$

From Proposition 4.16 and Theorem 2.6, we obtain the following corollaries:

**Corollary 4.17:** If a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(j - Cl(j - Int(F))) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each  $j$ -preclosed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 4.18:** If a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(j - sInt(F)) \subseteq (i, j) - S_C Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each  $j$ -preclosed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proposition 4.19:** A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is not  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous at the point  $x$  of  $X$  if and only if  $x \in (i, j) - S_C Bd(f^{-1}(F))$  for some  $j$ -regular closed subsets  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ .

**Proof:** ( $\rightarrow$ ): If  $f$  is not  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ , then there exists a  $j$ -regular closed set  $F$  containing  $f(x)$  such that for every  $(i, j) - S_C$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ ,  $f(U) \cap (Y - F) \neq \emptyset$ . This means that for every  $(i, j) - S_C$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ , we have  $U \cap (X - f^{-1}(F)) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence, it follows that  $x \in (i, j) - S_C Cl(X - f^{-1}F)$ , but  $x \notin f^{-1}F$  and hence  $x \in i, j$ -SCBd $f^{-1}F$ . This means that  $x \in i, j$ -SCBd $f^{-1}F$ .

( $\leftarrow$ ): Suppose that  $x \in (i, j) - S_C \text{Bd}(f^{-1}(F))$  for some  $j$  - regular closed subsets  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . If  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous at  $x$ . Then by Proposition 4.8, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq F$ . Then  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ . This shows that  $x \in (i, j) - S_C \text{Int}(f^{-1}(F))$ . Therefore,  $x \notin (i, j) - S_C \text{Bd}(f^{-1}(F))$  which is contradiction. Hence,  $f$  is not  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

Corollary 4.20: If  $(X, \tau_i)$  is a  $T_1$  - space, then the following properties are equivalent for a function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous).

$f$  is  $j$  - weakly  $\theta$  - irresolute (resp.,  $j$  - semi - continuous).

Proof: Follows from Theorem 2.9.

Proposition 4.21: Let  $(X, \sigma_j)$  be an externally disconnected space,  $(X, \tau_i)$  be a  $T_1$  - space, and  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_{1s}, \sigma_{2s})$  is  $j$  - semi - continuous, then  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

Proof: Let  $F$  be any  $j$  - regular closed set of  $Y$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma_j)$  is externally disconnected, so  $F \in j - RO(Y)$  and by hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $j$  - semi - open set of  $X$ . Since  $(X, \tau_i)$  is  $T_1$  - space, then  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open, by Proposition 4.8 part (5),  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

Proposition 4.22: Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be an  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous function and  $Y$  is  $j$  - preopen subset of a bitopological space  $Z$ , then  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

Proof: Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - regular closed subset of  $Z$ . Since  $Y$  is  $j$  - preopen set, then by Theorem 2.11  $V \cap Y$  is  $j$  - regular closed set in  $Y$ . Since,  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous, then by Proposition 4.8,  $f^{-1}(V \cap Y)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . But  $f(x) \in Y$  for each  $x \in X$ , thus  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V \cap Y)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . Therefore, by Proposition 4.8,  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous.

Proposition 4.23: A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous), if for each  $x \in X$ , there exists an  $i$  - regular closed and  $j$  - regular closed set  $A$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous).

Proof: Let  $x \in X$ , then by hypothesis there exists a subset  $A$  of  $X$  which is both  $i$  - regular closed and  $j$  - regular closed set containing  $x$  such that  $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous).

Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - open (resp.,  $j$  - semi - open) set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set  $U$  in  $A$  containing  $x$  such that  $(f|_A)(U) \subseteq V$  (resp.,  $(f|_A)(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ ). Since,  $A$  is  $i$  - regular closed and  $j$  - regular closed set, then by Theorem 2.11,  $U$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . Hence,  $f(U) \subseteq V$  (resp.,  $f(U) \subseteq j - Cl(V)$ ). This shows that  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous).

Proposition 4.24: If  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are both  $i$  - regular closed and  $j$  - regular closed sets and  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a function such that both  $f|_A$  and  $f|_B$  are  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous), then  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous).

Proof: Let  $V$  be any  $j$  - open (resp.,  $j$  - regular closed) set of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V) = (f|_A)^{-1}(V) \cup (f|_B)^{-1}(V)$ , since  $f|_A$  and  $f|_B$  are  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous), then by Proposition 3.2 (resp., Proposition 4.8),  $(f|_A)^{-1}(V)$  and  $(f|_B)^{-1}(V)$  are  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open sets in  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Since  $A, B \in i - RC(X) \cap j - RC(X)$ , then by Theorem 2.11,  $(f|_A)^{-1}(V)$  and  $(f|_B)^{-1}(V)$  are  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open sets in  $X$ . Since the union of two  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open sets is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open. Hence  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - open set in  $X$ . Therefore by Proposition 3.2 (resp., Proposition 4.8),  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous).

Proposition 4.25: Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be functions. Then the composition function  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous, if  $f$  and  $g$  satisfies one of the following conditions:

$f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  - continuous and  $g$  is  $j$  - continuous.

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous and  $g$  is  $j - \theta s$  - continuous.

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  - continuous and  $g$  is  $j - RC$  - continuous.



*Proof:* 1) Let  $W$  be any  $j$  – open subset of  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $j$  – continuous, so  $g^{-1}(W)$  is  $j$  – open subset of  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 3.2,  $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open subset in  $X$ . Therefore, by Proposition 3.2,  $gof$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous.

2) Let  $W$  be any  $j$  – open subset of  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is  $j - \theta s$  – continuous, so  $g^{-1}(W)$  is  $j - \theta$  – semi – open subset of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 4.8 part (6),  $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open subset in  $X$ . Therefore, by Proposition 4.8,  $gof$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous.

3) Let  $W$  be any  $j$  – open subset of  $Z$ . Since,  $g$  is  $j - RC$  – continuous, so  $g^{-1}(W)$  is  $j$  – regular closed subset of  $Y$ . Since,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 4.8 part (5),  $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open subset in  $X$ . Therefore, by Proposition 4.8,  $gof$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous.

**Proposition 4.26:** Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  be two functions. Then the composition function  $gof: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, if  $f$  and  $g$  satisfies one of the following conditions:

$f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous and  $g$  is  $j - (\theta, s)$  – continuous.

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous and  $g$  is  $j - \theta$  – irresolute.

$f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous and  $g$  is  $j - R$  – Map.

*Proof:*

Let  $W$  be any  $j$  – regular closed subset of  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $j - (\theta, s)$  – continuous, then  $g^{-1}(W)$  is  $j$  – open subset of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 3.2,  $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open subset in  $X$ . Therefore, by Proposition 4.8,  $gof$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous.

Let  $W$  be any  $j$  – regular closed subset of  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $j - \theta$  – irresolute, then  $g^{-1}(W)$  is  $j - \theta$  – semi – open subset of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 4.8 part (6),  $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open subset in  $X$ . Therefore,  $gof$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous.

Let  $W$  be any  $j$  – regular closed subset in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $j - R$  – Map, then  $g^{-1}(W)$  is  $j$  –

regular closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 4.8,  $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open subset in  $X$ . Therefore,  $gof$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous.

**Proposition 4.27:** If  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous and  $(Y, \sigma_j)$  is strongly  $s$  – regular space, then  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous.

*Proof:* Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be any  $j$  – open set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . The strongly  $s$  – regular of  $Y$  gives that, there exists a  $j$  – regular closed subset  $F$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in F \subseteq V$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, then by Proposition 4.2, there exists an  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq F \subseteq V$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous.

**Proposition 4.28:** If  $f: (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous injection and  $(Y, \sigma_j)$  is  $s$  – Urysohn space, then  $(X, \tau_j)$  is semi – Hausdorff and  $(X, \tau_i)$  is  $T_1$  space.

*Proof:* Since  $f$  is injective, it follows that  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ , for any two distinct point  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Since,  $(Y, \sigma_j)$  is  $s$  – Urysohn space, then there exist  $j$  – semi – open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(x_1) \in V_1$ ,  $f(x_2) \in V_2$  and  $j - Cl(V_1) \cap j - Cl(V_2) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous, then there exist an  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  of  $X$  containing  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively, such that  $f(U_1) \subseteq j - Cl(V_1)$  and  $f(U_2) \subseteq j - Cl(V_2)$ .

Hence,  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$ . Since  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open sets, then  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are  $j$  – semi – open sets. Therefore,  $(X, \tau_j)$  is semi – Hausdorff. Also there exist two disjoint  $i$  – closed sets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  containing  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Hence  $(X, \tau_i)$  is  $T_1$  space.

**Proposition 4.29:** If  $f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous) functions, for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  be a function defined as follows:  $f(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$ . Then  $f$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous).

*Proof:* Let  $R_1 \times R_2 \subseteq Y_1 \times Y_2$ , where  $R_i$  is  $j$  – open (resp.,  $j$  – regular closed) sets in  $Y_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $f^{-1}(R_1 \times R_2) = f^{-1}(R_1) \times f^{-1}(R_2)$ . Since  $f_i$  is  $(i, j) - S_C$  – continuous (resp.,  $(i, j) - \theta S_C$  – continuous), for  $i = 1, 2$ , then by Proposition 3.2 (resp., Proposition 4.8) and Proposition 2.13  $f^{-1}(R_1 \times R_2)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_C$  – open set in  $X_1 \times X_2$ . Now, if  $R$  is

any  $j$  – open (resp.,  $j$  – regular closed) subset of  $Y_1 \times Y_2$ , then  $f^{-1}(R) = f^{-1}(\cup R_\alpha)$ , where  $\cup R_\alpha$  is of the form  $R_{\alpha_1} \times R_{\alpha_2}$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(R) = \cup f^{-1}(R_\alpha)$  is an  $(i, j) - S_c$  – open set in  $X_1 \times X_2$ . Which completes the proof.

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## الدوال المستمرة $(i,j)-S_c$ والدوال المستمرة $(i,j)-\theta S_c$

### الملخص

في هذا البحث ادخلنا نمطا جديدا من الاستمرارية في الفضاءات الثنائية التوبولوجي سميت بالاستمرارية  $(i,j)-S_c$  والاستمرارية  $(i,j)-\theta S_c$ . ناقشنا العلاقات بين هذه الانماط وانماط اخرى معروفة من الدوال المستمرة.

## نهخشيّن بهردهوام $(i,j)-S_c$ نهخشيّن بهردهوام $(i,j)-\theta S_c$

### كورتى

دقئ فكهولينيدا مه دوو جورين نوى ژ بهردهوامي د قالاھيئ دوو توپولوجيدا دانه نياسين بناقئ بهردهواميا  $(i,j)-S_c$  و بهردهواميا  $(i,j)-\theta S_c$ . مه پهيوهنديين دناق بهرا فان جورين بهردهواميا وجورين دى ژ نهخشيّن بهردهوام گفتوگو کرن.