

## ANOTHER DECOMPOSITIONS OF CONTINUITY AND SOME WEAKER FORMS OF CONTINUITY VIA IDEALIZATION

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to give decompositions of continuity and some weaker forms of continuity via idealization using the concepts of  $\alpha B_I$ -sets,  $\alpha WLC_I$ -sets,  $AB_I$ -sets and  $WAB_I$ -sets.

### 1 INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

In 1992, Janković and Hamlett [13] introduced the notion of  $l$ -open sets in ideal topological spaces. Abd El-Monsef *et al.* [2] further investigated  $l$ -open sets and  $l$ -continuous functions. In 1999, Dontchev [7] introduced the notion of pre- $l$ -open sets which is weaker than that of  $l$ -open sets. Recently, Hatir and Noiri [8] have introduced the notions of  $B_I$ -sets,  $C_I$ -sets,  $\alpha$ - $l$ -open sets, semi- $l$ -open sets and  $\beta$ - $l$ -open sets. By using these sets, they provided decompositions of continuity. In this paper, we introduce the notions of  $\alpha B_I$ -sets,  $\alpha WLC_I$ -sets,  $AB_I$ -sets and  $WAB_I$ -sets to obtain decompositions of continuity and some weaker forms of continuity.

Throughout this paper, for a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ , respectively. An ideal topological space is a topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  with an ideal  $I$  on  $X$ , and is denoted by  $(X, \tau, I)$ . The following collections form important ideals on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ : The ideal of all finite sets  $F$ , the ideal of all closed and discrete sets  $CD$ , the ideal of all nowhere dense sets  $N$ .  $A^*(I) = \{x \in X \mid U \cap A \notin I \text{ for each open neighborhood } U \text{ of } x\}$  is called the local function of  $A$  with respect to  $I$  and  $\tau$  [12]. When there is no chance for confusion  $A^*(I)$  is denoted by  $A^*$ . Note that often  $X^*$  is a proper subset of  $X$ . The hypothesis  $X = X^*$  was used by Hayashi [11], while the hypothesis  $\tau \cap I = \emptyset$  was used by Samuels [18]. In fact, these two conditions are equivalent by Theorem 6.1 of [12] and so the ideal topological spaces satisfying this hypothesis are called as Hayashi-Samuels spaces.

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For every ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , there exists a topology  $\tau^*(I)$ , finer than  $\tau$ , generated by the base  $\beta(I, \tau) = \{U \setminus I \mid U \in \tau \text{ and } I \in I\}$ . In general  $\beta(I, \tau)$  is not always a topology [11]. Observe additionally that  $Cl^*(A) = A^* \cup A$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator for  $\tau^*(I)$ . Now we recall some definitions and results, which are used in this paper.

**Definition 1.1** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- (a) an  $\alpha$ -open set [17] if  $A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ ,
- (b) a semi-open set [14] if  $A \subset Cl(Int(A))$ ,
- (c) a pre-open set [15] if  $A \subset Int(Cl(A))$ ,
- (d) a  $\beta$ -open set [1] if  $A \subset Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ ,
- (e) an  $\alpha B$ -set [16] if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open and  $Int(Cl(V)) = Int(V)$ ,
- (f) an  $AB$ -set [6] if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open and  $Int(Cl(V)) \subset V \subset Cl(Int(V))$ ,
- (g) a  $WAB$ -set [9] if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open and  $Int(Cl(Int(V))) \subset V \subset Cl(Int(Cl(V)))$ ,
- (h) a  $LC$ -set [3] (resp.  $\alpha LC$ -set [16]) if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open (resp.  $\alpha$ -open) and  $V$  is closed,
- (i) a  $D(p, ps)$ -set [5] if  $A \cap Cl(Int(Cl(A))) = A \cap Int(Cl(A))$ .

**Definition 1.2** A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be:

- (a)  $*$ -perfect [11] if  $A = A^*$ ,
- (b)  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open [8] if  $A \subset Int(Cl^*(Int(A)))$ ,
- (c) semi- $I$ -open [8] if  $A \subset Cl^*(Int(A))$ ,
- (d) pre- $I$ -open [7] if  $A \subset Int(Cl^*(A))$ ,
- (e) strongly  $\beta$ - $I$ -open [10] if  $A \subset Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A)))$ ,
- (f) an  $A_I$ -set [4] if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open and  $Cl^*(Int(V)) = V$ ,
- (g) a  $B_I$ -set (resp. an  $\alpha B_I$ -set) [8] if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open (resp.  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open) and  $Int(Cl^*(V)) = Int(V)$ ,
- (h) a  $C_I$ -set [8] if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open and  $Int(Cl^*(Int(V))) = Int(V)$ ,
- (i) a  $WLC_I$ -set (resp.  $\alpha WLC_I$ -set) [4] if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open (resp.  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open) and  $Cl^*(V) = V$ .

## 2 Decomposition of some weaker forms of continuity

**Definition 2.1** A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called:

- (a) an  $\alpha B_I$ -set if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open and  $\text{Int}(Cl^*(V)) = \text{Int}(V)$ ,  
 (b) a  $D(p, ps)_I$ -set if  $A \cap \text{Int}(Cl^*(A)) = A \cap Cl(\text{Int}(Cl^*(A)))$ .

Every  $B_I$ -set is an  $\alpha B_I$ -set but not conversely as shown by the following example.

**Example 2.1** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, c\}$  is an  $\alpha B_I$ -set but it is not a  $B_I$ -set. For,  $\text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(A))) = \text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{a, c\}))) = \text{Int}(Cl^*(\{a\})) = \text{Int}(\{a\} \cup \{a\}^*) = \text{Int}(X) = X \supset A$  and  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open. Therefore  $A$  is an  $\alpha B_I$ -set. On the other hand,  $A \notin \tau$  and  $\text{Int}(Cl^*(A)) = \text{Int}(Cl^*(\{a, c\})) = \text{Int}(X) = X \neq \{a\} = \text{Int}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is not a  $B_I$ -set.

**Proposition 2.1** For any subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $X$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is semi- $I$ -open;  
 (b) There exists an open set  $U$  in  $(X, \tau, I)$  such that  $U \subset A \subset Cl^*(U)$ .

*Proof.*

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Let  $A$  be a semi- $I$ -open set. Then  $A \subset Cl^*(\text{Int}(A))$  and put  $U = \text{Int}(A)$ . Then  $U$  is open and  $U \subset A \subset Cl^*(U)$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Let  $U \subset A \subset Cl^*(U)$  for an open set  $U$ . This implies  $Cl^*(\text{Int}(A)) = Cl^*(U)$ . So  $A \subset Cl^*(\text{Int}(A))$ .

**Proposition 2.2** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and let  $A \subset (X, \tau, I)$ . Then,  $A$  is semi- $I$ -open if and only if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U = Cl^*(\text{Int}(U))$  and  $Cl^*(\text{Int}(V)) = X$ .

*Proof.*

**Necessity.** Let  $A$  be semi- $I$ -open. By Proposition 2.1,  $U \subset A \subset Cl^*(U)$  for some  $U \in \tau$ . Note that  $Cl^*(U) = Cl^*(A)$ . We write  $A = Cl^*(U) \setminus (Cl^*(U) \setminus$

$\bar{A} = Cl^*(U) \cap (X \setminus (Cl^*(U) \setminus A))$ . Then,  $U = Int(U) \subset Int(Cl^*(U)) \subset Cl^*(U)$ . Therefore,  $Cl^*(U) = Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(U)))$ . Besides,  $Cl^*(Int(X \setminus (Cl^*(U) \setminus A))) = Cl^*(X \setminus Cl(Cl^*(U) \setminus A)) \supset Cl^*(X \setminus Cl(Cl^*(U) \setminus U)) = Cl^*(X \setminus (Cl^*(U) \setminus U)) = Cl^*((X \setminus Cl^*(U)) \cup U) = Cl^*(X \setminus Cl^*(U)) \cup Cl^*(U) \supset (X \setminus Cl^*(U)) \cup Cl^*(U) = X$ . So,  $Cl^*(Int(X \setminus (Cl^*(U) \setminus A))) = X$ . Then,  $A = U \cap V$  where  $U = Cl^*(Int(U))$  and  $Cl^*(Int(V)) = X$ .

**Sufficiency.** Assume that  $A = U \cap V$  where  $U = Cl^*(Int(U))$  and  $Cl^*(Int(V)) = X$ . We choose  $G \in \tau$  such that  $U = Cl^*(G)$ . We put  $H = G \cap Int(V)$ . Then  $H \in \tau$  with  $H \subset A$ . Finally,  $Cl^*(H) \supset Cl^*(G \cap Int(V)) = Cl^*(G)$ . Therefore  $H \subset A \subset Cl^*(H)$  and  $A$  is semi-I-open.

**Theorem 2.1** A subset  $A$  is semi-I-open in an ideal topological space if and only if it is strong  $\beta$ -I-open and an  $\alpha WLC_I$ -set.

*Proof.*

**Necessity.** Let  $A$  be semi-I-open. By Proposition of [8],  $A$  is strong- $\beta$ -I-open. By Proposition 2.2,  $A = U \cap V$  where  $U = Cl^*(Int(U))$  and  $Cl^*(Int(V)) = X$ . Since  $Int(Cl^*(Int(V))) = X \supset V$ ,  $V$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open. Besides,  $Cl^*(U) = Cl^*(Int(U)) = U$ . So  $A$  is an  $\alpha WLC_I$ -set.

**Sufficiency.** Let  $A$  be strong  $\beta$ -I-open and an  $\alpha WLC_I$ -set. Then  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open and  $Cl^*(V) = V$ . By the definition of strong  $\beta$ -I-openness, we have  $A \subset Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A)))$ . Then  $A \subset U \cap Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A))) \subset U \cap Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(V))) = U \cap Cl^*(Int(V)) \subset U \cap Cl^*(V) = U \cap V = A$ . Thus  $A = U \cap Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A)))$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open and by Proposition 2.1,  $Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A)))$  is semi-I-open. Therefore by Proposition 2.3 of [4],  $A$  is semi-I-open.

**Theorem 2.2** A subset  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open in an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , if and only if it is pre-I-open and an  $\alpha B_I$ -set.

*Proof.*

**Necessity.** It is obvious.

**Sufficiency.** Let  $A$  be pre-I-open and an  $\alpha B_I$ -set. Then  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open and  $Int(Cl^*(V)) = Int(V)$ . By the definition of pre-I-openness, we have  $A \subset Int(Cl^*(A))$ . Then,  $A \subset U \cap Int(Cl^*(U \cap V)) \subset U \cap Int(Cl^*(U)) \cap Int(Cl^*(V)) = U \cap Int(V) \subset A$ . Thus,  $A = U \cap Int(V)$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open and  $Int(V)$  is open. We obtain  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -I-open.

**Theorem 2.3** A subset  $A$  is pre-I-open in an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  if and only if it is  $\beta$ -I-open and a  $D(p, ps)_I$ -set.

*Proof.*

Necessity. It is obvious.

Sufficiency. Let  $A$  be  $\beta$ -I-open and a  $D(p, ps)_I$ -set. By the definition of  $\beta$ -I-open, we have  $A \subset Cl(Int(Cl^*(A)))$ . Then  $A = A \cap Cl(Int(Cl^*(A))) = A \cap Int(Cl^*(A)) \subset Int(Cl^*(A))$ . Thus  $A$  is pre-I-open.

**Definition 2.2** A function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha B_I$ -continuous (resp.  $\alpha WLC_I$ -continuous,  $D(p, ps)$ -I-continuous) if for every  $V \in \sigma$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $\alpha B_I$ -set (resp. an  $\alpha WLC_I$ -set, a  $D(p, ps)_I$ -set) of  $(X, \tau, I)$ .

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is semi-I-continuous;
- (b)  $f$  is strong  $\beta$ -I-continuous and  $\alpha WLC_I$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 2.1** ([16], Corollary 3.8) Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ . For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is semi-continuous;
- (b)  $f$  is  $\beta$ -continuous and  $\alpha LC$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

Since  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ , we have  $A^* = Cl(A)$  and  $Cl^*(A) = A \cup A^* = Cl(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Therefore  $A$  is semi-I-open (resp. strong  $\beta$ -I-open, an  $\alpha WLC_I$ -set) if and only if  $A$  is semi-open (resp.  $\beta$ -open, an  $\alpha LC$ -set). The proof follows from Theorem 2.4 immediately.

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -I-continuous;
- (b)  $f$  is pre-I-continuous and  $\alpha B_I$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.2.

**Corollary 2.2** ([16], **Corollary 2.7**) *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ . For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -continuous;  
 (b)  $f$  is pre-continuous and  $\alpha B_I$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

Since  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ , we have  $A^* = Cl(A)$  and  $Cl^*(A) = A \cup A^* = Cl(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open (resp. pre- $I$ -open, an  $\alpha B_I$ -set) if and only if  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -open (resp. preopen, an  $\alpha B$ -set). The proof follows from Theorem 2.5 immediately.

**Theorem 2.6** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $f$  is pre- $I$ -continuous;  
 (b)  $f$  is  $\beta$ - $I$ -continuous and  $D(p, ps)$ - $I$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.3.

**Corollary 2.3** ([5]) *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ . For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $f$  is pre-continuous;  
 (b)  $f$  is  $\beta$ -continuous and  $D(p, ps)$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

Since  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ , we have  $A^* = Cl(A)$  and  $Cl^*(A) = A \cup A^* = Cl(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Therefore  $A$  is pre- $I$ -open (resp.  $\beta$ - $I$ -open, a  $D(p, ps)_I$ -set) if and only if  $A$  is pre-open (resp.  $\beta$ -open, a  $D(p, ps)$ -set). The proof follows from Theorem 2.6 immediately.

### 3 Decomposition of continuity

**Definition 3.1** *A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called an  $AB_I$ -set if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open and  $Int(Cl^*(V))$*

$$\subset V \subset Cl^*(Int(V)).$$

**Proposition 3.1** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a subset  $A \subseteq X$ , the following implications hold:

$$A_I\text{-set} \Rightarrow AB_I\text{-set} \Rightarrow B_I\text{-set.}$$

**Proof.**

The proof is obvious.

None of these implications is reversible as the following examples show:

**Example 3.1** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{b, c\}$  is an  $AB_I$ -set, but it is not an  $A_I$ -set. Because,  $Int(Cl^*(A)) = Int(Cl^*({b, c})) = Int(\{b, c\} \cup \{b, c\}^*) = Int(\{a, b, c\}) = \{b\} \subset A$ . Besides,  $Cl^*(Int(A)) = Cl^*(Int(\{b, c\})) = Cl^*({b}) = \{b\} \cup \{b\}^* = \{a, b, c\} \supset A$  and  $A$  is an  $AB_I$ -set. On the other hand,  $A = \{b, c\} \notin \tau$  and  $Cl^*(Int(A)) = Cl^*(Int(\{b, c\})) = \{a, b, c\} \neq A$ . Hence  $A$  is not an  $A_I$ -set.

**Example 3.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, b\}$  is a  $B_I$ -set, but it is not an  $AB_I$ -set. For,  $Int(Cl^*(A)) = Int(Cl^*({a, b})) = Int(\{a, b\} \cup \{a, b\}^*) = Int(\{a, b\}) = \{a\} = Int(A)$ . So  $A$  is a  $B_I$ -set. On the other hand,  $A = Cl^*(Int(A)) \notin \tau$  and  $Cl^*(Int(A)) = Cl^*(Int(\{a, b\})) = Cl^*({a}) = \{a\} \cup \{a\}^* = \{a\} \not\subset A$ . So,  $A$  is not an  $AB_I$ -set.

**Theorem 3.1** For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , the following are equivalent:

- $A$  is an  $AB_I$ -set;
- $A$  is semi- $I$ -open and a  $B_I$ -set;
- $A$  is strong  $\beta$ - $I$ -open and a  $B_I$ -set.

**Proof.**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) and (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) are obvious.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Let  $A$  be strong  $\beta$ - $I$ -open and a  $B_I$ -set. Since  $A$  is a  $B_I$ -set,  $A = U \cap V_0$ , where  $U$  is open and  $Int(Cl^*(V_0)) = Int(V_0)$ . Then  $A \subset U \cap (A \cup Int(Cl^*(A))) \subset U \cap (V_0 \cup Int(Cl^*(V_0))) = U \cap V_0 = A$ . Hence  $A = U \cap (A \cup Int(Cl^*(A)))$ . Besides,  $Cl^*(Int(A \cup Int(Cl^*(A)))) \supset Cl^*(Int(A) \cup Int(Cl^*(A))) = Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A)))$ . Since  $A$  is strong  $\beta$ - $I$ -open,  $Cl^*(Int(A \cup Int(Cl^*(A)))) \supset A \cup Int(Cl^*(A))$ . Furthermore,  $Int(Cl^*(A \cup Int(Cl^*(A)))) = Int(Cl^*(A) \cup Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A)))) \subset Int(Cl^*(A))$ . Therefore  $Int(Cl^*(A \cup Int(Cl^*(A)))) \subset A \cup Int(Cl^*(A))$ . Put  $V = A \cup Int(Cl^*(A))$ . Then,  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U \in \tau$  and  $Int(Cl^*(V)) \subset V \subset Cl^*(Int(V))$ . Hence  $A$  is an  $AB_I$ -set.

**Theorem 3.2** For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is open;
- (b)  $A$  is pre- $I$ -open and an  $AB_I$ -set;
- (c)  $A$  is pre- $I$ -open and a  $B_I$ -set.

**Proof.**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) and (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) are obvious by Proposition 3.1.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) This follows from Proposition 3.3 in [8].

**Definition 3.2** A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called a  $WAB_I$ -set if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is open and  $\text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(V))) \subset V \subset Cl^*(\text{Int}(Cl^*(V)))$ .

Every  $AB_I$ -set is a  $WAB_I$ -set but not conversely as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, c\}$  is a  $WAB_I$ -set, but it is not an  $AB_I$ -set.  $\text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(A))) = \text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{a, c\}))) = \text{Int}(Cl^*(\emptyset)) = \emptyset \subset A$ . Besides,  $Cl^*(\text{Int}(Cl^*(A))) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(Cl^*(\{a, c\}))) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{a, c\} \cup \{a, c\}^*)) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{a, c, d\})) = Cl^*(\{a, d\}) = \{a, d\} \cup \{a, d\}^* = \{a, c, d\} \supset A$ . Therefore,  $A$  is a  $WAB_I$ -set. On the other hand,  $A = \{a, c\} \notin \tau$  and  $Cl^*(\text{Int}(A)) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{a, c\})) = Cl^*(\emptyset) = \emptyset \not\supset A$ . So,  $A$  is not an  $AB_I$ -set.

Every  $WAB_I$ -set is strongly  $\beta$ - $I$ -open and a  $C_I$ -set but not conversely as shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.4** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{b, c\}$  is a  $C_I$ -set, but it is not a  $WAB_I$ -set. For,  $\text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(A))) = \text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{b, c\}))) = \text{Int}(Cl^*(\{b\})) = \text{Int}(\{b\} \cup \{b\}^*) = \text{Int}(\{b\}) = \{b\} = \text{Int}(A)$ . So,  $A$  is a  $C_I$ -set. On the other hand,  $A = \{b, c\} \notin \tau$  and  $Cl^*(\text{Int}(Cl^*(A))) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(Cl^*(\{b, c\}))) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{b, c\} \cup \{b, c\}^*)) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{b, c\})) = Cl^*(\{b\}) = \{b\} \cup \{b\}^* = \{b\} \not\supset A$ . Therefore,  $A$  is not a  $WAB_I$ -set.

**Example 3.5** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, c, d\}$  is strong  $\beta$ - $I$ -open, but it is not a  $WAB_I$ -set. Because,  $Cl^*(\text{Int}(Cl^*(A))) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(Cl^*(\{a, c, d\}))) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(\{a, c, d\} \cup \{a, c, d\}^*)) = Cl^*(\text{Int}(X)) = X \supset A$ . Therefore,  $A$  is strong  $\beta$ - $I$ -open. On the other hand,



$A = \{a, c, d\} \notin \tau$ . Besides,  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(A))) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(\{a, c, d\}))) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(\{a, c\})) = \text{Int}(\{a, c\} \cup \{a, c\}^*) = \text{Int}(X) = X \notin A$ . So,  $A$  is not a  $WAB_I$ -set.

**Theorem 3.3** For a subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is open;
- (b)  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open and a  $WAB_I$ -set;
- (c)  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open and a  $C_I$ -set.

*Proof.*

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) and (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) are obvious.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) This follows from Proposition 3.3 in [8].

**Definition 3.3** A function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $AB_I$ -continuous (resp.  $WAB_I$ -continuous) if for every  $V \in \sigma$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $AB_I$ -set (resp. a  $WAB_I$ -set) of  $(X, \tau, I)$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is continuous;
- (b)  $f$  is pre- $I$ -continuous and  $AB_I$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.1** ([5], Theorem 4.4) Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ . For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is continuous;
- (b)  $f$  is pre-continuous and  $AB$ -continuous.

*Proof.*

Since  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ , we have  $A^* = \text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^* = \text{Cl}(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Therefore  $A$  is pre- $I$ -open (resp. an  $AB_I$ -set) if and only if  $A$  is pre-open (resp. an  $AB$ -set). The proof follows from Theorem 3.4 immediately.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is continuous;  
 (b)  $f$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -continuous and  $WAB_I$ -continuous.

**Proof.**

This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.3.

**Corollary 3.2** ([9], Theorem 4.1) Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ . For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is continuous;  
 (b)  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -continuous and  $WAB$ -continuous.

**Proof.**

Since  $I = \{\emptyset\}$ , we have  $A^* = Cl(A)$  and  $Cl^*(A) = A \cup A^* = Cl(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -open (resp. an  $WAB_I$ -set) if and only if  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -open (resp. an  $WAB$ -set). The proof follows from Theorem 3.5 immediately.

**Conclusions 3.1** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is continuous,  
 (b)  $f$  is pre- $I$ -continuous and  $AB_I$ -continuous,  
 (c)  $f$  is  $\alpha$ - $I$ -continuous and  $WAB_I$ -continuous.

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