

## On Some Continuous and Irresolute Maps In Ideal Topological Spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper we introduce some continuous and irresolute maps called  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuity,  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute,  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuity and  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute maps in ideal topological spaces and study some of their properties.

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### I. Introduction

Ideals in topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a non-empty collection of subsets of  $X$  which satisfies the properties (i)  $A \in I$  and  $B \subseteq A \Rightarrow B \in I$  (ii)  $A \in I$  and  $B \in I \Rightarrow A \cup B \in I$ . An ideal topological space is denoted by the triplet  $(X, \tau, I)$ . In an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , if  $P(X)$  is the collection of all subsets of  $X$ , a set operator  $(.)^* : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  called a local function [4] with respect to the topology  $\tau$  and ideal  $I$  is defined as follows: for  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A^* = \{x \in X / U \cap A \notin I, \text{ for every open set } U \text{ containing } x\}$ . A Kuratowski closure operator  $cl^*(.)$  of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is defined by  $cl^*(A) = A \cup A^*$  [12]. Yuksel, Acikgoz and Noiri [14] introduced the concept of  $\delta$ -I-closed sets in ideal topological space. M. Navaneethakrishnan, P.Periyasamy, S.Pious missier introduced the concept of  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set [9] and  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set [8] in ideal topological spaces. K. Balachandran, P. Sundaram and H.Maki [1], B.M. Munshi and D.S. Bassan [7], T.Noiri [10], Julian Dontchev and Maximilian Ganster [3], N.Levine [5] introduced the concept of  $g$ -continuity, supercontinuity,  $\delta$ -continuity,  $\delta g$ -continuity,  $w$ -continuity, respectively. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuity,  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute,  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuity,  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute maps. Also, we study some of the characterization and basic properties of these maps.

### II. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a

- (i) Semi-open set [5] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$
- (ii)  $g$ -closed set [6] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$
- (iii)  $w$ -closed set [11]  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open.
- (iv)  $\delta$ -closed set [13] if  $\delta cl(A) = A$ , where  $\delta cl(A) = \{x \in X : int(cl(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset, \text{ for each } U \in \tau(x)\}$ .
- (v)  $\delta g$ -closed set [3] if  $\delta cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

The complement of semi-open (resp.  $g$ -closed,  $w$ -closed,  $\delta$ -closed,  $\delta g$ -closed) set is called semi-closed (resp.  $g$ -open,  $w$ -open,  $\delta$ -open,  $\delta g$ -open) set.

**Definition 2.2** [14] Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space,  $A$  a subset of  $X$  and  $x$  a point of  $X$ .

- (i)  $x$  is called a  $\delta$ -I-cluster point of  $A$  if  $A \cap int cl^*(U) \neq \emptyset$  for each open neighbourhood of  $x$ .
- (ii) The family of all  $\delta$ -I-cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $\delta$ -I-closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $[A]_{\delta-I}$  and
- (iii) A subset  $A$  is said to be  $\delta$ -I-closed if  $[A]_{\delta-I} = A$ . The complement of  $\delta$ -I-closed set of  $X$  is said to be  $\delta$ -I-open.

**Remark 2.3** [9] From the Definition 2.2 it is clear that  $[A]_{\delta-I} = \{x \in X : int(cl^*(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset, \text{ for each } U \in \tau(x)\}$ .

**Notation 2.4** [9]. Throughout this paper  $[A]_{\delta-I}$  is denoted by  $\sigma cl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.5** A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called

- (i)  $Ig$ -closed set [2] if  $A^* \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.
- (ii)  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set [9] if  $\sigma cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.
- (iii)  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set [8] if  $\sigma cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open.

The complement of  $Ig$ -closed (resp.  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed,  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed) set is called  $Ig$ -open (resp.  $\hat{\delta}$ -open;  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open) set.

**Definition 2.6** Let  $A$  be a subset of an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I)$  then the  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closure of  $A$  is defined to be the intersection of all  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed sets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)$ . That is  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F: A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \hat{\delta}_s\text{-closed}\}$ .

**Definition 2.7** A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- [1].  $g$ -continuous [1] if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
- [2].  $g$ -irresolute [1] if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $g$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
- [3].  $w$ -continuous [5] if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $w$ -closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
- [4].  $w$ -irresolute [5] if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $w$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $w$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
- [5].  $\delta g$ -continuous [3] if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\delta g$ -closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
- [6].  $\delta g$ -irresolute [3] if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\delta g$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $\delta g$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
- [7].  $\delta$ -continuous [10] if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $X$  for every  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  in  $Y$ .
- [8]. Supercontinuous [7] if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $U$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.8** A map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is said to be

- (i)  $I_g$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
- (ii)  $I_g$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $I_g$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.9** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (i)  $T_{1/2}$ -space [6] if for every  $g$ -closed subset of  $X$  is closed.
- (ii)  $T_{3/4}$ -space [3] if for every  $\delta g$ -closed subset of  $X$  is  $\delta$ -closed.

**Definition 2.10** [2] An ideal space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called  $T_I$ -space if for every  $I_g$ -closed subset is  $*$ -closed.

### III. $\hat{\delta}$ -Continuous And $\hat{\delta}$ -Irresolute Maps

**Definition 3.1** A function  $f$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is called  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Definition 3.2** A function  $f$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is called  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set  $F$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Theorem 3.3** If a map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous, then it is  $g$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous and  $F$  be any closed set in  $Y$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.4** The converse of Theorem 3.3 need not be true as seen in the following Example.

**Example 3.5** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{c,d\}, \{b,c,d\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c,d\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b,c\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a map defined by  $f(a)=b, f(b)=c, f(c)=d$  and  $f(d)=a$ , then  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous but not  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous, since for the closed set  $F=\{a,b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(F) = \{a,d\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.6** If a map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous, then it is  $I_g$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous and  $F$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set is  $I_g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $I_g$ -closed. Therefore  $f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.7** The converse of the above Theorem is not always true as shown in the following Example.

**Example 3.8** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b,d\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{d\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c,d\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a map defined by  $f(a)=d, f(b)=a, f(c)=b$  and  $f(d)=c$ , then  $f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous but not  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous, since for the closed set  $F=\{c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(F) = \{d\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.9** A map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is supercontinuous, then  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is supercontinuous and  $U$  be an open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Since  $f^{-1}(U^c) = [f^{-1}(U)]^c$ ,  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is  $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every closed set  $U^c$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Also, since every  $\delta$ -closed set is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed for every closed set  $U^c$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.10** The converse of the above Theorem is not always true as shown in the following Example.

**Example 3.11** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{c\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a map defined by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = a$ ,  $f(c) = c$  and  $f(d) = d$ , then  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous but not supercontinuous because, for the open set  $U = \{a, d\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) = \{b, d\}$  is not  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.12** A function  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every open set  $U$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Proof.** Necessity - Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous and  $U$  any open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . But  $f^{-1}(U^c) = [f^{-1}(U)]^c$  and so  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Sufficiency** - Suppose  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every open set  $U$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Again since  $f^{-1}(U^c) = [f^{-1}(U)]^c$ ,  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $X$ , for every closed set  $U^c$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

**Definition 3.13** A map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is called  $\delta$ -I-closed if the image of  $\delta$ -I-closed set under  $f$  is  $\delta$ -I-closed.

**Theorem 3.14** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be continuous and  $\delta$ -I-closed, then for every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ ,  $f(A)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Let  $f(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$  and  $A$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed and since  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ , then  $\sigma\text{cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $f(\sigma\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $\sigma\text{cl}(f(A)) \subseteq \sigma\text{cl}(f(\sigma\text{cl}(A))) = f(\sigma\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $\delta$ -I-closed. Hence  $f(A)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Remark 3.15** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous function then it is clear that  $f(\sigma\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every  $\delta$ -I-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ . But the converse is not true. For instant, let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{c\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be identity map. Then  $f(\sigma\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every  $\delta$ -I-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ . But for the closed set  $\{b\}$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is not  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.16** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a continuous function then it is clear that,  $f(\sigma\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every  $\delta$ -I-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ . But the converse is not true. For instant, let  $X, Y, \tau, \sigma, I_1, I_2, f$  be as Example given in Remark 3.15. Then  $f(\sigma\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ . But for the closed set  $B = \{b\}$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B) = \{b\}$  is not closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is not continuous.

**Theorem 3.17** A map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute if and only if the inverse image of every  $\hat{\delta}$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Proof.** Necessity - Assume that  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute. Let  $U$  be any  $\hat{\delta}$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $X-U$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute  $f^{-1}(X-U)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . But  $f^{-1}(U^c) = [f^{-1}(U)]^c$  and so  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $X$ . Hence the inverse image of every  $\hat{\delta}$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $X$ .

**Sufficiency** - Assume that the inverse image of every  $\hat{\delta}$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Let  $V$  be any  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $X-V$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(X-V)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . But  $f^{-1}(V^c) = [f^{-1}(V)]^c$  and so  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.18** Let every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set is  $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute. Then  $f$  is  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a  $\delta$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . By Theorem 3.3 [9],  $F$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed. Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . By hypothesis  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\delta$ -closed. Then  $f$  is  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.19** The converse of Theorem 3.18 is need not be true as shown in the following Example.

**Example 3.20** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = (Y, \phi, \{c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\})$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}\}$ . Here every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set is  $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be identity map. Then  $f$  is  $\delta$ -continuous, but not  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute because for the  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set  $A = \{a, b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A) = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.21** If  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is bijective, open and  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous then  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be any  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(F) \subseteq U$ , where  $U \in \tau$ . Then it is clear that  $\sigma\text{cl}(F) \subseteq f(U)$  and therefore  $f^{-1}(\sigma\text{cl}(F)) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous and  $\sigma\text{cl}(F)$  is a closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $\sigma\text{cl}(f^{-1}(\sigma\text{cl}(F))) \subseteq U$  and hence  $\sigma\text{cl}(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . This shows that  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.22** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be surjective,  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute and  $\delta$ -closed. If every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set is  $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  then the same in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Then by hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Since  $f$  is surjective and  $F$  is  $\delta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Theorem 3.23** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma, I_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I_3)$  be any two functions. Then the following hold.

(i)  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

(ii)  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute.

(iii)  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $g$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

(iv)  $g \circ f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous

**Proof.** (i) Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ . Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is a  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

(ii) Let  $V$  be a  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ . Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Also, since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is a  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute.

(iii) Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ . Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and hence  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -continuous.

(iv) Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ . Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed set is  $I_g$ -closed  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and hence  $g \circ f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.24** Composition of two  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous functions need not be  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous as shown in the following Example.

**Example 3.25** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a, b, c\}\}$ ,  $\eta = \{Z, \phi, \{b\}, \{c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}\}$  and  $I_3 = \{\phi, \{d\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma, I_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I_3)$  defined by  $f(a) = g(a) = d$ ,  $f(b) = g(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = g(c) = c$ , and  $f(d) = g(d) = a$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous but their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I_3)$  is not  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous, because for the closed set  $A = \{a, c, d\}$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) = \{a, c, d\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

#### IV. $\hat{\delta}_s$ -Continuous And $\hat{\delta}_s$ -Irresolute Maps

**Definition 4.1** A function  $f$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is called  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Definition 4.2** A function  $f$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is called  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set  $F$  of  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ .

**Theorem 4.3** If a map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous then it is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

**Proof :** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $F$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed. Since every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.4** The converse of Theorem 4.3 is not always true as shown in the following Example.

**Example 4.5** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$  with topologies  $\tau=\{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma=\{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,c,d\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1=\{\phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b,d\}\}$ ,  $I_2=\{\phi, \{a\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be an identity map, then  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous but not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous since for the closed set  $F=\{a,b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(F)=\{a,b\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 4.6** If a map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous then it is  $g$ -continuous.

**Proof :** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $F$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.7** The reversible implication of Theorem 4.6 is not true as shown in the following Example.

**Example 4.8** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{d\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be an identify map, then  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous but not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, since for the closed set  $F = \{c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(F) = \{c\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 4.9** If a map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous then it is  $w$ -continuous.

**Proof :** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $F$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $w$ -closed  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $w$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $F$  is  $w$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.10** The converse of Theorem 4.9 need not be true as seen in the following Example.

**Example 4.11** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{b,c\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{c\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a map defined by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=a$ ,  $f(c)=b$  and  $f(d)=d$ , then  $f$  is  $w$ -continuous but not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, because, for the closed set  $F = \{a,d\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(F) = \{b,d\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 4.12** If a map  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, then it is  $I_g$ -continuous.

**Proof :** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $F$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed. Since every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $I_g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.13** The reversible direction of Theorem 4.12 is not always true as shown in the following Example.

**Example 4.14** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b,d\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{a,d\}, \{a,b,d\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$  and ideals  $I_1 = \{\phi, \{d\}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{\phi, \{b\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a map defined by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=a$ ,  $f(c)=d$ , and  $f(d)=b$ , then  $f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous, but not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, because for the closed set  $F = \{b,c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(F) = \{a,d\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 4.15** If  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is supercontinuous then  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is supercontinuous and  $U$  be any open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Since  $f^{-1}(U^c) = [f^{-1}(U)]^c$ ,  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is  $\delta$ -closed, in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every closed Set  $U^c$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Also since every  $\delta$ -closed set is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed for every closed  $U^c$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Hence,  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.16** The following Example shows that the converse of Theorem 4.15 is not true.

**Example 4.17** Let  $X, Y, Z, \sigma, I_1, I_2$  and  $f$  be as in Example 3.11. Then  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous but it is not supercontinuous because, for the open set  $U = \{a,d\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) = \{b,d\}$  is not  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 4.18** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a map from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ , then the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous
- (ii) The inverse image of each open set in  $Y$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$  open in  $X$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Assume that  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous. Let  $U$  be open in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $U^c$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  But  $f^{-1}(U^c) = [f^{-1}(U)]^c$ . Thus  $[f^{-1}(U)]^c$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and so  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Assume that the inverse image of each open set is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $F^c$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(F^c)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . But  $f^{-1}(F^c) = [f^{-1}(F)]^c$ . Thus  $[f^{-1}(F)]^c$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and so  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.19** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous function. Then  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subset \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Proof:** Since  $f(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$ , we have  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ . Also since  $\text{cl}(f(A))$  is a closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  and hence  $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$  is a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set containing  $A$ . Consequently  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ . Therefore  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$ .

**Remark 4.20** The following Example shows that the converse of Theorem 4.19 is not true.

**Example 4.21** Let  $X, Y, \tau, \sigma, I_1, I_2$  and  $f$  be as Example given in Remark 3.15. Then  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ . But for the closed set  $A = \{b\}$ ,  $f^{-1}\{A\} = \{b\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.22** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous function then it is clear that  $f(\sigma \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every  $\delta$ -I-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ . The following Example shows that the converse is not true. Let  $X, Y, \tau, \sigma, I_1, I_2$ , and  $f$  be as Example given in Remark 3.15. Then  $f(\sigma \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  for every  $\delta$ -I-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ . But for the closed set  $B = \{b\}$ ,  $f^{-1}\{B\} = \{b\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.23** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma, I_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I_3)$  be any two functions. Then the following hold.

- (i)  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $g$  is continuous.
- (ii)  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $g$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (iii)  $g \circ f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (iv)  $g \circ f$  is  $w$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $w$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (v) Let  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $T_{3/4}$ -space. Then  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $g$  is  $\delta g$ -continuous.
- (vi) Let every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $\delta$ -I-closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if both  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (vii) Let  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $T_{1/2}$ -Space. Then  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $g$  is  $g$ -continuous
- (viii) Let every  $I_g$ -closed set is closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $g$  is  $I_g$ -continuous
- (ix) Let  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $T_{1/2}$ -Space. Then  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -irresolute if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $g$  is  $g$ -irresolute
- (x) Let every  $I_g$ -closed set is closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $g \circ f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and  $g$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute

**Proof:** (i) Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ . Since  $g$  is continuous  $g^{-1}(F)$  is also closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

(ii) Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ . Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Also, since  $f$  is  $g$ -irresolute  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Thus  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -continuous.

(iii). Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, for any closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $I_g$ -closed and  $f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous.

(iv) Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous for any closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $w$ -closed and  $f$  is  $w$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $w$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $w$ -continuous.

(v) Since  $g$  is  $\delta g$ -continuous, for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\delta g$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since by hypothesis and  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

(vi) Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . By hypothesis  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\delta$ -I-closed. Since every  $\delta$ -I-closed set is closed,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Also since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

(vii) Since  $g$  is  $g$ -continuous and by the assumption, for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed. Also since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

(viii) Since  $g$  is  $I_g$ -continuous and by the assumption, for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $*$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Also, since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  and hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

(ix) Since  $g$  is  $g$ -irresolute and by the assumption, for every  $g$ -closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Also, since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -irresolute.

(x) Let  $F$  be an  $I_g$ -closed set in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ . Since  $g$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute and by the assumption,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Again, since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $I_g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute.

**Remark 4.24** Composition of two  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous functions need not be  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous as shown in the following Example.

**Example 4.25** Let  $X, Y, Z, \tau, \sigma, \eta, I_1, I_2, I_3, f, g$  and  $A$  be as in Example 3.25. Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous but their composition  $g \circ f$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous because,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) = \{a, c, d\}$  is not  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Definition 4.26** Let  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  be an ideal space and  $\tau_{\hat{\delta}_s} = \{U \subseteq X : \hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(X-U) = X-U\}$ ,  $\tau_{\hat{\delta}_s}$  is a topology in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Theorem 4.27** Let  $f : (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a function from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  such that  $\tau_{\hat{\delta}_s}$  is a topology on  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Then the following are equivalent.

(i) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$  holds.

(ii)  $f : (X, \tau_{\hat{\delta}_s}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is continuous.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $A$  be a closed subset in  $Y$ . By hypothesis  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \text{cl}(A) = A$ . Therefore  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$ . Also  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq \hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(A))$ . Hence  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(A)) = f^{-1}(A)$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(A)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau_{\hat{\delta}_s})$  and so  $f$  is continuous.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $\text{cl}(f(A))$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f : (X, \tau_{\hat{\delta}_s}, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$  is closed in  $(X, \tau_{\hat{\delta}_s}, I_1)$  and hence  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))) = f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ . Since  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ ,  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A) \subseteq \hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))) = f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ . Therefore  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$ .

**Theorem 4.28** Let  $f : (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be a function from an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  into an ideal space  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then the following are equivalent.

(i) For each point  $x$  in  $X$  and each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there is a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

(ii) For each subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$

(iii) For each subset  $G$  of  $Y$ ,  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(G)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G))$

(iv) For each subset  $G$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(G)) \subseteq \hat{\delta}_s \text{int}(f^{-1}(G))$

**Proof :** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $y \in f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A))$  and  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$  containing  $y$ . Since  $y \in f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A))$ , there exists  $x \in \hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Since  $f(x) \in V$ , then by hypothesis there exists a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Since  $x \in \hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)$ , then by Theorem 5.7 [8]  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\emptyset \neq f(U \cap A) \subseteq f(U) \cap f(A) \subseteq V \cap f(A)$  and hence  $V \cap f(A) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore we have  $y = f(x) \in \text{cl}(f(A))$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Let  $A = f^{-1}(V^c)$ . Then  $x \notin A$ . Since  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A)) \subseteq V^c$ ,  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V^c) = A$ . Since  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin \hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)$ . By Theorem 5.7 [8] there exists a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ , and so  $U \subseteq A^c$  and hence  $f(U) \subseteq f(A^c) \subseteq V$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $G$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Replacing  $A$  by  $f^{-1}(G)$  in (ii), we get  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(G))) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(G))) \subseteq \text{cl}(G)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Put  $G = f(A)$  in (iii) we get,  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(f(A))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$  and hence  $f(\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $G$  be any subset in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - G \subseteq Y$ . By (iii),  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(Y - G)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(Y - G))$ . Therefore  $X - \hat{\delta}_s \text{int}(f^{-1}(G)) \subseteq X - f^{-1}(\text{int}(G))$  and so  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(G)) \subseteq \hat{\delta}_s \text{int}(f^{-1}(G))$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $G$  be any subset in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - G \subseteq Y$ . By (iv),  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(Y - G)) \subseteq \hat{\delta}_s \text{int}(f^{-1}(Y - G))$ . Therefore  $X - f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G)) \subseteq X - \hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(G))$  and hence  $\hat{\delta}_s \text{cl}(f^{-1}(G)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(G))$ .

**Theorem 4.29** A map  $f : (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute if and only if the inverse image of every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

**Proof :** Necessity - Assume that  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute. Let  $U$  be any  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $U^c$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . But  $f^{-1}(U^c) = [f^{-1}(U)]^c$  and so  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Hence the inverse image of every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

Sufficiency - Assume that the inverse image of every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Let  $V$  be any  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Then  $V^c$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(V^c)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . But  $f^{-1}(V^c) = [f^{-1}(V)]^c$  and so  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.30** Let every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . If  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  be  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute. Then  $f$  is  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof :** Let  $F$  be a  $\delta$ -closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . By Theorem 3.2 [8],  $F$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed. Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ . By hypothesis  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\delta$ -closed. Then  $f$  is  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.31** Let  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma, I_2) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, I_3)$  be any two functions. Then the following hold.

- (i)  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (ii)  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute.
- (iii)  $h \circ f$  is  $g$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $g$ -irresolute and  $h$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (iv)  $g \circ f$  is  $w$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $w$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (v)  $g \circ f$  is  $I_g$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.
- (vi)  $g \circ f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous if  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous.

**Proof :** (i) Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

(ii) Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute, for every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

(iii) Since  $h$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ ,  $h^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma, I_2)$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -irresolute and every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(h^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$ .

(iv) Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $f$  is  $w$ -irresolute and every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $w$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $w$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ .

(v) Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $f$  is  $I_g$ -irresolute and every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $I_g$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $I_g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ .

(vi) Since  $g$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous,  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -irresolute and every  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -closed set is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $\hat{\delta}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I_1)$  for every closed set  $F$  in  $(Z, \eta, I_3)$ .

**Theorem 4.32** (i)  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is a  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous, surjection and  $X$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -connected then  $Y$  is connected.

(ii) If  $f: (X, \tau, I_1) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I_2)$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -irresolute, surjection and  $X$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -connected then  $Y$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -connected.

**Proof:** (i) Suppose  $Y$  is not connected. Then  $Y = A \cup B$  where  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B \neq \emptyset$  and  $A, B$  are open in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -continuous and onto  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$  where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint non-empty  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -open sets in  $X$ . This contradicts the fact that  $X$  is  $\hat{\delta}_s$ -connected. Hence  $Y$  is connected.

(ii) The proof is similar to the proof of (i).

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