

Functions with α^* Closed Sets in Topological Spaces

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to define a new class of functions namely α^* homeomorphism and strongly α^* homeomorphism and study their properties. Additionally, we relate and compare these functions with some other functions in topological spaces.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of Homeomorphism plays a very important role in Topology. In the course of generalization of the notion of Homeomorphism, Maki et al [3] introduced g-homeomorphisms in topological spaces. Devi et al [1] introduced the concept of α -homeomorphisms and then we introduce α^* -homeomorphisms and strongly α^* -homeomorphisms and discuss some of their basic properties.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, η) or X, Y, Z represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , $\text{cl}(A)$ and $\text{int}(A)$ denote the closure and the interior of A respectively. The power set of X is denoted by $P(X)$.

Definition 2.1: A subset A of a topological space X is said to be a α^* open [5] if $A \subseteq \text{int}^*(\text{cl}(\text{int}^*(A)))$.

Definition 2.2: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a α^* continuous [6] if $f^{-1}(O)$ is a α^* open set of (X, τ) for every open set O of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.3: A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a α^* open map [4] if image of each open set in X is α^* open in Y .

Definition 2.4: A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a *Homeomorphism* if f is both open and continuous.

Definition 2.5: A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a *semi-homeomorphism* [2] if f is both irresolute and pre semi-open.

Definition 2.6: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be *Irresolute* [7] if $f^{-1}(O)$ is semi-open in (X, τ) whenever O is semi-open in (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.7: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called *pre semi open* [7] if $f(O)$ is semi-open in (Y, σ) for all O semi-open in (X, τ) .

Definition 2.8: A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a *g-homeomorphism* [3] if f is both g-open and g-continuous.

Definition 2.9: A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a α *g-homeomorphism* [1] if f is both α g-open and α g-continuous.

Definition 2.10: A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a $g\alpha$ -homeomorphism [1] if f is both $g\alpha$ -open and $g\alpha$ -continuous.

Definition 2.11: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be α^* -irresolute [6] if $f^{-1}(O)$ is a α^* -open in (X, τ) for every α^* -open set O in (Y, σ) .

Theorem 2.12 [5]: Every open set is α^* -open.

Theorem 2.13 [6]: Every g -continuous map is α^* -continuous.

Theorem 2.14 [4]: Every g -open map is α^* -open.

Theorem 2.15 [4]: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a bijective map. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is a α^* -open map.
- (2) f is a α^* -closed map.
- (3) f^{-1} is a α^* -continuous map.

Theorem 2.16[6]: Every α^* -irresolute map is α^* -continuous.

3. α^* HOMEOMORPHISMS

Definition 3.1: A bijection $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called α^* Homeomorphisms if f is both α^* -continuous and α^* -open.

Example 3.2: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = P(X)$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by $f(c) = f(d) = a$, $f(b) = c$, $f(a) = b$. Clearly, f is α^* Homeomorphisms.

Theorem 3.3: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a bijective, α^* -continuous map. Then the following statements are equivalent

- (i) f is a α^* -open.
- (ii) f is a α^* Homeomorphisms.
- (iii) f is a α^* -closed.

Proof:

(i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) Obvious from the definition.

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii) Let V be a closed set in (X, τ) . Then V^c is open in (X, τ) . By hypothesis, $f(V^c) = (f(V))^c$ is α^* -open in (Y, σ) . That is, $f(V)$ is α^* -closed in (Y, σ) . Therefore, f is a α^* -closed.

(iii) \Leftrightarrow (i) Let V be a open set in (X, τ) . Then V^c is closed in (X, τ) . By hypothesis, $f(V^c) = (f(V))^c$ is α^* -closed in (Y, σ) . That is, $f(V)$ is α^* -open in (Y, σ) . Therefore, f is a α^* -open map.

Theorem 3.4: Every homeomorphism is α^* homeomorphism.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an homeomorphism, then f is bijective, continuous and open.. Let V be an open set in Y . Since, f is continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X . Since, every open set is α^* -open, $f^{-1}(V)$ is α^* -open in X which implies f is α^* -continuous. Let W be an open set in X . Since, f is open, $f(W)$ is open in Y . Since, every open set is α^* -open, $f(W)$ is α^* -open in Y which implies f is α^* -open. Thus, f is α^* homeomorphism.

Remark 3.5: The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example 3.6: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = P(X)$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$.

Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = f(d) = a$. Clearly, f is α^* Homeomorphisms. Here, $\{ab\}$ is open in X , but $f\{ab\} = \{bc\}$ is not open in Y . Hence, f is not an open map. Therefore, f is not homeomorphism.

Theorem 3.7: Every α homeomorphism is α^* homeomorphism.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an α homeomorphism, then f is bijective, α continuous and α open. Let V be an open set in Y . Since, f is α continuous. $f^{-1}(V)$ is α open in X . Since, every α open set is α^* open, $f^{-1}(V)$ is α^* open in X which implies f is α^* continuous. Let W be an open set in X . Since, f is α open, $f(W)$ is α open in Y . Since, every α open set is α^* open, $f(W)$ is α^* open in Y which implies f is α^* open. Thus, f is α^* homeomorphism.

Remark 3.8: The converse of above theorem need not be true.

Example 3.9: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, X\}$, $\alpha O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, X\}$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$, $\alpha O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a, f(b) = d, f(c) = b, f(d) = c$. Clearly, f is α^* Homeomorphisms. Here, $\{a\}$ is open in X , but $f\{a\} = a$ is not α open in Y . Hence, f is not a α open map. Therefore, f is not α homeomorphism.

Theorem 3.10: Every g -homeomorphism is α^* homeomorphism.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an g -homeomorphism, then f is bijective, g -continuous and g -open. Since, every g -continuous map is α^* continuous and g -open map is α^* open which implies f is both α^* continuous and α^* open. Therefore, f is α^* homeomorphism.

Remark 3.11: The converse of above theorem need not be true.

Example 3.12: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, X\}$, $GO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$, $GO(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$. Clearly, f is α^* Homeomorphisms. But, f is not g -homeomorphism for the open set $V = \{ab\}$ in X , $f(V) = \{ac\}$ is not g -open in Y . Hence, f is not g -open map. Therefore, f is not g -homeomorphism.

Remark 3.13: The concept of α^* homeomorphism and semi-homeomorphism are independent as can be seen from the following examples.

Example 3.14: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, X\}$, $SO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$, $SO(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$. Clearly, f is α^* Homeomorphisms. But, f is not semi-homeomorphism for the semi open set $V = \{ab\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(V) = \{bc\}$ is not semi-open in X . Hence, f is not irresolute map. Therefore, f is not semi-homeomorphism.

Example 3.15: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, X\}$, $SO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ad\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, X\}$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $SO(Y, \sigma) = P(X) / \{d\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = f(b) = f(d) = a, f(c) = d$. Clearly, f is semi homeomorphisms. But for the open set $V = \{abc\}$ in X , but $f\{V\} = f\{abc\} = \{ad\}$ is not α^* open in Y . Hence, f is not α^* open map. Therefore, f is not α^* homeomorphism.

Remark 3.16: The concept of α^* homeomorphism and αg - homeomorphism are independent as can be seen from the following examples.

Example 3.17: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$, $\alpha * O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, X\}$, $\alpha g(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\alpha * O(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$, $\alpha g(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = c$, $f(b) = a$, $f(c) = b$. Clearly, f is $\alpha *$ Homeomorphisms. But, f is not αg -homeomorphism for the open set $V = \{ab\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(V) = \{bc\}$ is not αg -open in X . Hence, f is not αg -continuous map. Therefore, f is not αg -homeomorphism.

Example 3.18: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha * O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, X\}$, $\alpha g(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, X\}$ and $\alpha * O(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, Y\}$, $\alpha g(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = f(d) = b$, $f(c) = d$. Clearly, f is αg homeomorphisms. But for the open set $V = \{b\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}\{V\} = \{bd\}$ is not $\alpha *$ open in X . Hence, f is not $\alpha *$ continuous map. Therefore, f is not $\alpha *$ homeomorphism.

Remark 3.19: The concept of $\alpha *$ homeomorphism and $g\alpha$ - homeomorphism are independent as can be seen from the following examples.

Example 3.20: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$, $\alpha * O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, X\}$, $g\alpha(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\alpha * O(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$, $g\alpha(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = c$, $f(b) = a$, $f(c) = b$. Clearly, f is $\alpha *$ Homeomorphisms. But, for the open set $V = \{ab\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(V) = \{bc\}$ is not $g\alpha$ -open in X . Hence, f is not $g\alpha$ -continuous map. Therefore, f is not $g\alpha$ -homeomorphism.

Example 3.21: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha * O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, X\}$, $g\alpha(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, X\}$ and $\alpha * O(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$, $g\alpha(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a = f(d)$, $f(b) = b$, $f(c) = c$. Clearly, f is $g\alpha$ homeomorphisms. But for the open set $V = \{a\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}\{V\} = \{ad\}$ is not $\alpha *$ open in X . Hence, f is not $\alpha *$ continuous map. Therefore, f is not $\alpha *$ homeomorphism.

Remark 3.22: The composition of two $\alpha *$ homeomorphism need not be a $\alpha *$ homeomorphism.

Example 3.23: Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{abc\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\eta = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, Z\}$, $\alpha * O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, X\}$, $\alpha * O(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$, $\alpha * O(Z, \eta) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, Z\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = d$, $f(c) = b$, $f(d) = c$. Clearly, f is $\alpha *$ homeomorphism. Let $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be an identity map. Clearly, g is $\alpha *$ homeomorphism. Here, f and g are $\alpha *$ homeomorphism. But $(g \circ f)^{-1}\{bc\} = f^{-1}(g^{-1}\{bc\}) = f^{-1}\{bc\} = cd, \{cd\}$ is not $\alpha *$ open in X . Therefore, $(g \circ f)$ is not $\alpha *$ homeomorphism.

4. STRONGLY $\alpha *$ HOMEOMORPHISM

Definition 4.1: A bijection $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be *strongly $\alpha *$ -homeomorphism* if both f and f^{-1} are $\alpha *$ Irresolute.

Example 4.2: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, Y\}$, $\alpha * O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, X\}$ and $\alpha * O(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an identity map. Clearly, f is strongly $\alpha *$ -Homeomorphisms.

We denote the family of all strongly α^* -homeomorphism of a topological space X into itself by $S \alpha^* -h(X)$.

Theorem 4.3: Every strongly α^* -homeomorphism is a α^* -homeomorphism. In other words, for any space strongly α^* -homeomorphism $(X, \tau) \subset \alpha^*$ -homeomorphism (X, τ) .

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a bijective map which is strongly α^* -homeomorphism. Then f and f^{-1} are α^* irresolute. Since, every α^* irresolute are α^* continuous, f and f^{-1} are α^* continuous. Since, f^{-1} is α^* continuous, by thm [1] f is α^* open map. Thus, f is both α^* continuous and α^* open. Therefore, f is α^* -homeomorphism.

Remark 4.4: The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example 4.5: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{abc\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, X\}$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{bc\}, \{bd\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a, f(b) = d, f(c) = b, f(d) = c$. Clearly, f is α^* Homeomorphisms. But for the α^* open set $V = \{c\}$ in (Y, σ) , $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = d$ is not α^* open in (X, τ) . Therefore, f is not strongly α^* -homeomorphism.

Theorem 4.6: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ are strongly α^* -homeomorphism then their $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is also strongly α^* -homeomorphism.

Proof:

(i) $(g \circ f)$ is α^* irresolute.

Let U be a α^* open in Z . Now, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(V)$ where $V = g^{-1}(U)$. By hypothesis, $V = g^{-1}(U)$ is α^* open in Y and so again, by hypothesis $f^{-1}(V)$ is α^* open in X .

(ii) $(g \circ f)^{-1}$ is α^* irresolute.

Let G be a α^* open in X . By hypothesis, $f(G)$ is α^* open in Y . Again, by hypothesis $(g \circ f)(G) = g(f(G))$ is α^* open in Z . Thus, $(g \circ f)^{-1}$ is α^* irresolute.

From (i) and (ii), $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is also strongly α^* -homeomorphism.

Theorem 4.7: Every strongly α^* -homeomorphism is α^* irresolute.

Proof: It is the consequence of the definition.

Remark 4.8: The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example 4.9: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{ab\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{abc\}, Y\}$, $\alpha^*O(X, \tau) = P(X)$ and $\alpha^*O(Y, \sigma) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ad\}, \{bc\}, \{abc\}, \{abd\}, \{acd\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a identity map. Clearly, f is α^* irresolute. But for the α^* open set $V = \{d\}$ in (X, τ) , $f^{-1}(\{d\}) = d$ is not α^* open in (Y, σ) . Therefore, f is not strongly α^* -homeomorphism.

Theorem 4.10: The set $S \alpha^* -h(X)$ is a group under the composition of maps.

Proof: Define a binary operation $' * '$ by $S \alpha^* -h(X) \times S \alpha^* -h(X) \rightarrow S \alpha^* -h(X)$, by $f * g = f \circ g$ for all f and g in $S \alpha^* -h(X)$ and \circ is the usual operation of composition of maps. Then by theorem 4.6, $f \circ g \in S \alpha^* -h(X)$. We know that the composition of maps are associative and the identity map $i: X \rightarrow X$ belonging to $S \alpha^* -h(X)$ serves as the identity element. If $f \in S \alpha^* -h(X)$ then $f^{-1} \in S \alpha^* -h(X)$ such that $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = i$ and so inverse exists for each element of $S \alpha^* -h(X)$. Therefore, $S \alpha^* -h(X)$ is a group under the composition of maps.

Theorem 4.11: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a strongly α^* -homeomorphism. Then f induces an isomorphism from the group $S \alpha^* -h(X)$ onto the group $S \alpha^* -h(Y)$.

Proof: Using the map f , we define a map $\psi_f: S \alpha^* -h(X) \rightarrow S \alpha^* -h(Y)$ by $\psi_f(h) = f \circ h \circ f^{-1}$ for each $h \in S \alpha^* -h(X)$. By theorem 4.6, ψ_f is well defined in general, because $f \circ h \circ f^{-1}$ is a

strongly α^* -homeomorphism for every strongly α^* -homeomorphism $h: X \rightarrow Y$. To show that ψ_f is a bijective homeomorphism. Bijective of ψ_f is clear. Further for all $h_1, h_2 \in S_{\alpha^*}(X)$, $\psi_f(h_1 \circ h_2) = f \circ (h_1 \circ h_2) \circ f^{-1} = (f \circ h_1 \circ f^{-1}) \circ (f \circ h_2 \circ f^{-1}) = \psi_f(h_1) \circ \psi_f(h_2)$. Therefore, ψ_f is a homeomorphism and hence it induces an isomorphism induced by f .

Theorem 4.12: strongly α^* -homeomorphism is an equivalence relation on the collection of all topological spaces.

Proof: Reflexivity and symmetry are immediate and transitivity follows from Theorem 4.6

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