

η -CONTINUOUS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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Abstract: In this paper a new class of functions namely η -continuous in the light of η -closed sets in topological spaces are introduced. Further some of their characterizations are investigated.

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1. Introduction

In recent years a number of generalizations of open sets have been developed by many mathematicians. In 1963, Levine [7] introduced the notion of semi-open sets in topological spaces. In 1984, Andrijevic [1] introduced some properties of the topology of α -sets. In 2016, Sayed and Mansour introduced [16] new near open set in Topological Spaces. Motivated by various open and closed sets are discussed in the previous literature, in this paper a new class of η -continuous has been introduced using the concept of η -open sets and η -closed sets by Subbulakshmi et al [19, 20]. Further we study the basic properties of η -continuous.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1

A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called

- (i) α -open set [1] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$, α -closed set if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$.
- (ii) pre-open set [12] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$, pre-closed set if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$.
- (iii) semi-open set [7] if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$, semi-closed set if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$.
- (iv) regular-open set [15] if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$, regular-closed set if $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$.

- (v) β -open (or semi-pre-open) set [2] if $A \subseteq (\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))))$, semi-pre-closed set if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))) \subseteq A$.
- (vi) η -open set [19] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))) \cup \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$, η -closed set if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$.

Definition 2.2

A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

- (i) g -closed set [8] if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) .
- (ii) g^* -closed set [22] if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g -open in (X, τ) .
- (iii) $g\alpha$ -closed set [11] if $\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is α -open in (X, τ) .
- (iv) ag -closed set [10] if $\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) .
- (v) sg -closed set [4] if $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semi-open in (X, τ) .
- (vi) $g\alpha r$ -closed set [17] if $\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular-open in (X, τ) .
- (vii) rg -closed set [14] if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular-open in (X, τ) .
- (viii) gpr -closed set [6] if $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular-open in (X, τ) .
- (ix) $g\eta$ -closed set [20] if $\eta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) .

Definition 2.3

A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

- (i) continuous [3] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (ii) semi-continuous [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a semi-closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iii) α -continuous [11] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a α -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iv) r -continuous [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a r -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (v) g -continuous [3] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a g -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (vi) g^* -continuous [13] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a g^* -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (vii) sg -continuous [21] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a sg -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (viii) $g\alpha$ -continuous [5] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (ix) ag -continuous [10] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a ag -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (x) $g\alpha r$ -continuous [18] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\alpha r$ -closed in (X, τ) for every regular-closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xi) rg -continuous [14] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a rg -closed in (X, τ) for every regular-closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xii) gpr -continuous [6] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a gpr -closed in (X, τ) for every regular-closed set V of (Y, σ) .

3. $g\eta$ -CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS

Definition 3.1

A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called η -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a η -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .

Definition 3.2

A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called $g\eta$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\eta$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 3.3

Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be a topological spaces. Then for a mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$. The following results are true.

- (i) Every continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (ii) Every semi-continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (iii) Every α -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (iv) Every r -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.

- (v) Every η -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (vi) Every g -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (vii) Every g^* -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (viii) Every sg -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (ix) Every αg -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (x) Every $g\alpha$ -continuous function is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Proof: (i). Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be continuous and V be an closed set in Y . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X . Since every closed set is $g\eta$ -closed, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X . Thus, inverse image of every closed set is $g\eta$ -closed. Therefore, f is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Proof of (ii) to (x) are similar to (i).

Remark: The converse of the above theorem need not be true as may be seen by the following example.

Example 3.4 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Then $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{b\}, f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, b\}, f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$. Therefore, f is $g\eta$ -continuous. Since the inverse image of every closed set in Y is $g\eta$ -closed in X . But,

(i). Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = c, f(b) = b, f(c) = a$. Then $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$ is not closed, semi closed, α -closed, r -closed in X . Here the set $\{b\}$ is closed in Y . Therefore, f is not continuous, semi continuous, α -continuous, r -continuous.

(ii). Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = c, f(b) = b, f(c) = a$. Then $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not η -closed, sg -closed in X . Here the set $\{b, c\}$ is closed in Y . Therefore, f is not η -continuous, sg -continuous.

(iii). Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$. Then $f^{-1}(\{d\}) = \{d\}$ is not g -closed, g^* -closed, αg -closed, $g\alpha$ -closed in X . Here the set $\{d\}$ is closed in Y . Therefore, f is not g -continuous, g^* -continuous, αg -continuous, $g\alpha$ -continuous.

Remark The concept of rg -continuous, gpr -continuous, $g\alpha r$ -continuous and $g\eta$ -continuous are independent.

Example: 3.5 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Here f is $g\eta$ -continuous. But f is not rg -continuous, gpr -continuous, $g\alpha r$ -continuous. Since for the closed set $\{a\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$ is not rg -closed, gpr -closed, $g\alpha r$ -closed in X .

Example: 3.6 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Here f is rg -continuous, gpr -continuous, $g\alpha r$ -continuous. But not $g\eta$ -continuous. Since for the closed set $\{b, c\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not $g\eta$ -closed in X .

Theorem 3.7

A mapping $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) f is $g\eta$ -continuous.
- (ii) The inverse image of each open set in Y is $g\eta$ -open in X .

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) Assume that $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\eta$ -continuous. Let U be an open set in Y . Then $Y-U$ is closed in Y . Since f is $g\eta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(Y-U)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X . But $f^{-1}(Y-U) = X - f^{-1}(U)$. Thus $f^{-1}(U)$ is $g\eta$ -open in X .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Assume that the inverse image of each open set in Y is $g\eta$ -open in X . Let V be any closed set in Y . Then $Y-V$ is open in X . But $f^{-1}(Y-V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -open in X and so $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X . Therefore, f is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.8

If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\eta$ -continuous, then $f(g\eta\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X .

Proof: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g\eta$ -continuous. Let $A \subseteq X$. Then $\text{cl}(f(A))$ is closed set in Y . Since f is $g\eta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X and $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$, implies $g\eta\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$. Hence $f(g\eta\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$.

Corollary 3.9

Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function where X and Y are topological spaces. Then the following are equivalent.

(i) f is $g\eta$ -continuous.

(ii) For each subset V of Y , $g\eta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(V))$.

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let V be a subset of Y . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is a subset of X . Since f is $g\eta$ -continuous, $f(g\eta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(V)))$, for each subset A of X . Hence in particular $f(g\eta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq \text{cl}(V)$. Hence $g\eta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(V))$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let V be a closed subset of Y . Then by (ii), $g\eta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(V))$. This implies, $f(g\eta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(V))) \subseteq \text{cl}(V)$. Take $V = f(A)$, where A is a subset of X . Then, $f(g\eta\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$. Hence by theorem 3.8 f is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.10

Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function where X and Y are topological spaces. Suppose $G\eta O(X, \tau)$ is closed under arbitrary union, then the following are equivalent.

(i) f is $g\eta$ -continuous.

(ii) For each point $x \in X$ and each open set V in Y with $f(x) \in V$, there is a $g\eta$ -open set A in X such that $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subseteq V$.

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let V be an open set in Y and let $f(x) \in V$, where $x \in X$, since f is $g\eta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\eta$ -open set in X . Also $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Take $A = f^{-1}(V)$. Then $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subseteq V$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let V be an open set in Y and let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Then $f(x) \in V$ and there exist a $g\eta$ -open set A in X such that $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subseteq V$. Then $x \in A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\eta$ -neighbourhood of x and hence it is $g\eta$ -open. Hence f is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Theorem: 3.12 Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\eta$ -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is continuous, then their composition $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Proof: Let A be a closed set in Z , since g is a continuous function, $g^{-1}(A)$ is closed set in Y . Again since f is $g\eta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X . Hence $g \circ f$ is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Remark: The composition of two $g\eta$ -continuous functions need not be $g\eta$ -continuous as seen from the following example.

Example 3.13 Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$, $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ and $\mu = \{Z, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by $f(a) = b$, $f(b) = c$, $f(c) = a$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ be defined by $g(a) = b$, $g(b) = a$, $g(c) = c$. Then the functions f and g are $g\eta$ -continuous but their composition $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is not $g\eta$ -continuous, since for the closed set $\{a\}$ in (Z, μ) , $(g \circ f)^{-1}\{a\} = \{b, c\}$ is not $g\eta$ -closed in (X, τ) .

4. $g\eta$ -irresolute Functions

Definition 4.1

A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, where X and Y are topological spaces, is called $g\eta$ -irresolute if the inverse image of each $g\eta$ -closed set in Y is a $g\eta$ -closed set in X .

Example 4.2 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Define $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Then $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}, f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{c\}, f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{b\}, f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, b\}, f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$. Therefore, f is $g\eta$ -irresolute. Since the inverse image of every $g\eta$ -open set in Y is $g\eta$ -open in X .

Theorem 4.3

A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\eta$ -irresolute if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -open in X , for every $g\eta$ -open set V in Y .

Proof: Necessity: Let V be $g\eta$ -open set in Y . Then V^c is $g\eta$ -closed in Y . Since f is $g\eta$ -irresolute, $f^{-1}(V^c)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X . But $f^{-1}(V^c) = (f^{-1}(V))^c$. Hence $(f^{-1}(V))^c$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X and hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -open in X .

Sufficiency: Let V be $g\eta$ -closed set in Y . Then V^c is $g\eta$ -open in Y . Since the inverse image of each $g\eta$ -open set in Y is $g\eta$ -open in X , $f^{-1}(V^c)$ is $g\eta$ -open in X . Also $f^{-1}(V^c) = (f^{-1}(V))^c$. Hence $(f^{-1}(V))^c$ is $g\eta$ -open in X and hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X . Hence f is $g\eta$ -irresolute.

Theorem 4.4

A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ are both $g\eta$ -irresolute, then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is also $g\eta$ -irresolute.

Proof: Let V be a $g\eta$ -closed set in Z . Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\eta$ -closed set in Y and $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is also $g\eta$ -closed in X , since f and g are $g\eta$ -irresolutes. Thus $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X and hence $g \circ f$ is also $g\eta$ -irresolute.

Theorem 4.5

Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g\eta$ -irresolute function and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ be a $g\eta$ -continuous function. Then their composition $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$ is a $g\eta$ -continuous function.

Proof: Let V be any closed set in Z . Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in Y . Since g is $g\eta$ -continuous and $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X , since f is $g\eta$ -irresolute. But $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$, so that $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $g\eta$ -closed in X . Hence $g \circ f$ is $g\eta$ -continuous.

Theorem 4.6

Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function where X and Y are topological spaces. Suppose $G\eta O(X, \tau)$ is closed under arbitrary union, then the following are equivalent.

(i) f is $g\eta$ -irresolute.

(ii) For each point $x \in X$ and each $g\eta$ -open set V in Y with $f(x) \in V$, there is a $g\eta$ -open set A in X such that $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subseteq V$.

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let V be an $g\eta$ -open set in Y and let $f(x) \in V$, where $x \in X$, since f is $g\eta$ -irresolute, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\eta$ -open set in X . Also $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Take $A = f^{-1}(V)$. Then $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Let V be an $g\eta$ -open set in Y and let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Then $f(x) \in V$ and there exist a $g\eta$ -open set A in X such that $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subseteq V$. Then $x \in A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $g\eta$ -neighbourhood of x and hence it is $g\eta$ -open. Hence f is $g\eta$ -irresolute.

Remark: The concept of rg -irresolute, gpr -irresolute, gar -irresolute and $g\eta$ -irresolute are independent.

Example 4.7 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c$. Here f is rg -irresolute, gpr -irresolute, gar -irresolute. But not $g\eta$ -irresolute. Since for the $g\eta$ -closed set $\{b\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$ is not $g\eta$ -closed in X .

Example 4.8 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$. Define

$f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = b$, $f(b) = a$, $f(c) = c$. Here f is $g\eta$ -irresolute. But f is not rg -irresolute, gpr -irresolute, gar -irresolute. Since for the rg -closed, gpr -closed, gar -closed set $\{c\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ is not rg -closed, gpr -closed, gar -closed in X .

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