

## A NEW TOPOLOGY FROM AN OLD ONE

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ABSTRACT. In the present paper we construct and introduce a new topology from an old one which are independent each of the other. The members of this topology are called  $\omega_\delta$ -open sets. We investigate some basic properties and their relationships with some other types of sets. Furthermore, a new characterization of regular and semi-regular spaces are obtained. Also, we introduce and study some new types of continuity, and we obtain decompositions of some types of continuity.

### 1. Introduction

A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called regular open [18] if  $A = \text{intCl}A$ . The collection of all regular open subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  forms a base for a topology  $\tau_s$  on  $X$  coarser than  $\tau$ ,  $(X, \tau_s)$  is called the semiregularization of  $(X, \tau)$ . In 1968, Veličko [20], has defined  $\delta$ -open and  $\theta$ -open sets to investigate some characterizations of H-closed spaces, and he showed that the collection of all  $\theta$ -open and  $\delta$ -open subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  form topologies on  $X$  which are denoted by  $\tau_\theta$  and  $\tau_\delta$ , respectively. It is well known that  $\tau_s = \tau_\delta$  and  $\tau_\theta \subseteq \tau_\delta \subseteq \tau$ . In 1982, Hdeib [7] introduced the notations of  $\omega$ -closedness and  $\omega$ -openness. The collection of all  $\omega$ -open subsets of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is a topology on  $X$  which is denoted by  $\tau^\omega$  and it is finer than  $\tau$ . Al-Hawary et. al. [1] and Ekici et. al. [5] have introduced the concepts of  $\omega^o$ -open and  $\omega_\theta$ -open sets, respectively. Also, they showed that the collection of all  $\omega^o$ -open sets  $\omega^oO(X)$  and the collection of all  $\omega_\theta$ -open sets  $\omega_\theta O(X)$  are topologies on  $X$  such that  $\tau \subseteq \omega_\theta O(X) \subseteq \omega^oO(X) \subseteq \tau^\omega$ . In Section 2, we will offer topology on  $X$  by utilizing the new notion of sets which we call  $\omega_\delta$ -open sets. This topology is strictly finer than each of  $\omega_\theta O(X)$  and the

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semiregularization topology of  $X$  and it is strictly coarser than  $\omega^o O(X)$ . Moreover, it is independent of  $\tau$ . Furthermore, we introduce some other new notions of sets and we will obtain new characterizations of regular and semi-regular spaces. After Levine's decomposition of continuity [9], authors in topological spaces have defined some type of continuity and they obtained some decompositions of some types of continuity such as [2, 19, 3, 6]. In section 3, we introduce a new type of continuity by using the concept of  $\omega_\delta$ -open sets and some other weaker forms of continuity and we obtain some decompositions of some types of continuity.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the present paper, spaces always mean topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . The closure and interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $ClA$  and  $intA$ , respectively.

DEFINITION 2.1. A subset  $G$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\delta$ -open (resp.  $\theta$ -open) set [20] if for each  $x \in G$ , there exists an open set  $O$  containing  $x$  such that  $intClO \subseteq G$  (resp.  $ClO \subseteq G$ ).

For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the  $int_\delta A$  and  $int_\theta A$  will be denoted the  $\delta$ -interior and  $\theta$ -interior of  $A$ , respectively.

DEFINITION 2.2. A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be semi-regular [15] if  $\tau = \tau_\delta$ .

THEOREM 2.3. A space  $(X, \tau)$  is regular [11] if and only if  $\tau = \tau_\theta$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. A subset  $U$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\omega$ -open [7] (resp.  $\omega^o$ -open [1] and  $\omega_\theta$ -open [5]) set if for each  $x \in U$ , there exists an open set  $O$  containing  $x$  such that  $O - U$  (resp.  $O - intU$  and  $O - int_\theta U$ ) is countable.

The  $\omega$ -interior of a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is denoted by  $int_\omega A$ .

## 3. A new topology

DEFINITION 3.1. A subset  $U$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\omega_\delta$ -open if for each  $x \in U$ , there exists an open set  $G$  containing  $x$  such that  $G - int_\delta U$  is countable. The complement of  $\omega_\delta$ -open sets are called

$\omega_\delta$ -closed sets. The family of all  $\omega_\delta$ -open (resp.  $\omega_\delta$ -closed) subset of a space  $X$  are denoted by  $\omega_\delta O(X)$  (resp.  $\omega_\delta C(X)$ ).

It is easy to see that each clopen,  $\theta$ -open,  $\omega_\theta$ -open, regular open and  $\delta$ -open sets are  $\omega_\delta$ -open and each  $\omega_\delta$ -open set is  $\omega^o$ -open and  $\omega$ -open, but not conversely. The following examples support our claim.

EXAMPLE 3.2. Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $\tau_\delta = \{\phi, X\} = \tau_\theta$  and  $\omega_\delta O(X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\} = \omega_\theta O(X) = \omega^o(X) = \tau^\omega$ . Thus the set  $A = \{b\}$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -open,  $\omega_\theta$ -open,  $\omega^o$ -open and  $\omega$ -open but it is neither clopen,  $\theta$ -open,  $\delta$ -open nor open.

EXAMPLE 3.3. Let the set of all real number  $\mathbb{R}$  be equipped with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, [0, 1], \mathbb{R}\}$ . The set  $A = [0, 1]$  is open,  $\omega^o$ -open and  $\omega$ -open but it is neither  $\omega_\delta$ -open,  $\theta$ -open nor  $\delta$ -open.

EXAMPLE 3.4. Let the set of all real number  $\mathbb{R}$  be equipped with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \mathbb{Q}^c, \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1), \mathbb{Q}^c \cup (\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)), \mathbb{R}\}$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}^c$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are denoted the set of all irrational and rational numbers, respectively. Then the set  $A = \mathbb{Q}^c$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -open set but not  $\omega_\theta$ -open.

From the above examples, we conclude that the concepts of  $\omega_\delta$ -open sets and open sets are independent topological concepts.

THEOREM 3.5. Let  $U$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . Then  $U$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -open if and only if for each  $x \in U$ , there exists an open set  $G$  containing  $x$  and a countable set  $C$  such that  $G - C \subseteq \text{int}_\delta U$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be an  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset of  $X$  and let  $x$  be any element of  $U$ . Then by Definition 3.1, there exists an open set  $G$  containing  $x$  such that the set  $C = G - \text{int}_\delta U$  is countable. Therefore,  $G - C \subseteq \text{int}_\delta U$ . Conversely; let  $x \in U$ . Then by hypothesis, there exists an open set  $G$  containing  $x$  and a countable set  $C$  such that  $G - C \subseteq \text{int}_\delta U$ . Thus  $G - \text{int}_\delta U \subseteq C$ , this means that  $G - \text{int}_\delta U$  is countable. Hence  $U$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -open set.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.6. For any space  $X$ , the family  $\omega_\delta O(X)$  forms a topology on  $X$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\phi$  and  $X$  are  $\delta$ -open subsets of  $X$  and each  $\delta$ -open set is  $\omega_\delta$ -open, then  $\phi, X \in \omega_\delta O(X)$ . Let  $U, V \in \omega_\delta O(X)$  and  $x \in U \cap V$ . Then there exist open sets  $G$  and  $O$  both containing  $x$  such that  $G - \text{int}_\delta U$  and  $O - \text{int}_\delta V$  are countable sets. Since  $G \cap O - \text{int}_\delta(U \cap V) \subseteq (G - \text{int}_\delta U) \cup (O - \text{int}_\delta V)$ , then  $G \cap O - \text{int}_\delta(U \cap V)$  is a countable subset of  $X$ . Hence  $U \cap V \in \omega_\delta O(X)$ . Let  $\{U_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\} \subseteq \omega_\delta O(X)$

and  $x \in \bigcup\{U_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ . Then there exist  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  and an open set  $G$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in U_{\lambda_0}$  and  $G - \text{int}_\delta U_{\lambda_0}$  is countable. Since  $G - \text{int}_\delta(\bigcup\{U_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\}) \subseteq G - \text{int}_\delta U_{\lambda_0}$ , then  $\bigcup\{U_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\} \in \omega_\delta O(X)$ . Thus  $\omega_\delta O(X)$  is a topology on  $X$ .  $\square$

REMARK 3.7. From what we have done above, we notice that for any space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\tau_\theta \subset \tau_\delta \subset \omega_\delta O(X) \subset \omega^\circ O(X) \subset \tau^\omega$  and  $\tau_\theta \subseteq \omega_\theta O(X) \subset \omega_\delta O(X) \subset \omega^\circ O(X) \subset \tau_\omega$ . Further,  $\tau$  and  $\omega_\delta O(X)$  are independent topologies on  $X$ .

PROPOSITION 3.8. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then

- (1)  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable if and only if  $\omega_\delta O(X)$  is a discrete topology on  $X$ .
- (2)  $(X, \tau)$  is an anti-locally countable space if and only if  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is anti-locally countable.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$  and  $x \in A$ . Since  $X$  is locally countable, then there exists a countable open subset  $G$  of  $X$  contains  $x$ . Since  $G - \text{int}_\delta A \subseteq G$ , then  $G - \text{int}_\delta A$  is countable. Thus  $A$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -open. Hence in view of Theorem 3.6,  $\omega_\delta O(X)$  is a discrete topology on  $X$ . The converse part is obvious.

(2) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an anti-locally countable space. To show  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is anti-locally countable. On contrary, we suppose that  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is not anti-locally countable. Then there exists a countable non-empty  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset  $U$  of  $X$ . Therefore, there exists a point  $x \in U$  and by Definition 3.1, there exists an open set  $G$  containing  $x$  such that  $G - \text{int}_\delta U$  is countable. But since  $G - U \subseteq G - \text{int}_\delta U$ , then  $G - U$  is countable. Since  $G = U \cup (G - U)$ , then  $G$  is a non-empty countable open subset of  $X$ , this is impossible. Conversely, let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space for which  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is an anti-locally countable space. We suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is not anti-locally countable space. Then there exists a non-empty countable open subset  $G$  of  $X$ . Let  $x$  be any point of  $G$ . Since  $G - \text{int}_\delta G \subseteq G$ , then  $G - \text{int}_\delta G$  is countable and hence  $G$  is a non-empty countable  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset of  $X$  which is a contradiction to our hypothesis. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is anti-locally countable.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.9. If  $(X, \tau)$  is a Lindelöf space, then so is  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\Psi = \{V_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be any  $\omega_\delta$ -open cover of  $X$ . Then for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $\lambda_x \in \Lambda$  and an open set  $G_{\lambda_x}$  containing  $x$  such that  $C_{\lambda_x} = G_{\lambda_x} - \text{int}_\delta V_{\lambda_x}$  is countable. Let  $\Lambda_X = \{\lambda_x \in \Lambda; x \in X\}$ . Then  $\{G_{\lambda_x}; \lambda_x \in \Lambda_X\}$  is an open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is Lindelöf, then there exists a countable subset  $\Lambda_0$  of  $\Lambda_X$  (hence of  $\Lambda$ )

such that  $\{G_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda_0\}$  covers  $X$ . Therefore, the family  $\{V_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda_0\}$  covers  $X$  except the countable subset  $C = \cup\{C_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda_0\}$  of  $X$ . Since  $C$  is countable, then it is clear that there exists a countable subset  $\Lambda_1$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $\{V_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda_1\}$  covers  $C$ , and hence  $\{V_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_0\}$  is a countable subcover of  $\Psi$ . Thus  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is Lindelöf.  $\square$

The following example shows that the converse of the above theorem is not true in general.

**EXAMPLE 3.10.** Consider the particular uncountable point topology  $\mathfrak{S} = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R}; (0, 1) \subseteq G\} \cup \{\phi\}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  ([17], Example 10, p. 44). Since the open cover  $\{(0, 1) \cup \{p\}; p \in \mathbb{R} - (0, 1)\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  has no any countable subcover, so  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{S})$  is not Lindelöf. But Since  $\mathfrak{S}_\delta = \{\phi, \mathbb{R}\}$ , so it is easy to see that  $\omega_\delta O(\mathbb{R}) = \{\phi, \mathbb{R}\}$ , and hence  $(\mathbb{R}, \omega_\delta O(\mathbb{R}))$  is Lindelöf.

Recall that a space  $X$  is said to be a nearly Lindelöf space [4] if every regular open cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.

**PROPOSITION 3.11.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space such that  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is Lindelöf. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is nearly Lindelöf.

*Proof.* Obvious.  $\square$

The following example shows that the converse of the above proposition is not true in general.

**EXAMPLE 3.12.** Consider the finite particular point topology  $\tau = \{G \subseteq \mathbb{R}; 0 \in G\} \cup \{\phi\}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  ([17], Example 8, p. 44). Since  $\tau_\delta = \{\phi, \mathbb{R}\}$ , then this space is nearly Lindelöf. But since the space  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  is a locally countable space, then by part (1) of Proposition 3.8,  $(\mathbb{R}, \omega_\delta O(\mathbb{R}))$  is an uncountable discrete space, and hence it is not Lindelöf.

Recall that a space  $X$  is said to be nearly compact [16] if each regular open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover. Then it is easy to see that for any space  $(X, \tau)$ , compactness of  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  implies nearly compactness of the space  $(X, \tau)$ . But not conversely as the following example shows:

**EXAMPLE 3.13.** Let the set of all natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  be equipped with the indiscrete topology  $\mathfrak{S}_{ind}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{N}, \mathfrak{S}_{ind})$  is both compact and nearly compact space. But since  $(\mathbb{N}, \mathfrak{S}_{ind})$  is locally-countable, then by part (1) of Proposition 3.8,  $\omega_\delta O(\mathbb{N})$  is the discrete topology on  $\mathbb{N}$  and hence  $(\mathbb{N}, \omega_\delta O(\mathbb{N}))$  is not compact.

**EXAMPLE 3.14.** Let the set of all real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  be equipped with the co-countable topology  $\tau_{coc}$ . Then it is clear that  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc})$  is not compact. But since  $\omega_\delta O(\mathbb{R}) = \{\phi, X\} = \tau_\delta$ , then  $(\mathbb{R}, \omega_\delta O(\mathbb{R}))$  is compact.

The last two examples show that the compactness of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is neither imply nor implied by the compactness of the space  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$ .

DEFINITION 3.15. Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . Then

- (1) The intersection of all  $\omega_\delta$ -closed subsets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called  $\omega_\delta$ -closure of  $A$  and it is denoted by  $\omega_\delta ClA$ .
- (2) The union of all  $\omega_\delta$ -open subsets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called  $\omega_\delta$ -interior of  $A$  and it is denoted by  $\omega_\delta intA$ .

LEMMA 3.16. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any subsets of a topological space  $X$ . Then

- (1)  $\omega_\delta ClA \subseteq Cl_\delta A$  and  $int_\delta A \subseteq \omega_\delta intA$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\omega_\delta ClA \subseteq \omega_\delta ClB$  and  $\omega_\delta intA \subseteq \omega_\delta intB$ .
- (3)  $x \in \omega_\delta ClA$  if and only if  $A \cap U \neq \phi$  for each  $\omega_\delta$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , and  $x \in \omega_\delta intA$  if and only if there exists an  $\omega_\delta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq A$ .
- (4)  $\omega_\delta ClA \in \omega_\delta C(X)$  and  $\omega_\delta intA \in \omega_\delta O(X)$ .
- (5)  $A$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -open (resp.  $\omega_\delta$ -closed) if and only if  $A = \omega_\delta intA$  (resp.  $A = \omega_\delta ClA$ ).
- (6)  $\omega_\delta Cl(\omega_\delta ClA) = \omega_\delta ClA$  and  $\omega_\delta int(\omega_\delta intA) = \omega_\delta intA$ .
- (7)  $\omega_\delta Cl(X - A) = X - \omega_\delta intA$  and  $\omega_\delta int(X - A) = X - \omega_\delta ClA$ .
- (8)  $\omega_\delta int(A \cap B) = \omega_\delta intA \cap \omega_\delta intB$  and  $\omega_\delta Cl(A \cup B) = \omega_\delta ClA \cup \omega_\delta ClB$ .

DEFINITION 3.17. A subset  $U$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -open ( resp.  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open,  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open), if  $\omega_\delta intU = int_\delta U$ . ( resp.  $\omega_\delta intU = intU$ ,  $\omega_\delta intU = int_\theta U$  and  $\omega_\delta intU = int_\omega U$ ).

REMARK 3.18. It is easy to see that

- (1) Every  $\omega_\delta$ -open set is  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open.
- (2) Every  $\delta$ -open set is  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -open,  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open.
- (3) Every  $\theta$ -open set is  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open,  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -open,  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open.
- (4) Every  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open set is  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -open.

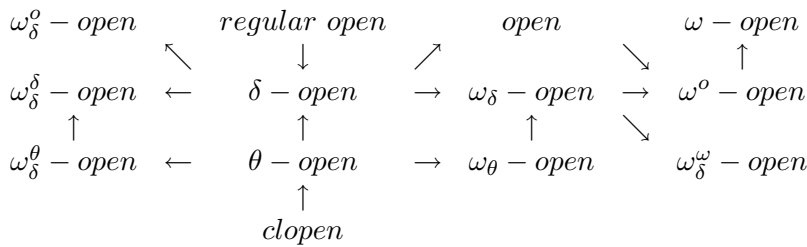
In Example 3.4 the set  $\mathbb{Q}^c$  is  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -open but not  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open. This with the following examples show that the converse of neither parts of the above remark are true.

EXAMPLE 3.19. Consider the topological space  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ , where  $\tau = \{\phi, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}^c\}$  and the set of all natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\omega_\delta int\mathbb{N} = \phi = int_\delta \mathbb{N} = int_\theta \mathbb{N} = int\mathbb{N} = int_\omega \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\mathbb{N}$  is  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open,  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -open,  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open. But it is neither open,  $\delta$ -open,  $\theta$ -open,  $\omega_\delta$ -open nor  $\omega$ -open. However, the set  $\mathbb{Q}^c$  is  $\omega$ -open but not  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open.

REMARK 3.20. The first and second components of each of the following order pairs are independent,  $(\text{open}, \omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open})$ ,  $(\text{open}, \omega_\delta^o\text{-open})$ ,  $(\text{open}, \omega_\delta^\theta\text{-open})$ ,  $(\omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open}, \omega_\delta^o\text{-open})$ ,  $(\omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open}, \omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open})$ ,  $(\omega_\delta\text{-open}, \omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open})$ ,  $(\omega_\delta\text{-open}, \omega_\delta^o\text{-open})$ ,  $(\omega_\delta\text{-open}, \omega_\delta^\theta\text{-open})$ ,  $(\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}, \omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open})$  and  $(\omega\text{-open}, \omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open})$ :

- (1) In Example 3.2, the set  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$ ,  $\text{open}$ ,  $\omega\text{-open}$ ,  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open}$  but it is neither  $\omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open}$  nor  $\omega_\delta^\theta\text{-open}$ . However, the set  $B = \{b\}$  is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  but it is neither  $\omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open}$  nor  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$ .
- (2) In Example 3.14, the set  $A = \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{N}$  is  $\omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open}$  but it is neither  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$  nor  $\omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open}$ .
- (3) In the usual space  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ , the set  $A = \{0\}$  is  $\omega_\delta^\delta\text{-open}$ ,  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$ ,  $\omega_\delta^\theta\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open}$  but it is neither  $\text{open}$ ,  $\delta\text{-open}$ ,  $\theta\text{-open}$ ,  $\omega\text{-open}$  nor  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$ .

Thus we obtain the following diagram



THEOREM 3.21. Let  $U$  be a subset of a space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then

- (1)  $U$  is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  if and only if it is  $\omega\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open}$ .
- (2)  $U$  is  $\delta\text{-open}$  if and only if it is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$ .
- (3)  $U$  is  $\theta\text{-open}$  if and only if it is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^\theta\text{-open}$ .
- (4)  $U$  is  $\theta\text{-open}$  if and only if it is  $\omega_\theta\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^\theta\text{-open}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $U$  be an  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  set. Then  $U$  is both  $\omega\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open}$ .

Conversely, let  $U$  be an  $\omega\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^\omega\text{-open}$ . Then  $A = \text{int}_\omega A = \omega_\delta \text{int} A$ , and hence by part (6) of Lemma 3.16,  $A$  is an  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  set.

The proof of the other parts are similar to the proof of part (1). □

THEOREM 3.22. Let  $U$  be a subset of a space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then

- (1) If  $U$  is  $\text{open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$ , then it is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$ .
- (2) If  $U$  is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$ , then it is  $\text{open}$ .
- (3)  $U$  is  $\text{open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$  if and only if it is  $\omega_\delta\text{-open}$  and  $\omega_\delta^o\text{-open}$ .

*Proof.* Obvious. □

**COROLLARY 3.23.** *An  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open subset  $U$  of a space  $X$  is open if and only if it is  $\omega_\delta$ -open.*

The following results are characterizations of semi-regular and regular spaces.

**THEOREM 3.24.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be any space. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a semi-regular space if and only if every open subset of  $X$  is both  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a semi-regular space, then  $\tau_\delta = \tau$ . Now, if  $G$  is open, then  $intG = int_\delta G = \omega_\delta intG$ , and hence it is both  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open.

Conversely; let  $G$  be any open subset of  $X$ . Then  $intG = G$ , and by our hypothesis, the set  $G$  is both  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open. Then  $\omega_\delta intG = intG$  and  $\omega_\delta intG = int_\delta G$ . Thus  $G = int_\delta G$ . Hence  $\tau_\delta = \tau$ . Therefore,  $X$  is a semi-regular space.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.25.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be any space. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a regular space if and only if every open subset of  $X$  is both  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open.

*Proof.* It is similar to the proof of the above result.  $\square$

#### 4. $\omega_\delta$ -Continuous functions and decompositions of some types of continuity

**DEFINITION 4.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be an  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function if the inverse image of each open subset of  $Y$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset of  $X$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) The inverse image of each closed subset of  $Y$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -closed subset of  $X$ .
- (2)  $f(\omega_\delta ClA) \subseteq Clf(A)$  for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ .
- (3)  $\omega_\delta Clf^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClB)$  for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(intB) \subseteq \omega_\delta intf^{-1}(B)$  for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
- (5)  $f : (X, \omega_\delta O(X)) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is continuous.
- (6) For each  $x \in X$  and each open subset  $G$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq G$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward.  $\square$



**THEOREM 4.3.** Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be an onto  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function. If  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is Lindelöf, then  $Y$  is Lindelöf.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space for which  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is a Lindelöf space. Let  $\Psi = \{G_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be any open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(G_\lambda)$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset of  $X$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Thus  $\{f^{-1}(G_\lambda); \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $(X, \omega_\delta O(X))$  is a Lindelöf space, then there exists a countable subset  $\Lambda_0$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $X = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0} f^{-1}(G_\lambda)$ . Since  $f$  is an onto function, then  $Y = f(X) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0} f(f^{-1}(G_\lambda)) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda_0} (G_\lambda)$ . Thus  $\Psi$  has a countable subcover. Hence  $Y$  is Lindelöf.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an onto  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function. If  $X$  is Lindelöf, then so is  $Y$ .

We recall the following definitions:

**DEFINITION 4.5.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be a super-continuous [14](resp. clopen-continuous [12], Strongly  $\theta$ -continuous (briefly, st. $\theta$ -continuous) [13, 10],  $\omega$ -continuous [8],  $\omega^o$ -continuous [2] and  $\omega_\theta$ -continuous [5]) function, if the inverse image of each open subset of  $Y$  is a  $\delta$ -open (resp. clopen,  $\theta$ -open,  $\omega$ -open,  $\omega^o$ -open and  $\omega_\theta$ -open) subset of  $X$ .

**REMARK 4.6.** It is easy to see that:

- (1) Every clopen-continuous, super-continuous, st. $\theta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\theta$ -continuous function is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous.
- (2) Every  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function is  $\omega$ -continuous and  $\omega^o$ -continuous.
- (3) Every  $\omega_\theta$ -continuous function is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous.

The converse of neither part of the above remark is true. Also, the  $\omega_\delta$ -continuity and continuity are independent concepts, as the following examples show:

**EXAMPLE 4.7.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the space of Example 3.2 and let  $\mathfrak{S}_{dis}$  be the discrete topology on  $X$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \mathfrak{S}_{dis})$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous,  $\omega_\theta$ -continuous,  $\omega^o$ -continuous and  $\omega$ -continuous but it is neither continuous, clopen-continuous, super-continuous nor st. $\theta$ -continuous.

**EXAMPLE 4.8.** Let  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  be the space of Example 3.3. Then the identity function  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  is continuous,  $\omega^o$ -continuous and

$\omega$ -continuous but it is neither  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous,  $st.\theta$ -continuous nor  $\delta$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 4.9. Let  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  be the space of Example 3.4. Then the identity function  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous but not  $\omega_\theta$ -continuous.

DEFINITION 4.10. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be an  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -continuous (resp.  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -continuous,  $\omega_\delta^o$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -continuous), if the inverse image of each open subset of  $Y$  is an  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open (resp.  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -open,  $\omega_\delta^o$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -open) subset of  $X$ .

REMARK 4.11. It is easy to see that

- (1) Every  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function is  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -continuous.
- (2) Every super-continuous function is  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -continuous,  $\omega_\delta^o$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -continuous.
- (3) Every  $st.\theta$ -continuous function is  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -continuous,  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -continuous,  $\omega_\delta^o$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -continuous.
- (4) Every  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -continuous function is  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 4.12. (1) The identity function  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{S})$ , where  $\tau = \{\phi, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}^c\}$  and  $\mathfrak{S} = \{\phi, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N}\}$  is  $(\omega_\delta^\delta, \omega_\delta^\omega, \omega_\delta^o$  and  $\omega_\delta^\theta)$ -continuous but it is neither continuous nor (copen, super,  $st.\theta$   $\omega_\delta$ ,  $\omega^o$  nor  $\omega$ )-continuous.

- (2) The identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$ , where  $(X, \tau)$  is the space of Example 3.2 is continuous and  $(\omega_\delta^o, \omega_\delta^\omega$  and  $\omega_\delta)$ -continuous but it is neither  $(\omega_\delta^\delta$  nor  $\omega_\delta^\theta)$ -continuous.
- (3) The identity function  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc})$  is continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -continuous but it is neither (super,  $st.\theta$ ,  $\omega_\delta$ ,  $\omega_\delta^o$  nor  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ )-continuous.
- (4) The identity function  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ , where  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  is the space of Example 3.19 is  $\omega$ -continuous but not  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous.
- (5) The identity function  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ , where  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  is the space that given in Example 3.4 is  $(\omega_\delta$  and  $\omega_\delta^\delta)$ -continuous but it is not  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -continuous.

The next result is the following decompositions of some types of continuity

THEOREM 4.13. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then

- (1)  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous if and only if it is  $\omega$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f$  is super-continuous if and only if it is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\delta$ -continuous.

- (3)  $f$  is st. $\theta$ -continuous if and only if it is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -continuous.
- (4)  $f$  is st. $\theta$ -continuous if and only if it is  $\omega_\theta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\theta$ -continuous.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $f$  be an  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function. Let  $G$  be any open subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(G)$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset of  $X$ . So by part (1) of Theorem 3.21  $G$  is both  $\omega$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open. Thus  $f$  is both  $\omega$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -continuous. Conversely; let  $f$  be a function which is both  $\omega$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -continuous. If  $G$  is any open subset of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(G)$  is both  $\omega$ -open and  $\omega_\delta^\omega$ -open. So by part (1) of Theorem 3.21  $G$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset of  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous. The proof of other parts are similar to the proof of part (1). □

**THEOREM 4.14.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then

- (1) If  $f$  is continuous and  $\omega_\delta^o$ -continuous, then  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous.
- (2) If  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^o$ -continuous, then it is continuous.
- (3)  $f$  is continuous and  $\omega_\delta^o$ -continuous if and only if  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^o$ -continuous.

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 3.22. □

**DEFINITION 4.15.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(Fr(G))$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -closed for each open subset  $G$  of  $Y$ , where  $Fr(G) = ClG - G$ .

It is easy to see that each  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function is  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuous, but not conversely as the following example shows:

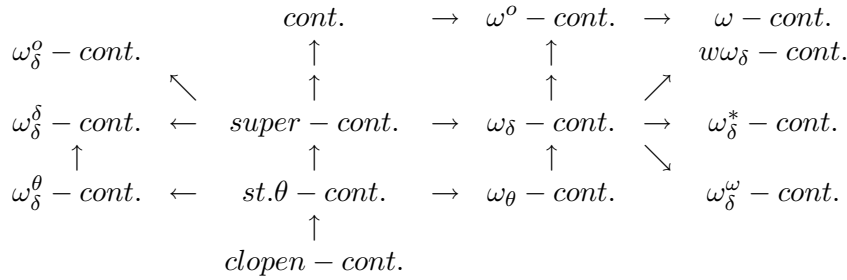
**EXAMPLE 4.16.** Let  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{S}_{dis})$ , where  $Y = \{a, b\}$  be a function given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ b, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \end{cases}$ . Then  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuous but it is not  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous.

**DEFINITION 4.17.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be weakly  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous (simply,  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq \omega_\delta int f^{-1}(ClG)$ .

It is easy to see that each  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous function is  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuous, but not conversely as the following example shows:

**EXAMPLE 4.18.** Let  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\mathfrak{S} = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and let  $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau_{coc}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{S})$  be a function given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ c, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \end{cases}$ . Then  $f$  is  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuous but it is neither  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous nor  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuous.

Since the function which given in Example 4.16, is  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuous but not  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuous. Therefore,  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuity and  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuity are independent concepts. Thus we obtain the following diagram, where by "cont." we mean "continuous"



Our final result is the following decompositions of  $\omega_\delta$ -continuity:

**THEOREM 4.19.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous if and only if it is  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuous.

*Proof.* The part  $\omega_\delta$ -continuity implies  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuity and  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuity is obvious. Conversely, suppose that  $f$  is both  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuous and  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuous. To show  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous. Let  $G$  be any open subset of  $Y$ . Then by  $w\omega_\delta$ -continuity of  $f$ , we have  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq \omega_\delta int f^{-1}(ClG)$  and by  $\omega_\delta^*$ -continuity of  $f$ , we have  $f^{-1}(Fr(G))$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Since  $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(Fr(G)) = \phi$ , then  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq X - f^{-1}(Fr(G))$ . Since  $X - f^{-1}(Fr(G))$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -open, then by Lemma 3.16,  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq \omega_\delta int(X - f^{-1}(Fr(G)))$  and since  $G = ClG - Fr(G)$ , then  $f^{-1}(G) \subseteq \omega_\delta int f^{-1}(ClG) \cap \omega_\delta int(X - f^{-1}(Fr(G))) = \omega_\delta int f^{-1}(ClG - Fr(G)) = \omega_\delta int f^{-1}(G)$ . Hence by Lemma 3.16  $f^{-1}(G)$  is an  $\omega_\delta$ -open subset of  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is  $\omega_\delta$ -continuous.  $\square$

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