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## STRONGLY $\theta$ -PRE-I-CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** The topology  $\tau$  of a space is enlarged to a topology  $\tau^*$  using an ideal  $I$  whose members are disjoint with the members of  $\tau$ . Many relations between topological concepts with respect to  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  are obtained. The aim of this paper is to define a new type of functions called strongly  $\theta$ -pre-I-continuous functions and to obtain

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The subject of ideals in topological spaces has been studied by Kuratowski [10]. In 1990, Jankovic and Hamlett [5] developed the study in local and systematic fashion and offered some new results, improvements of known results, and some applications. Every topological space is an ideal topological space and all the results of ideal topological spaces are generalizations of the results established in topological spaces. In 1996, Dontchev [8] defined pre-I-open sets and pre-I-continuity. In 2002, Hatir and Noiri [6] defined semi-I-open sets and observed a decomposition of continuity. Yuksel and Acikgoz defined other new types of continuity in ideal topological spaces [1,2,3,15,16,17,18].

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Throughout the present paper  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  denote the closure and the interior of  $A$ , respectively. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $I$  be an ideal of subsets of  $X$ . An ideal  $I$  is defined as a nonempty collection of subsets of  $X$  satisfying the following two conditions: (1) If  $A \in I$  and  $B \subset A$ , then  $B \in I$ ; (2) If  $A \in I$  and  $B \in I$ , then  $A \cup B \in I$ . If  $I$  is an ideal on  $X$ , then  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called an ideal topological space. For a subset  $A \subset X$ ,  $A^*(\tau, I) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin I \text{ for each open neighborhood } U \text{ of } x\}$  is called the local function of  $A$  with respect to  $I$  and  $\tau$  [10]. We simply write  $A^*$  instead of  $A^*(\tau, I)$  in case there is no chance for confusion. For every ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , there exists a topology  $\tau^*(I)$ , finer than  $\tau$ , generated by  $\beta(\tau, I) = \{U - J : U \in \tau \text{ and } J \in I\}$ , but in general  $\beta(\tau, I)$  is not a topology [5]. Additionally,  $Cl^*(A) = A \cup A^*$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator for  $\tau^*(I)$ .

**Lemma 1.** [5] *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A, B$  subsets of  $X$ . Then the following properties hold:*

- (1) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $A^* \subset B^*$ .
- (2)  $A^* = Cl(A^*) \subset Cl(A)$ .
- (3)  $(A^*)^* \subset A^*$ .
- (4)  $(A \cup B)^* = A^* \cup B^*$ .

**Definition 1.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space is said to be preopen [4] if  $A \subset Int(Cl(A))$ . The complement of a preopen set is said to be preclosed. The intersection of all preclosed sets containing  $A$  is called the preclosure [11] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $pCl(A)$ . The preinterior of  $A$  is defined by the union of all preopen sets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $pInt(A)$ . The family of all preopen sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $PO(X)$ . We set  $PO(X, x) = \{U : x \in U \text{ and } U \in PO(X)\}$ .

**Definition 2.** A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space is said to be pre- $I$ -open [8] (resp. semi- $I$ -open [6]) if  $A \subset Int(Cl^*(A))$  (resp.  $A \subset Cl^*(Int(A))$ ). The family of all pre- $I$ -open subsets of  $(X, \tau, I)$  containing a point  $x \in X$  is denoted by  $PIO(X, x)$ . A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be pre- $I$ -closed [8] if its complement is pre- $I$ -open. The intersection of all pre- $I$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the pre- $I$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $piCl(A)$  [17].

**Lemma 2.** [17] *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ .*

1.  $x \in piCl(A)$  if and only if  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every pre- $I$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ .
2.  $A$  is pre- $I$ -closed if and only if  $A = piCl(A)$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A \subset X$ . A point  $x$  of  $X$  is called a  $\theta$ -I-cluster point (resp. pre- $\theta$ -I-cluster point [3]) of  $A$  if  $Cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  (resp.  $pCl(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ) for every open (resp. pre-I-open) set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $\theta$ -I-cluster (resp. pre- $\theta$ -I-cluster) point of  $A$  is called the  $\theta$ -I-closure (resp. pre- $\theta$ -I-closure) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $Cl_{\theta_i}(A)$  (resp.  $pCl_{\theta}(A)$ ).

**Definition 4.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta, I_1)$  is said to be pre-I-continuous [8] (resp. strongly  $\theta$ -I-continuous [15], weakly I-precontinuous, weakly I-continuous [1]) if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a pre-I-open (resp. open, pre-I-open, open) set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$  (resp.  $f(Cl^*(U)) \subset V$ ,  $f(U) \subset Cl^*(V)$ ,  $f(U) \subset Cl^*(V)$ ).

**Definition 5.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is said to be precontinuous [4] (resp. strongly  $\theta$ -continuous [13], strongly  $\theta$ -precontinuous [14]) if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a preopen (resp. open, preopen) set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$  (resp.  $f(Cl(U)) \subset V$ ,  $f(pCl(U)) \subset V$ ).

**Definition 6.** A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is  $*$ -perfect [7] (resp. I-locally closed [9]) if  $A^* = A$  (resp.  $A = G \cap V$ , where  $G$  is open and  $V$  is  $*$ -perfect).

**Lemma 3. [1]** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is an RI-space if for each  $x \in X$  and each open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $x \in U \subset Cl^*(U) \subset V$ .

**Lemma 4.** A subset  $U$  of an ideal topological space  $X$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-open in  $X$  if and only if for each  $x \in U$ , there exists a pre-I-open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $pCl(W) \subset U$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $U$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-open in  $X$ . Then,  $X - U$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-closed. Hence there exists a point  $x \in U$  but  $x \notin pCl_{\theta}(X - U)$ . There exists  $W \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $pCl(W) \cap (X - U) = \emptyset$ . Thus, we get  $pCl(W) \subset U$ . Conversely, assume that  $U$  is not pre- $\theta$ -I-open in  $X$ . Then,  $X - U$  is not pre- $\theta$ -I-closed. So, there exists a point  $x$  such that  $x \in pCl_{\theta}(X - U)$  but  $x \notin X - U$ . Since  $x \in U$ , by hypothesis there exists a pre-I-open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $pCl(W) \subset U$ . This is a contradiction since  $x \in pCl_{\theta}(X - U)$ . ■

**Lemma 5. [16]** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $(X, \tau, I)$  and  $Int^*(A)$  denote the interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau^*$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (1) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $Int^*(A) \subset Int^*(B)$ .
- (2)  $Int^*(A) \subset A$ .
- (3)  $Int(A) \subset Int^*(A)$ .
- (4) If  $A$  is open in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , then  $Int^*(A) = A$ .
- (5)  $Int^*(A \cap B) = Int^*(A) \cap Int^*(B)$ .
- (6)  $Int^*(A) \cup Int^*(B) \subset Int^*(A \cup B)$ .
- (7) If  $F$  is closed in  $(X, \tau, I)$ , then  $Int^*(A \cup F) \subset Int^*(A) \cup F$ .

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then,  $piCl(A) = A \cup Cl(Int^*(A))$ .*

*Proof.* By using the above lemma, we obtain

$$Cl(Int^*(A \cup Cl(Int^*(A)))) \subset Cl(Int^*(A)) \subset A \cup Cl(Int^*(A)).$$

This shows that  $A \cup Cl(Int^*(A))$  is pre-I-closed. Since  $A \subset A \cup Cl(Int^*(A))$ , we have  $piCl(A) \subset A \cup Cl(Int^*(A))$ . It is obvious that  $Cl(Int^*(A)) \subset Cl(Int^*(piCl(A)))$ . Since  $piCl(A)$  is pre-I-closed, we have  $Cl(Int^*(A)) \subset piCl(A)$  and hence  $A \cup Cl(Int^*(A)) \subset piCl(A)$ . ■

## 2. SOME CHARACTERIZATIONS

**Definition 7.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is said to be strongly  $\theta$ -pre-I-continuous (briefly *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*) if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a pre-I-open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(piCl(U)) \subset V$ .

**Remark 1.** By the above definitions and Theorem 1. below, we have the following implications and none of these implications is reversible as seen in examples.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{s. } \theta\text{-I-c.} & \longrightarrow & \text{continuous} & \longrightarrow & \text{weakly I-c.} \\
 \nearrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \text{s. } \theta\text{-c.} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{str.}\theta\mathbf{.p.I.c.} & \longrightarrow & \text{p-I-c.} & \longrightarrow & \text{weakly I-prec.} \\
 \searrow & & \swarrow & & \swarrow & & \swarrow \\
 \text{st.}\theta\text{.p.c.} & \longrightarrow & \text{precontinuous} & \longrightarrow & \text{weakly precontinuous}
 \end{array}$$

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{b, c\}$ ,  $\vartheta = \{\emptyset, Y, \{c\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  as follows  $f(a) = f(c) = b$  and  $f(b) = c$ . Then,  $f$  is *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.* but it is not strongly  $\theta$ -continuous.

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{b, c\}$ ,  $\vartheta = \{\emptyset, Y, \{b\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  as follows  $f(a) = f(c) = c$  and  $f(b) = b$ . Then,  $f$  is pre-I-continuous but it is not *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

**Example 3.** In Example 1. the function is *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.* but it is not continuous.

**Example 4.** In Example 2. the function is continuous but it is not *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

**Example 5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}\}, Y = \{a, c\}, \vartheta = \{\emptyset, Y, \{c\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  as follows  $f(a) = f(c) = a$  and  $f(b) = c$ . Then,  $f$  is strongly  $\theta$ -I-continuous but it is not *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

**Example 6.** In Example 1. the function is *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.* but it is not strongly  $\theta$ -I-continuous.,

**Example 7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}, \vartheta = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (X, \vartheta, I)$  as follows  $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$ . Then,  $f$  is weakly I-continuous but it is not *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

**Example 8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}, \vartheta = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then, the identity function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (X, \vartheta, I)$  is *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.* but it is not weakly I-continuous.

**Example 9.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}, \vartheta = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then, the identity function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (X, \vartheta, I)$  is *st. $\theta$ .p.c.* but it is not *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

**Theorem 1.** The following properties are equivalent for a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$ :

1.  $f$  is *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*
2.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ,
3.  $f^{-1}(F)$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ ,
4.  $f(p\text{Cl}_{\theta}(A)) \subset Cl(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,
5.  $p\text{Cl}_{\theta}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(Cl(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$ . Suppose that  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Since  $f$  is *str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*, there exists  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f(p\text{Cl}(U)) \subset V$ . Therefore, we have  $x \in U \subset p\text{Cl}(U) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . So,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-open in  $X$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Obvious.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . Since  $Cl(f(A))$  is closed in  $Y$ , by (3) we obtain,  $f^{-1}(Cl(f(A)))$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-closed. Therefore, we have

$$p\text{Cl}_{\theta}(A) \subset p\text{Cl}_{\theta}(f^{-1}(f(A))) \subset p\text{Cl}_{\theta}(f^{-1}(Cl(f(A)))) \subset f^{-1}(Cl(f(A)))$$

Thus, we obtain  $f(p\text{Cl}_\theta(A)) \subset \text{Cl}(f(A))$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . By (4), we obtain  $f(p\text{Cl}_\theta(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \text{Cl}(B)$  and hence  $p\text{Cl}_\theta(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$ .

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open neighborhood of  $f(x)$ . Since  $Y - V$  is closed in  $Y$ , we have  $p\text{Cl}_\theta(f^{-1}(Y - V)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(Y - V)) = f^{-1}(Y - V)$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(Y - V)$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-closed in  $X$ . And  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a pre- $\theta$ -I-open set containing  $x$ . By Lemma 4, there exists a pre-I-open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset p\text{Cl}(U) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore we obtain  $f(p\text{Cl}(U)) \subset V$ . ■

**Definition 8.** A net  $\{x_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in D}$  in  $X$  is said to be  $pI$ -convergent to  $x \in X$  if for each pre-I-open set  $U$  containing  $x$  the net is eventually in  $p\text{Cl}(U)$  and it is denoted by  $x_\lambda \longrightarrow_p x$ .

**Theorem 2.** A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each net  $x_\lambda \longrightarrow_p x$ , then the net  $f(x_\lambda) \rightarrow f(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $Y$  be a regular space. Then the following properties are equivalent for a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$ :

1.  $f$  is weakly I-precontinuous,
2.  $f$  is pre-I-continuous,
3.  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open neighborhood of  $f(x)$ . Since  $Y$  is regular, there exists an open set  $W$  such that  $f(x) \in W \subset \text{Cl}(W) \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is weakly I-precontinuous, there exists  $U \in \text{PIO}(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset \text{Cl}^*(W)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(U) \subset V$ . This shows that  $f$  is pre-I-continuous.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open neighborhood of  $f(x)$ . Since  $Y$  is regular, there exists an open set  $W$  such that  $f(x) \in W \subset \text{Cl}(W) \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is pre-I-continuous, there exists  $U \in \text{PIO}(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset W$ . We shall show that  $f(p\text{Cl}(U)) \subset \text{Cl}(W)$ . Suppose that  $y \notin \text{Cl}(W)$ . There exists an open neighborhood  $S$  of  $y$  such that  $S \cap W = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is pre-I-continuous,  $f^{-1}(S) \in \text{PIO}(X)$ .  $f^{-1}(S) \cap U = \emptyset$  and hence  $f^{-1}(S) \cap p\text{Cl}(U) = \emptyset$ . Therefore, we obtain  $S \cap f(p\text{Cl}(U)) = \emptyset$ ,  $y \notin f(p\text{Cl}(U))$  and so  $f(p\text{Cl}(U)) \subset \text{Cl}(W) \subset V$ . This shows that  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) It can be seen from Remark 1. ■

**Corollary 1.** Let  $Y$  be an RI-space. Then  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta, I_1)$  is weakly I- precontinuous if and only if  $f$  is pre-I-continuous.

**Definition 9.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be  $p$ -I-regular if for each closed set  $F$  of  $X$  and each point  $x \notin F$ , there exist disjoint pre-I-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Lemma 7.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is  $p$ -I-regular if and only if each point  $x \in X$  and each open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists  $W \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $x \in W \subset p\text{Cl}(W) \subset U$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $x$ . So,  $X - U$  is closed and  $x \notin X - U$ . Since  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a  $p$ -I-regular space, there exist disjoint pre-I-open sets  $W$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in W$ ,  $X - U \subset V$ . In [17] Yuksel et al. show that  $p\text{Int}(Y - A) = Y - p\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $p\text{Cl}(Y - A) = Y - p\text{Int}(A)$ . Hence  $V \subset X - W$  and  $V = p\text{Int}(V) \subset p\text{Int}(X - W) = X - p\text{Cl}(W)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $p\text{Cl}(W) \subset X - V \subset U$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Let  $F$  be a closed set of  $X$  and  $x \notin F$ . Then  $X - F$  is open and  $x \in X - F$ . By hypothesis, there exists  $V \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $x \in V \subset p\text{Cl}(V) \subset X - F$ . Therefore, we obtain  $F \subset X - p\text{Cl}(V)$ . Consequently,  $X$  is a  $p$ -I-regular space. ■

**Theorem 4.** A continuous function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. if and only if  $X$  is a  $p$ -I-regular space.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Since  $f$  is continuous, for any open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open neighbourhood of  $x$ . And since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-open set. Hence, there exists  $W \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $p\text{Cl}(W) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore,  $X$  is a  $p$ -I-regular space.

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose that  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is continuous and  $X$  is a  $p$ -I-regular space. For any  $x \in X$  and any open neighborhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open set of  $X$  containing  $x$ . Since  $X$  is a  $p$ -I-regular space, there exists  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $p\text{Cl}(U) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . This shows that  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. ■

**Definition 10.** [3] An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be pre-I-regular if for each pre-I-closed set  $F$  of  $X$  and each point  $x \notin F$ , there exist disjoint pre-I-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Lemma 8.** [3] An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is pre-I-regular if and only if each point  $x \in X$  and each pre-I-open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists  $V \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $x \in V \subset p\text{Cl}(V) \subset U$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be a pre-I-regular space. Then  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. if and only if  $f$  is pre-I-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By the pre-I-continuity of  $f$ , we have  $f^{-1}(V) \in PIO(X, x)$  and since  $X$  is a pre-I-regular space, there exists  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $pCl(U) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore, we have  $f(pCl(U)) \subset V$ . This shows that  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. ■

**Definition 11.** [2] *An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called an I-submaximal space if every subset of  $X$  is I-local closed.*

**Lemma 9.** [2] *If  $(X, \tau, I)$  is an I-submaximal space, then  $PIO(X) = \tau$ .*

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an I-submaximal space. If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. then  $f$  is strongly  $\theta$ -I-continuous.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exists  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f(pCl(U)) \subset V$ . Since  $X$  is an I-submaximal space,  $pCl(U) = Cl(U)$  and therefore,  $f(Cl^*(U)) \subset V$ . This shows that  $f$  is strongly  $\theta$ -I-continuous. ■

### 3. SOME PROPERTIES

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta, I_1)$  be a function and  $g : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow X \times Y$  the graph function of  $f$ . Then, the following properties hold:*

1. *If  $g$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, then  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. and  $X$  is a p-I-regular space.*
2. *If  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. and  $X$  is a pre-I-regular space, then  $g$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

*Proof. (1).* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then,  $X \times V$  is an open set of  $X \times Y$  containing  $g(x)$ . Since  $g$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exists  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $g(pCl(U)) \subset X \times V$ . Therefore, we have  $f(pCl(U)) \subset V$  and  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. Let  $U$  be any open neighborhood of  $x$ . Since  $g(x) \in U \times Y$  and  $U \times Y$  is open in  $X \times Y$ , there exists  $W \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $g(pCl(W)) \subset U \times Y$ . Hence, we have  $pCl(W) \subset U$  and  $X$  is a p-I-regular space.

**(2).** Let  $x \in X$  and  $W$  be any open set of  $X \times Y$  containing  $g(x)$ . Then, there exist open sets  $U \subset X$ ,  $V \subset Y$  such that  $g(x) = (x, f(x)) \in U \times V \subset W$ . Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exists  $G \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f(pCl(G)) \subset V$  and also,  $U \cap G$  is a pre-I-open neighborhood of  $x$ . Since  $X$  is a pre-I-regular space, there exists  $T \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $x \in T \subset pCl(T) \subset U \cap G$ . Therefore, we

obtain  $g(piCl(T)) \subset U \times f(piCl(G)) \subset U \times V \subset W$ . This shows that  $g$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. ■

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be a pre-I-regular space. Then a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. if and only if the graph function  $g : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow X \times Y$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

**Theorem 8.** [17] *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and let  $A$  and  $X_0$  be subsets of  $X$ .*

1. *If  $A \in PIO(X)$  and  $X_0 \in SIO(X)$ , then  $A \cap X_0 \in PIO(X_0)$ .*
2. *If  $A \in PIO(X_0)$  and  $X_0 \in PIO(X)$ , then  $A \in PIO(X)$ .*

**Theorem 9.** [17] *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A \subset X_0 \subset X$  and  $piCl_{X_0}(A)$  denotes the pre-I-closure of  $A$  in  $X_0$ .*

1. *If  $X_0$  is semi-I-open in  $X$ , then  $piCl_{X_0}(A) \subset piCl(A)$ .*
2. *If  $A \in PIO(X_0)$  and  $X_0 \in PIO(X)$ , then  $piCl(A) \subset piCl_{X_0}(A)$ .*

**Theorem 10.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. and  $X_0$  is a semi-I-open subset of  $X$ , then  $f/X_0 : (X_0, \tau/X_0, I/X_0) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X_0$  and  $V$  be any open neighborhood of  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exists  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f(piCl(U)) \subset V$ . Put  $U_0 = U \cap X_0$ , then by Theorems 8. and 9,  $U_0 \in PIO(X_0)$  and  $piCl_{X_0}(U_0) \subset piCl(U_0)$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$(f/X_0)(piCl_{X_0}(U_0)) = f(piCl_{X_0}(U_0)) \subset f(piCl(U_0)) \subset f(piCl(U)) \subset V.$$

This shows that  $f/X_0$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. ■

**Theorem 11.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. if for each  $x \in X$  there exists  $X_0 \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f/X_0 : (X_0, \tau/X_0, I/X_0) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open neighborhood of  $f(x)$ . Since  $f/X_0$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exists  $U \in PIO(X_0, x)$  such that  $(f/X_0)(piCl_{X_0}(U)) = f(piCl_{X_0}(U)) \subset V$ . By Theorem 9,  $f(piCl(U)) \subset f(piCl_{X_0}(U)) \subset V$ . This shows that  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. ■

**Definition 12.** [17] *A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta, I_1)$  is said to be pre-I-irresolute if the inverse image of every pre-I-open subset of  $Y$  is pre-I-open in  $X$ .*

**Theorem 12.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta, I_1)$  be a function. Then the following properties are equivalent:*

1.  *$f$  is pre-I-irresolute,*

2. For every subset  $A$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(pInt(A)) \subset pInt(f^{-1}(A))$ ,
3. For every subset  $A$  of  $Y$ ,  $pCl(f^{-1}(A)) \subset f^{-1}(pCl(A))$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $A \subset Y$ . Then  $pInt(A)$  is a pre-I-open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is pre-I-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(pInt(A))$  is pre-I-open in  $X$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$f^{-1}(pInt(A)) = pInt(f^{-1}(pInt(A))) \subset pInt(f^{-1}(A)).$$

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $A \subset Y$ . Then,  $X - f^{-1}(pCl(A)) = f^{-1}(pInt(Y - A)) \subset pInt(f^{-1}(Y - A)) = X - pCl(f^{-1}(A))$ . Hence, we obtain  $pCl(f^{-1}(A)) \subset f^{-1}(pCl(A))$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $F$  be a pre-I-closed subset of  $Y$ . By (3),  $pCl(f^{-1}(F)) \subset f^{-1}(pCl(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$ . This shows that  $f$  is pre-I-irresolute. ■

**Lemma 10.** *If a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta, I_1)$  is pre-I-irresolute, then the inverse image of every pre- $\theta$ -I-open subset of  $Y$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-open in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be a pre- $\theta$ -I-open subset of  $Y$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then, there exists  $W \in PIO(Y)$  such that  $f(x) \in W \subset pCl(W) \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(W) \in PIO(X)$ . By using above theorem we obtain,  $x \in f^{-1}(W) \subset pCl(f^{-1}(W)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . This shows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-open. ■

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta, I_1)$  and  $g : (Y, \vartheta, I_1) \rightarrow (Z, \phi, I_2)$  be functions.*

1. *If  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. and  $g$  is continuous, then  $gof : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Z, \phi, I_2)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*
2. *If  $f$  is pre-I-irresolute and  $g$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c., then  $gof : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Z, \phi, I_2)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c.*

*Proof.* 1. This is obvious from Theorem 1.

2. This follows immediately from Theorem 1. and Lemma 10. ■

#### 4. SEPARATION AXIOMS

**Definition 13.** *An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be pre- $I$ - $T_2$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  and  $V \in PIO(X, y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .*

**Definition 14.** *An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be pre- $I$ -Urysohn if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  and  $V \in PIO(X, y)$  such that  $pCl(U) \cap pCl(V) = \emptyset$ .*

**Remark 2.** Every pre-I-Urysohn space is a pre-I- $T_2$  space.

**Theorem 14.** If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is a str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. injection and  $Y$  is a  $T_0$  space, then  $X$  is a pre-I- $T_2$  space.

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any distinct points of  $X$ . By hypothesis,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  and there exists an open set  $U$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in U$ ,  $f(y) \notin U$  or  $f(y) \in U$ ,  $f(x) \notin U$ . If the first case holds, there exists  $W \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f(pCl(W)) \subset U$  and  $y \notin pCl(W)$ . Hence,  $X - pCl(W)$  is a pre-I-open neighborhood of  $y$ . If the second case holds, we obtain a similar result. Therefore,  $X$  is a pre-I- $T_2$  space. ■

**Theorem 15.** If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is a str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. injection and  $Y$  is a  $T_2$  space, then  $X$  is a pre-I-Urysohn space.

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any distinct points of  $X$ . By hypothesis  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  and there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$ , respectively. Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exist  $G \in PIO(X, x)$  and  $H \in PIO(X, y)$  such that  $f(pCl(G)) \subset U$  and  $f(pCl(H)) \subset V$ . It follows that  $f(pCl(G)) \cap f(pCl(H)) = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $X$  is a pre-I-Urysohn space. ■

**Lemma 11.** [18] Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A, B$  subsets of  $X$ . Then,  $Cl^*(A) \times Cl^*(B) \subset Cl^*(A \times B)$ .

**Lemma 12.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A, B$  subsets of  $X$ . If  $A, B \in PIO(X)$ , then  $A \times B \in PIO(X \times X)$ .

*Proof.*  $A \times B \subset Int_X(Cl_X^*(A)) \times Int_X(Cl_X^*(B)) = Int_{X \times X}(Cl_X^*(A) \times Cl_X^*(B)) \subset Int_{X \times X}(Cl_{X \times X}^*(A \times B))$ . This shows that  $A \times B \in PIO(X \times X)$ . ■

**Lemma 13.** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A, B \subset X$ .  $pCl(A \times B) \subset pCl(A) \times pCl(B)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  and  $(x, y) \in pCl(A \times B)$ . Then for any  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  and  $V \in PIO(X, y)$ , by Lemma 12. we have,  $(x, y) \in U \times V \in PIO(X \times X)$  and  $(A \cap U) \times (B \cap V) = (A \times B) \cap (U \times V) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $x \in pCl(A)$  and  $y \in pCl(B)$  and  $(x, y) \in pCl(A) \times pCl(B)$ . ■

**Theorem 16.** If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. and  $Y$  is a  $T_2$  space, then the subset  $A = \{(x, y) : f(x) = f(y)\}$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-closed in  $X \times X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(x, y) \notin A$ . It follows that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  and there exist disjoint open sets  $V, W$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$ ,

respectively. Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exist  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  and  $G \in PIO(X, y)$  such that  $f(piCl(U)) \subset V$  and  $f(piCl(G)) \subset W$ . By Lemma 12, we get  $(x, y) \in U \times G \in PIO(X \times X)$  and also,  $(piCl(U) \times piCl(G)) \cap A = \emptyset$ . By using Lemma 13, we obtain  $(x, y) \in U \times G \subset piCl(U \times G) \subset (X \times X) - A$  and so  $A$  is pre- $\theta$ -I-closed set. ■

**Definition 15.** *The graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is said to be strongly pre-I-closed if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist a pre-I-open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  and an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $(piCl(U) \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ .*

**Lemma 14.** *The graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is strongly pre-I-closed in  $X \times Y$  if and only if for each point  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist a pre-I-open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  and an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $f(piCl(U)) \cap V = \emptyset$ .*

**Theorem 17.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. and  $Y$  is a  $T_2$  space, then  $G(f)$  is strongly pre-I-closed in  $X \times Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . It follows that  $f(x) \neq y$  and there exist disjoint open sets  $V$  and  $W$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $y$ , respectively. Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exists  $U \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f(piCl(U)) \subset V$ . Therefore,  $f(piCl(U)) \cap W = \emptyset$  and  $G(f)$  is strongly pre-I-closed in  $X \times Y$ . ■

## 5. PRESERVATION PROPERTIES

**Definition 16.** *An ideal topological space  $X$  is said to be pre- $\theta$ -I connected if we can not write  $X$  as the union of two nonempty disjoint pre- $\theta$ -I-open sets.*

**Theorem 18.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is a str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. surjection and  $X$  is a pre- $\theta$ -I connected space, then  $Y$  is connected.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is not connected. Then, there exist two nonempty disjoint open sets  $V_1, V_2$  such that  $Y = V_1 \cup V_2$ . Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. and surjective,  $f^{-1}(V_1), f^{-1}(V_2)$  are nonempty disjoint pre- $\theta$ -I-open sets and  $X = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2)$ . It is a contradiction since  $X$  is pre- $\theta$ -I connected. This shows that  $Y$  is connected. ■

**Definition 17.** *An ideal topological space  $X$  is said to be,*

1. *p-I-closed (resp.p-I-Lindelof) if every pre-I-open cover of  $X$  has a finite (resp.countable) subcover whose pre-I-closures cover  $X$ .*
2. *countably p-I-closed if every countable pre-I-open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover whose pre-I-closures cover  $X$ .*

**Theorem 19.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is a str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. surjection and  $X$  is a p-I-closed space, then  $Y$  is compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  be an open cover of  $Y$ . For each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $i(x) \in I$  such that  $f(x) \in A_{i(x)}$ . Since  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c, there exists  $U_i(x) \in PIO(X, x)$  such that  $f(pICl(U_i(x))) \subset A_{i(x)}$ . The family  $\{U_i(x) : x \in X\}$  is a pre-I-open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a p-I-closed space, there exists a finite subset  $X_0$  such that  $X = \bigcup \{pICl(U_i(x) : x \in X_0)\}$ . Therefore, we have  $Y = f(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X_0} f(pICl(U_i(x))) \subset \bigcup \{A_{i(x)} : x \in X_0\}$ . This shows that  $Y$  is compact. ■

**Theorem 20.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is a str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. surjection and  $X$  is a p-I-Lindelof space, then  $Y$  is Lindelof space.*

**Theorem 21.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  is a str. $\theta$ .p.I.c. surjection and  $X$  is a countably p-I-closed space, then  $Y$  is countably compact.*

Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. A subset  $K$  of  $X$  is said to be p-I-closed relative to  $X$  if every cover of  $K$  by pre-I-open sets of  $X$  has a finite subcover whose pre-I-closures (with respect to  $(X, \tau, I)$ ) cover  $K$ .

**Theorem 22.** *If a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  has a strongly pre-I-closed graph, then  $f(K)$  is closed in  $Y$  for each  $K$  which is p-I-closed relative to  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $y \in Y - f(K)$ . Then, for each  $x \in K$ , we have  $(x, y) \notin G(f)$  and there exist  $U_x \in PIO(X, x)$  and an open neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $y$  such that  $f(pICl(U_x)) \cap V_x = \emptyset$ . Since  $K$  is p-I-closed relative to  $X$  and  $K \subset \bigcup \{U_x : x \in K\}$ , there exist a finite number of  $x \in K$ , says  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n pICl(U(x_i))$ . Put  $V = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V(x_i)$ . Then

$V$  is an open neighbourhood of  $y$  and  $f(K) \cap V = \bigcup_{i=1}^n f(pICl(U(x_i))) \cap V$

$V \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (f(pICl(U(x_i)) \cap V(x_i) = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $f(K)$  is closed. ■

**Theorem 23.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an I-submaximal space. If a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  has a strongly pre-I-closed graph, then  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\theta$ -closed in  $X$  for each compact set  $K$  of  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \notin f^{-1}(K)$ . Then, for each  $y \in K$  we have  $(x, y) \notin G(f)$  and there exist  $U(y) \in PIO(X, x)$  and an open neighborhood  $V(y)$  of

$y$  such that  $f(p\text{Cl}(U(y))) \cap V(y) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\{V(y) : y \in K\}$  is an open cover of  $K$ , there exists a finite subset  $K_0$  of  $K$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup \{V(y) : y \in K_0\}$ . Since  $X$  is an  $I$ -submaximal space,  $p\text{Cl}(U_i) = \text{Cl}(U_i)$ . Set  $U = \bigcap \{U(y) : y \in K_0\}$ . Then,  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $y$  and

$$f(\text{Cl}(U)) \cap K \subset \bigcup_{y \in K_0} f(\text{Cl}(U)) \cap V(y) \subset \bigcup_{y \in K_0} f(\text{Cl}(U(y))) \cap V(y) = \emptyset.$$

This shows that  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\theta$ -closed in  $X$ . ■

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an  $I$ -submaximal space. If a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$  has a strongly pre- $I$ -closed graph, then  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\theta$ - $I$ -closed in  $X$  for each compact set  $K$  of  $Y$ .*

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $X$  be an  $I$ -submaximal space and  $Y$  a compact Hausdorff space. The following properties are equivalent for a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \vartheta)$ :*

- (1)  $f$  is str. $\theta$ .p.I.c,
- (2)  $G(f)$  is strongly pre- $I$ -closed in  $X \times Y$ ,
- (3)  $f$  is strongly  $\theta$ -continuous,
- (4)  $f$  is continuous,
- (5)  $f$  is pre- $I$ -continuous,
- (6)  $f$  is weakly  $I$ -pre-continuous.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). This is a consequence of Theorem 17.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). This follows from Theorem 23.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). It can be seen easily by Remark 1.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $Y$  is regular, this follows from Theorem 3. ■

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