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ON $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS ON IDEAL
TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, quasi semi- $*$ -normal spaces, $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -regular spaces are introduced. Characterizations and properties of newly introduced notions are studied, as well as some connections between this notions.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let (X, τ) be a topological space with no separation properties assumed. For a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ denote the closure and interior of A in (X, τ) respectively.

An ideal \mathcal{I} on a topological space (X, τ) is a nonempty collection of subsets of X which satisfies: (1) $A \in \mathcal{I}$ and $B \subseteq A$ implies $B \in \mathcal{I}$ (2) $A \in \mathcal{I}$ and $B \in \mathcal{I}$ implies $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$.

If (X, τ) is a topological space and \mathcal{I} is an ideal on X , then (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called an ideal topological space or an ideal space.

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Let $\mathcal{P}(X)$ be the power set of X . Then the operator $(\)^* : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ is called a local function [7] of A with respect to τ and \mathcal{I} , is defined as follows: for $A \subseteq X$, $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every open set } U \text{ containing } x\}$. We simply write A^* instead of $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ in case there is no confusion. For every ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) there exists a topology τ^* finer than τ , generated by $\beta(\mathcal{I}, \tau) = \{U \setminus J : U \in \tau \text{ and } J \in \mathcal{I}\}$ but in general $\beta(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ is not always a topology.

Additionally $cl^*(A) = A \cup A^*$ defines a Kuratowski closure operator for the topology τ^* . Throughout this paper X denotes the ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) and $int^*(A)$ denotes the interior of A with respect to τ^* .

DEFINITION 1.1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset A of X is said to be semi-open [8] if there exists an open set U in X such that $U \subseteq A \subseteq cl(U)$. The complement of a semi-open set is said to be semi-closed. The collection of all semi-open (resp. semi-closed) sets in X is denoted by $SO(X)$ (resp. $SC(X)$). The semi-closure of A in (X, τ) is denoted by the intersection of all semi-closed sets containing A and is denoted by $scl(A)$.

DEFINITION 1.2. For $A \subseteq X$, $A_*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) = \{x \in X / U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every } U \in SO(X)\}$ is called the semi-local function [5] of A with respect to \mathcal{I} and τ , where $SO(X, x) = \{U \in SO(X) : x \in U\}$. We simply write A_* instead of $A_*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ in this case there is no ambiguity.

It is given in [1] that $\tau^{*s}(\mathcal{I})$ is a topology on X , generated by the sub basis $\{U - E : U \in SO(X) \text{ and } E \in \mathcal{I}\}$ or equivalently $\tau^{*s}(\mathcal{I}) = \{U \subseteq X : cl^{*s}(X - U) = X - U\}$. The closure operator cl^{*s} for a topology $\tau^{*s}(\mathcal{I})$ is defined as follows: for $A \subseteq X$, $cl^{*s}(A) = A \cup A_*$ and $int^{*s}(A)$ denotes the interior of the set A in $(X, \tau^{*s}, \mathcal{I})$. It is known that $\tau \subseteq \tau^*(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq \tau^{*s}(\mathcal{I})$. A subset A of (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called semi-*-perfect [6] if $A = A_*$. $A \subseteq (X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ is called *-semi dense in-itself [6] (resp. semi-*-closed [6]) if $A \subset A_*$ (resp. $A_* \subseteq A$). A subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be gI -closed [6] if $A_* \subseteq U$ whenever A is open and $A \subseteq U$. A subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be gI -open [6] if $X - A$ is gI -closed.

A subset A of a space (X, τ) is said to be regular open [14] if $A = int(cl(A))$ and A is said to be regular closed [14] if $A = cl(int(A))$. Any finite union of regular open sets in (X, τ) is π -open [16] in (X, τ) . The complement of a π -open [16] set in (X, τ) is π -closed in (X, τ) . A subset A of a space (X, τ) is said to be g -closed [9] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$

whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is said to be $\pi g\mathcal{s}$ -closed [2] if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is π -open.

A subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be $\mathcal{I}_{\pi g}$ -closed [12] (resp. $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed [13]) if $A^* \subseteq U$ (resp. $A_* \subseteq U$) whenever U is π -open and $A \subseteq U$. A subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{I}_s}$ -set [13] if $A = U \cap V$, where U is a π -open and V is a semi- $*$ -closed set. An ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be an $\pi T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space [13] if every $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed set is a semi- $*$ -closed set. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be m - π -closed [3] if $f(A)$ is π -closed in (Y, σ) for every π -closed set A in (X, τ) . A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be $\mathcal{I}_{\pi g}$ -continuous [12] if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\mathcal{I}_{\pi g}$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every closed subset A of Y .

LEMMA 1.3. [5] *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal topological space and A, B be subsets of X . Then for the semi-local function the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If $A \subseteq B$ then $A_* \subseteq B_*$.*
- (2) *If $U \in \tau$ then $U \cap A_* \subseteq (U \cap A)_*$*
- (3) *$A_* = scl(A_*) \subseteq scl(A)$ and A_* is semi-closed in X .*
- (4) *$(A_*)_* \subseteq A_*$.*
- (5) *$(A \cup B)_* = A_* \cup B_*$.*
- (6) *If $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$, then $A_* = scl(A)$.*

2. $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

DEFINITION 2.1. A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be

- (1) $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every closed set A of Y .
- (2) $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every closed set A of Y .
- (3) semi- $*$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is semi- $*$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every closed set A of Y .
- (4) almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every regular closed set A of Y .
- (5) almost $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every regular closed set A of Y .
- (6) almost semi- $*$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is semi- $*$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every regular closed set A of Y .
- (7) $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{I}_s}$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{I}_s}$ -set in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every closed set A of Y .

THEOREM 2.2. *For a function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties hold:*

- (a) *If f is $\mathcal{I}_{\pi g}$ -continuous, then f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*
- (b) *If f is $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, then f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*
- (c) *If f is πg -continuous, then f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

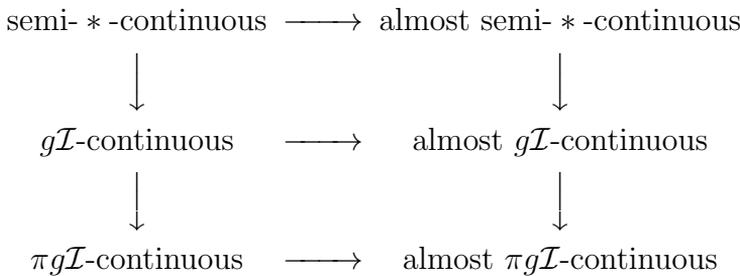
REMARK 2.3. *Converse of the Theorem 2.2 need not be true as seen from the following example.*

EXAMPLE 2.4. (a) *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c, d\}\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (X, \sigma)$ be a function defined as follows $f(b) = a, f(a) = b, f(c) = c$, and $f(d) = d$. Then f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not $\mathcal{I}_{\pi g}$ -continuous.*

(b) *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (X, \sigma)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

(c) *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not πg -continuous.*

REMARK 2.5. *We have the following diagram among several continuity defined above.*



EXAMPLE 2.6. *Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$. Define a function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (X, \sigma)$ be a function defined as follows $f(b) = b$ and $f(a) = f(c) = c$. Then f is almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not almost $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

EXAMPLE 2.7. *Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}, \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost semi-* -continuous but it is not semi-* -continuous.*

EXAMPLE 2.8. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$. Define a function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (X, \sigma)$ be a function defined as follows $f(a) = c, f(b) = b$ and $f(c) = a$. Then f is almost $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 2.9. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not semi-*-continuous.

EXAMPLE 2.10. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 2.11. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost $g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous but it is not almost semi-*-continuous.

THEOREM 2.12. A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following are equivalent.

- (a) f is almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.
- (b) $f^{-1}(A) \in \pi GIC(X)$ for every regular closed set A of Y .
- (c) $f^{-1}(cl(int(A))) \in \pi GIC(X)$ for every closed set A of Y .
- (d) $f^{-1}(int(cl(A))) \in \pi GIO(X)$, for every $A \in \sigma$.

Proof. (a) \iff (b). Obvious

(b) \iff (c). Suppose A is a regular closed set in Y , we have $A = cl(int(A))$ and $f^{-1}(cl(int(A))) \in \pi GIC(X)$. Conversely, suppose A is closed set in Y , we have $cl(int(A))$ is regular closed and $f^{-1}(cl(int(A))) \in \pi GIC(X)$.

(c) \iff (d). Let A be an open set in Y . Then $Y - A$ is closed in Y , we have $f^{-1}(cl(int(Y - A))) = f^{-1}(Y - int(cl(A))) = X - f^{-1}(int(cl(A))) \in \pi GIC(X)$. Hence $f^{-1}(int(cl(A))) \in \pi GIO(X)$. A converse can be obtained similarly.

PROPOSITION 2.13. If a function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and X is $\pi T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space then f is semi-*-continuous.

Proof. Let F be any closed set in Y . Since f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in X and hence $f^{-1}(F)$ is semi-*-closed in X . Therefore f is semi-*-continuous.

PROPOSITION 2.14. *If a function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and X is $\pi T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space then f is almost semi- $*$ -continuous.*

Proof. Let V be any regular closed set in Y . Since f is almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in X . But X is a $\pi T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space, therefore $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi- $*$ -closed in X . Hence f is almost semi- $*$ -continuous.

DEFINITION 2.15. A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$ is said to be $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed set A of (Y, σ, \mathcal{I}) .

THEOREM 2.16. *A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and m - π -closed, then f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -irresolute.*

Proof. Assume that A is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Let $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$, where U is π -open in X . Then $X - U \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - A)$ and $f(X - U) \subseteq Y - A$. Since f is m - π -closed, $f(X - U)$ is π -closed. Then, since $Y - A$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open. By [13] Theorem 18, $f(X - U) \subseteq \text{int}^{*s}(Y - A) = Y - \text{cl}^{*s}(A)$. Thus $f^{-1}(\text{cl}^{*s}(A)) \subseteq U$. Since f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(\text{cl}^{*s}(A))$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Therefore, $\text{cl}^{*s}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}^{*s}(A))) \subseteq U$ and hence $\text{cl}^{*s}(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}^{*s}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}^{*s}(A))) \subseteq U$, which proves that $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed and therefore f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -irresolute.

THEOREM 2.17. *A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is semi- $*$ -continuous if and only if it is $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{I}_s}$ -continuous and $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of [13] Theorem 26.

3. QUASI SEMI- $*$ -NORMAL SPACES

DEFINITION 3.1. A space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be quasi semi- $*$ -normal if for any two disjoint π -closed sets A and B in (X, τ) , there exist disjoint semi- $*$ -open sets U, V such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

DEFINITION 3.2. A space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be semi- $*$ -normal if for any two disjoint closed sets A and B in (X, τ) , there exist disjoint semi- $*$ -open sets U, V such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

THEOREM 3.3. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is quasi semi- $*$ -normal.
- (2) For every pair of disjoint π -closed sets A and B , there exist disjoint $g\mathcal{I}$ -open sets U, V such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

- (3) For every pair of disjoint π -closed sets A and B , there exist disjoint $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open sets U, V such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.
- (4) For each π -closed set A and for each π -open set V containing A , there exists an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open set U such that $A \subseteq U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq V$.
- (5) For each π -closed set A and for each π -open set V containing A , there exists an semi-*-open set U such that $A \subseteq U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq V$.

Proof. It is obvious that (1) \implies (2) and (2) \implies (3).

(3) \implies (4). Suppose that A is π -closed and V is a π -open set containing A . Then $A \cap V^c = \emptyset$. By assumption, there exist $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open sets U and W such that $A \subseteq U$, $V^c \subseteq W$. Since V^c is π -closed and W is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open, by [[13] Theorem 18], $V^c \subseteq int^{*s}(W)$ and so $(Int^{*s}(W))^c \subseteq V$. Again, $U \cap W = \emptyset$ implies that that $U \cap int^{*s}(W) = \emptyset$ and so $cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq (int^{*s}(W))^c \subseteq V$. Hence, U is the required $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open set such that $A \subseteq U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq V$.

(4) \implies (5). Let A be a π -closed set and V be a π -open set such that $A \subseteq V$. By hypothesis, there exist $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open set W such that $A \subseteq W \subseteq cl^{*s}(W) \subseteq V$. By [[13] Theorem 18], $A \subseteq int^{*s}(W)$. If $U = int^{*s}(W)$, then U is a semi-*-open set and $A \subseteq U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq cl^{*s}(W) \subseteq V$. Therefore, $A \subseteq U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq V$.

(5) \implies (1). Let A and B be disjoint π -closed sets. Then B^c is a π -open set containing A . By assumption, there exists an semi-*-open set U such that $A \subseteq U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq B^c$. If $V = (cl^{*s}(U))^c$, then U and V are disjoint semi-*-open sets such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

THEOREM 3.4. *If $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$ is an almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous m - π -closed injection and Y is quasi semi-*-normal, then X is quasi semi-*-normal.*

Proof. Let A and B be any disjoint π -closed sets of X . Since f is an m - π -closed injection, $f(A)$ and $f(B)$ are disjoint π -closed sets of Y . By the quasi semi-*-normality of Y , there exists disjoint semi-*-open sets U and V such that $f(A) \subseteq U$ and $f(B) \subseteq V$. Now, if $G = int(cl(U))$ and $H = int(cl(V))$, then G and H are disjoint regular open sets such that $f(A) \subseteq G$ and $f(B) \subseteq H$. Since f is almost $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(G)$ and $f^{-1}(H)$ are disjoint $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -sets containing A and B respectively. It follows from Theorem 3.3 that X is quasi semi-*-normal.

DEFINITION 3.5. A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$ is said to be $\pi g\mathcal{I}^{*s}$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every semi- $*$ -closed subset A of (Y, σ, \mathcal{I}) .

DEFINITION 3.6. A function $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$ is said to be $g\mathcal{I}^{*s}$ -closed if $f(A)$ is $g\mathcal{I}$ -closed in (Y, σ, \mathcal{I}) for every semi- $*$ -closed subset A of (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) .

THEOREM 3.7. *Let $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$ be $\pi g\mathcal{I}^{*s}$ -continuous m - π -closed injection and Y is quasi semi- $*$ -normal, then X is quasi semi- $*$ -normal.*

Proof. Let A and B are disjoint π -closed subsets of X . Since f is an m - π -closed injection, $f(A)$ and $f(B)$ are disjoint π -closed subsets of Y . By the quasi semi- $*$ -normality of Y , there exists disjoint semi- $*$ -open subsets U and V of Y such that $f(A) \subseteq U$ and $f(B) \subseteq V$. Since f is $\pi g\mathcal{I}^{*s}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are disjoint $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open subsets containing A and B respectively. It follows from Theorem 3.3 that X is quasi semi- $*$ -normal.

THEOREM 3.8. *Let $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$ be a $\pi g\mathcal{I}^{*s}$ -continuous closed surjection. If X is quasi semi- $*$ -normal, then Y is semi- $*$ -normal*

Proof. Let A and B be disjoint closed subsets of Y . Since f is π -continuous, $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are disjoint π -closed subsets of X . By the quasi semi- $*$ -normality of X , there exists disjoint semi- $*$ -open subsets U and V of X such that $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$ and $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq V$. Now we set $K = Y - f(X - U)$ and $L = Y - f(X - V)$. Then K and L are $g\mathcal{I}$ -open subsets of Y such that $A \subseteq K, B \subseteq L$. Since A and B are disjoint closed sets, K and L are $g\mathcal{I}$ -open. We have $A \subseteq \text{int}^{*s}(K)$ and $B \subseteq \text{int}^{*s}(L)$ and $\text{int}^{*s}(K) \cap \text{int}^{*s}(L) = \emptyset$. Hence Y is semi- $*$ -normal.

4. $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -REGULAR SPACES

DEFINITION 4.1. A space (X, τ) with an ideal \mathcal{I} is said to be s -regular [10] (resp. \mathcal{I}_g -regular [11]) if for each closed set F and each point $x \notin F$, there exist disjoint semi-open (resp. \mathcal{I}_g -open) sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $F \subseteq V$.

DEFINITION 4.2. An ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -regular space if for each pair consisting of a point x and closed set B not containing x , there exist disjoint $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

REMARK 4.3. (1) Every regular space is \mathcal{I}_g -regular.
 (2) Every \mathcal{I}_g -regular space is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -regular.

EXAMPLE 4.4. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Then (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -regular but it is not \mathcal{I}_g -regular since we can not find disjoint \mathcal{I}_g -open sets for $\{a\}$ and a closed set $\{b, c, d\}$.

THEOREM 4.5. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) X is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -regular.
- (2) For every closed set B not containing $x \in X$, there exist disjoint $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $B \subseteq V$.
- (3) For every π -open set V containing $x \in X$, there exists an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open set U of X such that $x \in U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq V$.
- (4) For every π -closed set A , the intersection of all the $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed neighborhoods of A is A .
- (5) For every set A and an π -open set B such that $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, there exists an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open set F such that $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$ and $cl^{*s}(F) \subseteq B$.
- (6) For every non empty set A and π -closed set B such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$, there exist disjoint $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open sets U and V such that $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ and $B \subseteq V$.

Proof. (1) and (2) are equivalent by Definition 4.2.

(2) \implies (3) Let V be a π -open set such that $x \in V$. Then $X - V$ is a π -closed set not containing x . Therefore, there exist disjoint $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open subsets U and W of X such that $x \in U$ and $X - V \subseteq W$. Now $X - V \subseteq W$ implies $X - V \subseteq int^{*s}(W)$ and so $X - int^{*s}(W) \subseteq V$. Again $U \cap W = \emptyset$ implies that $U \cap int^{*s}(W) = \emptyset$ and hence $cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq X - int^{*s}(W)$. Therefore $x \in U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq V$. This proves (3).

(3) \implies (4) Let A be a π -closed set and $x \in X - A$. By (3), there exists an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open set U such that $x \in U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq X - A$. Thus $A \subseteq X - cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq X - U$. Consequently, $X - U$ is an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed neighbourhood of A and $x \notin X - U$. This proves (4).

(4) \implies (5) Let $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, where B is π -open in X . Let $x \in A \cap B$. Then $X - B$ is π -closed and $x \notin X - B$. Then by (4), there exists an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed neighborhood V of $X - B$ such that $x \notin V$. Let $X - B \subseteq U \subseteq V$, where U is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open. Then $F = X - V$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open such that $x \in F$ and $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$. Also $X - U$ is $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -closed and $cl^{*s}(F) = (X - V) \subseteq cl^{*s}(X - U) \subseteq B$. This proves (5).

(5) \implies (6) Suppose $A \cap B = \emptyset$, where A is non-empty and B is π -closed. Then $X - B$ is π -open and $A \cap (X - B) \neq \emptyset$. By (5), there exists

an $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open set U such that $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ and $U \subseteq cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq X - B$. Put $V = X - cl^{*s}(U)$. Then $B \subseteq V$ and U and V are $\pi g\mathcal{I}$ -open sets such that $V = X - cl^{*s}(U) \subseteq X - U$. This proves (6).

(6) \implies (1) This is obvious. This completes the proof.

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