



On I_{s^*g} -Continuous Functions in Ideal Topological Spaces

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Abstract. By using I_{s^*g} -closed sets due to Khan and Hamza [5], we introduce the notion of I_{s^*g} -continuous functions in ideal topological spaces. We obtain several properties of I_{s^*g} -continuity and the relationship between this function and other related functions.

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1. Introduction

Khan and Hamza [5] introduced and investigated the notion of I_{s^*g} -closed sets in ideal topological spaces as a generalization of I_g -closed sets due to Dontchev et al. [2]. In this paper, by using I_{s^*g} -closed sets we introduce I_{s^*g} -continuous functions, strongly I_{s^*g} -continuous functions and weakly I_{s^*g} -continuous functions. It turns out that weak I_{s^*g} -continuity is weaker than weak I -continuity defined by Ackgoz et al. [1]. We obtain several properties of I_{s^*g} -continuity and the relationship between this function and other related functions.

2. 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 I on a set X is a non-empty collection of subsets of X which satisfies the following properties:

- (1) $A \in I$ and $B \subset A$ implies $B \in I$,
- (2) $A \in I$ and $B \in I$ implies $A \cup B \in I$.

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An ideal topological space is a topological space (X, τ) with an ideal I on X and is denoted by (X, τ, I) . For a subset $A \subset X$, $A^*(I, \tau) = \{x \in X : A \cap U \notin I \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$, where, $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau : x \in U\}$, is called the local function of A with respect to I and τ [4, 6]. We simply write A^* or A_X^* instead of $A^*(I, \tau)$ and B_A^* for $B^*(I_A, \tau_A)$ in case there is no chance for confusion. For every ideal topological space (X, τ, I) , there exists a topology $\tau^*(I)$, finer than τ , generated by the base $\beta(I, \tau) = \{U - J : U \in \tau \text{ and } J \in I\}$. It is known in [4] that $\beta(I, \tau)$ is not necessarily a topology. When there is no ambiguity, $\tau^*(I)$ is denoted by τ^* . Recall that A is said to be $(\)^*$ -dense in itself (resp. τ^* -closed, $(\)^*$ -perfect) if $A \subset A^*$ (resp. $A^* \subset A, A = A^*$). For a subset A of X , $cl^*(A)$ and $Int^*(A)$ will, respectively, denote the closure and interior of A in (X, τ^*) . A subset A of X is said to be semi-open [7] if there exists an open set U in X such that $U \subset A \subset cl(U)$. The complement of a semi-open set is said to be semi-closed. A subset A is said to be semi-regular if A is semi-open and semi-closed. A subset A of X is said to be generalized closed [8] (briefly, g -closed) if $cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is open in X . The complement of a g -closed set is said to be g -open. A space X is called a $T_{1/2}$ -space [3] if every g -closed set in X is closed. Recall that if (X, τ, I) is an ideal topological space and A is a subset of X , then (A, τ_A, I_A) is an ideal topological space, where τ_A is the relative topology on A and $I_A = \{A \cap J : J \in I\}$.

3. I_{s^*g} -Closed Sets

The notion of I_{s^*g} -closed sets was defined by Khan and Hamza [5]. In this section we will obtain further properties of I_{s^*g} -closed sets in ideal topological spaces.

Definition 1. A subset A of a space (X, τ, I) is said to be I_{s^*g} -closed [5] if $A^* \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is semi-open in X . The complement of an I_{s^*g} -closed set is said to be I_{s^*g} -open, equivalently if $F \subset Int^*(A)$ whenever $F \subset A$ for every semi-closed set F in X .

Lemma 1. Every open set is I_{s^*g} -open.

Lemma 2 ([Lemma 2.7, 2]). Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space and $B \subset A \subset X$. Then $B^*(I_A, \tau_A) = B^*(I, \tau) \cap A$.

Lemma 3. If U is open and A is I_{s^*g} -open, then $U \cap A$ is I_{s^*g} -open.

Proof. We prove that $X - (U \cap A)$ is I_{s^*g} -closed. Let $X - (U \cap A) \subset G$ where G is semi-open in X . This implies $(X - U) \cup (X - A) \subset G$. Since $(X - A) \subset G$ and $(X - A)$ is I_{s^*g} -closed in X , therefore $(X - A)^* \subset G$. Moreover $X - U$ is closed and contained in G , therefore, $(X - U)^* \subset cl(X - U) \subset G$. Hence $(X - (U \cap A))^* = ((X - U) \cup (X - A))^* = (X - U)^* \cup (X - A)^* \subset G$. This proves that $U \cap A$ is I_{s^*g} -open.

Theorem 1. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space and $B \subset A \subset X$. If B is an I_{s^*g} -closed set relative to A , where A is open and I_{s^*g} -closed in X , then B is I_{s^*g} -closed in X .

Proof. Let $B \subset G$, where G is semi-open in X . Then $B \subset A \cap G$ and $A \cap G$ is semi-open in X and hence in A . Therefore $B_A^* \subset A \cap G$. It follows from Lemma 2 that $A \cap B_X^* \subset A \cap G$ or

$A \subset G \cup (X - B_X^*)$. By Theorem 2.3 of [4], B_X^* is closed in X and $G \cup (X - B_X^*)$ is semi-open in X . Since A is I_{s^*g} -closed in X , $A_X^* \subset G \cup (X - B_X^*)$ and hence $B^* = B^* \cap A^* \subset B^* \cap [G \cup (X - B_X^*)] \subset G$. Therefore, we obtain $B_X^* \subset G$. This proves that B is I_{s^*g} -closed in X .

Theorem 2. Let A be a semi-open set in a space (X, τ, I) and $B \subset A \subset X$. If B is I_{s^*g} -closed in X , then B is I_{s^*g} -closed relative to A .

Proof. Let $B \subset U$ where U is semi-open in A . Then there exists a semi-open set V in X such that $U = A \cap V$. Thus $B \subset A \cap V$. Now $B \subset V$ implies that $B_X^* \subset V$. It follows that $A \cap B_X^* \subset A \cap V$. By Lemma 2, $B_A^* \subset A \cap V = U$. This proves that B is a I_{s^*g} -closed relative to A .

Corollary 1. Let $B \subset A \subset X$ and A be open and I_{s^*g} -closed in (X, τ, I) . Then B is I_{s^*g} -closed relative to A if and only if B is I_{s^*g} -closed in X .

Theorem 3. If B is a subset of a space (X, τ, I) such that $A \subset B \subset A^*$ and A is I_{s^*g} -closed in X , then B is also I_{s^*g} -closed in X .

Proof. Let G be a semi-open set in X containing B , then $A \subset G$. Since A is I_{s^*g} -closed, therefore $A^* \subset G$ and hence $B^* \subset (A^*)^* \subset A^* \subset G$. This implies that B is I_{s^*g} -closed in X .

Theorem 4. Let $B \subset A \subset X$ and suppose that B is I_{s^*g} -open in X and A is a semi-regular set in X . Then B is I_{s^*g} -open relative to A .

Proof. We prove that $A - B$ is I_{s^*g} -closed relative to A . Let $U \in SO(A)$ such that $(A - B) \subset U$. Now $(A - B) \subset (X - B) \subset U \cup (X - A)$, where $U \cup (X - A) \in SO(X)$ because $A \in SR(X)$. Since $X - B$ is I_{s^*g} -closed in X , therefore $(X - B)_X^* \subset U \cup (X - A)$ or $(X - B)_X^* \cap A \subset (U \cup (X - A)) \cap A \subset U$. By Lemma 2, $(A - B)_A^* = (A - B)_X^* \cap A \subset (X - B)_X^* \cap A \subset U$ and hence $(A - B)_A^* \subset U$. This proves that B is I_{s^*g} -open relative to A .

Theorem 5. Let $B \subset A \subset X$. B is I_{s^*g} -open in A and A is open in X then B is I_{s^*g} -open in X .

Proof. Let F be a semi-closed subset of B in X . Since A is open, therefore $F \in SC(A)$. Since B is I_{s^*g} -open in A , therefore $F \subset Int_A^*(B) = A \cap Int_X^*(B) \subset Int_X^*(B)$. This proves that B is I_{s^*g} -open in X .

4. I_{s^*g} -Continuous Functions

Definition 2. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ is said to be weakly I -continuous [1] if for each $x \in X$ and each open set V in Y containing $f(x)$, there exists an open set U containing x such that $f(U) \subset cl^*(V)$.

Definition 3. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ is said to be I_{s^*g} -continuous if for every $U \in \Omega$, $f^{-1}(U)$ is I_{s^*g} -open in (X, τ_X, I) .

Remark 1. Every continuous function is I_{s^*g} -continuous and the converse need not be true as seen from Example 2 (below).

Definition 4. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ is said to be strongly I_{s^*g} -continuous if for every I_{s^*g} -open set U in Y , $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X .

Remark 2. Every strongly I_{s^*g} -continuous function is continuous but the converse is not true in general.

Example 1. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. Let $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with $\Omega = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and $J = \{\phi, \{a\}\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ be defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = a$ and $f(d) = d$. Then f is continuous. Let $U = \{a, c\}$ then U is I_{s^*g} -open in Y but $f^{-1}(U) = \{a, c\}$ is not open in X . Hence f is not strongly I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Definition 5. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ is said to be weakly I_{s^*g} -continuous if for each $x \in X$ and each open set V in Y containing $f(x)$, there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U containing x such that $f(U) \subset cl^*(V)$.

Remark 3. (1) Every weakly I -continuous function is weakly I_{s^*g} -continuous but the converse is not true in general.

(2) Every I_{s^*g} -continuous function is weakly I_{s^*g} -continuous.

By the above definitions, for a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ we obtain the following implications:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{strong } I_{s^*g}\text{-continuity} & \Rightarrow & \text{continuity} & \Rightarrow & I_{s^*g}\text{-continuity} \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & \text{Weak } I\text{-continuity} & \Rightarrow & \text{weak } I_{s^*g}\text{-continuity} \end{array}$$

Remark 4. I_{s^*g} -continuity and weak I -continuity are independent of each other.

Example 2. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \Omega = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ with $I = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Define $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, I)$ by $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$ and $f(d) = b$. Then f is I_{s^*g} -continuous but not weak I -continuous. Since for $c \in X, f(c) = b$ and an open set $V = \{a, b\}$ containing $f(c)$, the only open set containing c is $U = X$ and $f(U) \not\subset cl^*(V) = \{a, b\}$.

Example 3. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ and $I = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Let $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \Omega = \{\phi, \{1, 2\}, Y\}$ and $J = \{\phi, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{3, 4\}\}$. Define $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ by $f(a) = 1, f(b) = 3, f(c) = 2$ and $f(d) = 4$. f is weak I -continuous but not I_{s^*g} -continuous. Since $V = \{1, 2\}$ is open in Y but $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, c\}$ is not I_{s^*g} -open in X .

Theorem 6. Let $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ be a function. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is I_{s^*g} -continuous.
- (2) The inverse image of each closed set in Y is I_{s^*g} -closed in X .

(3) The inverse image of each open set in Y is I_{s^*g} -open in X .

Definition 6. An ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is said to be T -dense if every subset of X is \star -dense in itself.

Definition 7. Let N be a subset of a space (X, τ, I) and $x \in X$. Then N is called an I_{s^*g} -open neighborhood of x if there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U containing x such that $U \subset N$.

Theorem 7. Let (X, τ, I) be T -dense. Then, for a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is I_{s^*g} -continuous.
- (2) For each $x \in X$ and each open set V in Y with $f(x) \in V$, there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$.
- (3) For each $x \in X$ and each open set V in Y with $f(x) \in V$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an I_{s^*g} -open neighborhood of x .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $x \in X$ and let V be an open set in Y such that $f(x) \in V$. Since f is I_{s^*g} -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X . By putting $U = f^{-1}(V)$, we have $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subset V$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let V be an open set in Y and let $f(x) \in V$. Then by (2), there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$. So $x \in U \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is an I_{s^*g} -open neighbourhood of x .

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let V be an open set in Y and let $f(x) \in V$. Then by (3), $f^{-1}(V)$ is an I_{s^*g} -neighborhood of x . Thus for each $x \in f^{-1}(V)$, there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U_x containing x such that $x \in U_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Hence $f^{-1}(V) = \cup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} U_x$ and so by Theorem 2.12 [5], $f^{-1}(V)$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X .

Theorem 8. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ is strongly I_{s^*g} -continuous if and only if the inverse image of every I_{s^*g} -closed set in Y is closed in X .

Theorem 9. (1) Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ be strongly I_{s^*g} -continuous and $h : (Y, \Omega, J) \rightarrow (Z, \sigma)$ be I_{s^*g} -continuous, then $h \circ f$ is continuous.

- (2) Let $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ be I_{s^*g} -continuous and $g : (Y, \Omega) \rightarrow (Z, \sigma)$ be continuous, then $g \circ f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Z, \sigma)$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Theorem 10. Let $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ be I_{s^*g} -continuous and $U \in RO(X)$. Then the restriction $f|_U : (U, \tau_U, I_U) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Proof. Let V be any open set of (Y, τ_Y) . Since f is I_{s^*g} -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X . By Theorem 2.14 of [5], $f^{-1}(V) \cap U$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X . Thus by Theorem 4 $(f|_U)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V) \cap U$ is I_{s^*g} -open in U because U is regular-open in X . This proves that $f|_U : (U, \tau|_U, I|_U) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_Y)$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Theorem 11. Let $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ be a function and $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \nabla\}$ be an open cover of a T -dense space X . If the restriction $f|_{U_\alpha}$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous for each $\alpha \in \nabla$, then f is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Proof. Suppose F is an arbitrary open set in (Y, Ω, J) . Then for each $\alpha \in \nabla$, we have $(f|_{U_\alpha})^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(F) \cap U_\alpha$. Because $f|_{U_\alpha}$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous, therefore, $f^{-1}(F) \cap U_\alpha$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X for each $\alpha \in \nabla$. Since for each $\alpha \in \nabla$, U_α is open in X , by Theorem 5, $f^{-1}(F) \cap U_\alpha$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X . Now since X is T -dense, by [Theorem 2.12 5], $\cup_{\alpha \in \nabla} f^{-1}(F) \cap U_\alpha = f^{-1}(F)$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X . This implies f is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Theorem 12. If (X, τ, I) is a T -dense space and $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous, then graph function $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$, defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for each $x \in X$, is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and W be any open set in $X \times Y$ containing $g(x) = (x, f(x))$. Then there exists a basic open set $U \times V$ such that $g(x) \in U \times V \subset W$. Since f is I_{s^*g} -continuous, there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U_1 in X containing x such that $f(U_1) \subset V$. By Lemma 3, $U_1 \cap U$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X and we have $x \in U_1 \cap U \subset U$ and $g(U_1 \cap U) \subset U \times V \subset W$. Since X is T -dense, therefore by Theorem 7, g is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Theorem 13. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega)$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous if the graph function $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Proof. Let V be an open set in Y containing $f(x)$. Then $X \times V$ is an open set in $X \times Y$ and by the I_{s^*g} -continuity of g , there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U in X containing x such that $g(U) \subset X \times V$. Therefore, we obtain $f(U) \subset V$. This shows that f is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Theorem 14. Let $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \nabla\}$ be any family of topological spaces. If $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in \nabla} X_\alpha$ is an I_{s^*g} -continuous function, then $P_\alpha \circ f : X \rightarrow X_\alpha$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous for each $\alpha \in \nabla$, where P_α is the projection of $\prod X_\alpha$ onto X_α .

Proof. We will consider a fixed $\alpha_0 \in \nabla$. Let G_{α_0} be an open set of X_{α_0} . Then $(P_{\alpha_0})^{-1}(G_{\alpha_0})$ is open in $\prod X_\alpha$. Since f is I_{s^*g} -continuous, $f^{-1}((P_{\alpha_0})^{-1}(G_{\alpha_0})) = (P_{\alpha_0} \circ f)^{-1}(G_{\alpha_0})$ is I_{s^*g} -open in X . Thus $P_{\alpha_0} \circ f$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

Corollary 2. For any bijective function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$, the following are equivalent:

- (1) $f^{-1} : (Y, \Omega, J) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$ is I_{s^*g} -continuous.
- (2) $f(U)$ is I_{s^*g} -open in Y for every open set U in X .
- (3) $f(U)$ is I_{s^*g} -closed in Y for every closed set U in X .

Proof. It is trivial.

Definition 8. An ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is an RI -space [1], if for each $x \in X$ and each open neighbourhood V of x , there exists an open neighbourhood U of x such that $x \in U \subset cl^*(U) \subset V$.

Theorem 15. *Let (Y, Ω, J) be an RI-space and (X, τ, I) be a T -dense space. Then $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \Omega, J)$ is weak I_{s^*g} -continuous if and only if f is I_{s^*g} -continuous.*

Proof. The sufficiency is clear.

Necessity. Let $x \in X$ and V be an open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since Y is an RI-space, there exists an open set W of Y such that $f(x) \in W \subset cl^*(W) \subset V$. Since f is weakly I_{s^*g} -continuous, there exists an I_{s^*g} -open set U such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subset cl^*(W)$. Hence we obtain that $f(U) \subset cl^*(W) \subset V$. By Theorem 8, f is I_{s^*g} -continuous.

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