

# On $\delta$ -preregular $e^*$ -open sets in topological spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets called,  $\delta$ -preregular  $e^*$ -open sets and investigate their properties and characterizations. By using  $\delta$ -preregular  $e^*$ -open sets, we obtain decompositions of complete continuity and decompositions of perfect continuity.

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## 1 Introduction

The study of  $\delta$ -open sets was initiated by Veličko[Velicko, 1968] in 1968. Following this Raychaudhuri and Mukherjee[Raychaudhuri and Mukherjee, 1993] established the concept of  $\delta$ -preopen sets. Later, Ekici[Ekici, 2009] introduced the concept of  $e^*$ -open sets as a generalization of  $e$ -open sets. The aim of this paper is to introduce and study a new class of sets called,  $\delta$ -preregular  $e^*$ -open sets using  $\delta$ -preinterior and  $e^*$ -closure operators. The notion of  $\delta pe^*$ -continuity is also introduced which is stronger than  $\delta$ -precontinuity. Finally, we obtain decompositions of complete continuity and decompositions of perfect continuity.

Throughout this paper,  $(U, \tau)$  and  $(V, \eta)$  (or simply  $U$  and  $V$ ) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated and  $f: (U, \tau) \rightarrow (V, \eta)$  or simply  $f: U \rightarrow V$  denotes a function  $f$  of a topological space  $U$  into a topological space  $V$ . Let  $N \subseteq U$ , then  $cl(N) = \bigcap \{F: N \subseteq F \text{ and } F^c \in \tau\}$  is the closure of  $N$  and  $int(N) = \bigcup \{O: O \subseteq N \text{ and } O \in \tau\}$  is the interior of  $N$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** A set  $M \subseteq U$  is called  $\delta$ -closed[Velicko, 1968] if  $M = \delta-cl(M)$  where  $\delta-cl(M) = \{p \in U: int(cl(G)) \cap M \neq \emptyset, G \in \tau \text{ and } p \in G\}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A set  $M \subseteq U$  is called

- (1)  $e$ -open[Ekici, 2008c] if  $M \subseteq cl(\delta-int(M)) \cup int(\delta-cl(M))$  and  $e$ -closed if  $cl(\delta-int(M)) \cap int(\delta-cl(M)) \subseteq M$ .
- (2)  $a$ -open[Ekici, 2008d] if  $M \subseteq int(cl(\delta-int(M)))$  and  $a$ -closed if  $cl(int(\delta-cl(M))) \subseteq M$ .
- (3)  $e^*$ -open[Ekici, 2009] if  $M \subseteq cl(int(\delta-cl(M)))$  and  $e^*$ -closed if  $int(cl(\delta-int(M))) \subseteq M$ .
- (4)  $\delta$ -semiopen[Park et al., 1997] if  $M \subseteq cl(\delta-int(M))$  and  $\delta$ -semiclosed if  $int(\delta-cl(M)) \subseteq M$ .
- (5)  $\delta$ -preopen[Raychaudhuri and Mukherjee, 1993] if  $M \subseteq int(\delta-cl(M))$  and  $\delta$ -preclosed if  $cl(\delta-int(M)) \subseteq M$ .
- (6) regular-open[Stone, 1937] if  $M = int(cl(M))$  and regular-closed if  $M = cl(int(M))$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [Ekici, 2008b] A subset  $M$  of a space  $U$  is said to be a  $\delta$ -dense set if  $\delta-cl(M) = U$ .

The class of open (resp, closed, regular open,  $\delta$ -preopen,  $\delta$ -semiopen,  $e^*$ -open and clopen) sets of  $(U, \tau)$  is denoted by  $O(U)$  (resp,  $C(U)$ ,  $RO(U)$ ,  $\delta PO(U)$ ,  $\delta SO(U)$ ,  $e^*O(U)$  and  $CO(U)$ ).

**Theorem 2.1.** [Raychaudhuri and Mukherjee, 1993] Let  $M$  be a subset of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , then  $\delta\text{-pcl}(M) = M \cup \text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))$  and  $\delta\text{-pint}(M) = M \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** [Ekici, 2009] Let  $M$  be a subset of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , then:  
 (i)  $e^*\text{-cl}(M) = M \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$  and  $e^*\text{-int}(M) = M \cap \text{cl}(\text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)))$   
 (ii)  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) = e^*\text{-cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)) = \delta\text{-int}(e^*\text{-cl}(M))$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a subset of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , then:  
 (i)  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = e^*\text{-cl}(M) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ .  
 (ii)  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$ .  
 (iii)  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup e^*\text{-cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))$   
 (iv)  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup \delta\text{-int}(e^*\text{-cl}(M))$ .  
 (v)  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = (M \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$

**Lemma 2.1.** [Benchalli et al., 2017] For a subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $M$  is clopen;
- (b)  $M$  is  $\delta$ -open and  $\delta$ -closed;
- (c)  $M$  is regular-open and regular-closed.

**Definition 2.4.** [Kohli and Singh, 2009] A space  $(U, \tau)$  is called  $\delta$ -partition if  $\delta O(U) = C(U)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [Caldas and Jafari, 2016] A space  $(U, \tau)$  is a  $\delta$ -door space if every subset of  $U$  is  $\delta$ -open or  $\delta$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.4.** [Caldas and Jafari, 2016] If  $(U, \tau)$  is a  $\delta$ -door space, then every  $\delta$ -preopen set in  $(U, \tau)$  is  $\delta$ -open.

### 3 $\delta$ -preregular $e^*$ -open sets in topological spaces

**Definition 3.1.** A subset  $N$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$  is said to be  $\delta$ -preregular  $e^*$ -open (briefly  $\delta pe^*$ -open) if  $N = \delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(N))$ . The complement of a  $\delta$ -preregular  $e^*$ -open is called a  $\delta$ -preregular  $e^*$ -closed (briefly  $\delta pe^*$ -closed) set.

Clearly,  $N$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -closed if and only if  $N = \delta\text{-pcl}(e^*\text{-int}(N))$

The class of  $\delta pe^*$ -open (resp.  $\delta pe^*$ -closed) sets of  $(U, \tau)$  will be denoted by  $\delta PE^* O(U)$  (resp.  $\delta PE^* C(U)$ ).

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(U, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $M, N \subseteq U$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $M \subseteq N$ , then  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) \subseteq \delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(N))$ .
- (ii) If  $M \in \delta PO(U)$ , then  $M \subseteq \delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M))$ .
- (iii) If  $M \in e^* C(U)$ , then  $e^*\text{-cl}(\delta\text{-pint}(M)) \subseteq M$ .

(iv)  $\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $N$ )) is  $\delta pe^*$ -open

(v) If  $M \in e^*C(U)$ , then  $\delta$ -pint( $M$ ) is  $\delta pe^*$ -open..

**Proof:**(i)Obvious.

(ii) Let  $M \in \delta PO(U)$ . As  $M \subseteq e^*$ -cl( $M$ ), then  $M \subseteq \delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -pcl( $M$ )).

(iii) Let  $M \in e^*C(U)$ . Since  $\delta$ -pint( $M$ )  $\subseteq M$ , then  $e^*$ -cl( $\delta$ -pint( $M$ ))  $\subseteq M$ .

(iv) We have

$\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $M$ )))  $\subseteq \delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $e^*$ -cl( $M$ ))) =  $\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $M$ )) and

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Hence  $\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $M$ )))) =  $\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $M$ )).

(v) Suppose that  $M \in e^*C(U)$ . By (i),

$\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $\delta$ -pint( $M$ )))  $\subseteq \delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $M$ )) =  $\delta$ -pint( $M$ ).

On the other hand, we have

$\delta$ -pint( $M$ )  $\subseteq e^*$ -cl( $\delta$ -pint( $M$ )) so that

$\delta$ -pint( $M$ )  $\subseteq \delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $\delta$ -pint( $M$ ))).

Therefore  $\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $\delta$ -pint( $M$ ))) =  $\delta$ -pint( $M$ ).

This shows that  $\delta$ -pint( $M$ ) is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.

**Theorem 3.2.** (i)Every  $\delta pe^*$ -open set is  $\delta$ -preopen(hence  $e$ -open,  $e^*$ -open).

(ii)Every  $\delta pe^*$ -open set is  $e^*$ -closed..

**Proof:** (i)Let  $M$  be  $\delta pe^*$ -open, then by Theorem 2.3(i),

$\delta$ -pint( $e^*$ -cl( $M$ )) =  $e^*$ -cl( $M$ )  $\cap$  int( $\delta$ -cl( $M$ )).

Therefore,  $M \subseteq$  int( $\delta$ -cl( $M$ )),  $M$  is  $\delta$ -preopen.

(ii)Let  $N$  be  $\delta pe^*$ -open. By Theorem 2.3(ii),  $N = \delta$ -pint( $N$ )  $\cup$  int( $cl(\delta$ -int( $N$ ))).

Therefore, int( $cl(\delta$ -int( $N$ )))  $\subseteq N$ . Thus  $N$  is  $e^*$ -closed.

**Remark 3.1.** By the following example, we show that every  $\delta$ -preopen (resp,  $e^*$ -closed) set need not be a  $\delta pe^*$ -open set

**Example 3.1.** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{U, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ .

Then  $\{a, b, c\}$  is a  $\delta$ -preopen set but  $\{a, b, c\} \notin \delta PE^*O(U)$  and  $\{d\}$  is  $e^*$ -closed but  $\{d\} \notin \delta PE^*O(U)$  it is not  $\delta pe^*$ -open

**Corolary 3.1.** For a topological space  $(U, \tau)$ , we have

$\delta$ -PO( $U$ )  $\cap$   $\delta$ -PC( $U$ )  $\subseteq \delta PE^*O(U) \subseteq e^*O(U) \cap e^*C(U)$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

The converse inclusions in the above corollary need not be true as seen from the following example

**Example 3.2.** Let  $(U, \tau)$  as in Example 3.1, then  $\{b\}$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open but it is not  $\delta$ -preopen. Moreover,  $\{a, d\}$  is  $e^*$ -clopen but not  $\delta pe^*$ -open

**Remark 3.2.** The notions of  $\delta pe^*$ -open sets and  $\delta$ -open sets (hence  $a$ -open sets,  $\delta$ -semiopen sets,  $\delta^*$ -sets) are independent of each other.

**Example 3.3.** Consider  $(U, \tau)$  as in Example 3.1. The set  $\{a\}$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open but it is not  $\delta^*$ -set. Moreover,  $\{a, b, c\}$  is  $\delta$ -open but not  $\delta pe^*$ -open

**Theorem 3.3.** In a  $\delta$ -partition space  $(U, \tau)$ , a subset  $M$  of  $U$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open if and only if it is  $\delta$ -preopen.

**Proof:** Necessity: It follows from Theorem 3.2(i).

Sufficiency: Let  $N$  be  $\delta$ -preopen. Since  $(U, \tau)$  is  $\delta$ -partition and by Theorem 2.3(ii), we have  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$

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$$= M \cup \delta\text{-int}(M) = M$$

Therefore,  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = M$ . Hence  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.

**Theorem 3.4.** A subset  $N \subseteq U$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open if and only if  $N$  is  $e^*$ -closed and  $\delta$ -preopen.

**Proof:** Necessity: It follows from Theorem 3.2.

Sufficiency: Let  $N$  be both  $e^*$ -closed and  $\delta$ -preopen. Then  $N = e^*\text{-cl}(N)$  and  $N = \delta\text{-pint}(N)$ . Therefore,  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(N)) = \delta\text{-pint}(N) = N$ . Hence  $N$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.

**Remark 3.3.** The class of  $\delta pe^*$ -open sets is not closed under finite union as well as finite intersection. It will be shown in the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Consider  $(U, \tau)$  as in Example 3.1. Let  $A = \{a, c\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$ , the  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\delta pe^*$ -open sets but  $A \cup B = \{a, b, c\} \notin \delta PE^*O(U)$ .

Moreover,  $C = \{a, b, d\}$  and  $D = \{b, c, d\}$  are  $\delta pe^*$ -open sets but  $C \cap D = \{b, d\} \notin \delta PE^*O(U)$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** For a subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

(i)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.

(ii)  $M = e^*\text{-cl}(M) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ .

(iii)  $M = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$ .

(iv)  $M = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup e^*\text{-cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))$

(v)  $M = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup \delta\text{-int}(e^*\text{-cl}(M))$ .

(vi)  $M = (M \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$ .

**Proof:** It follows from Theorem 2.3

**Theorem 3.6.** In any space  $(U, \tau)$ , the empty set is the only subset which is nowhere  $\delta$ -dense and  $\delta pe^*$ -open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $M$  is nowhere  $\delta$ -dense and  $\delta pe^*$ -open. Then by Theorem 2.3(i),  $M = \delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = e^*\text{-cl}(M) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) = e^*\text{-cl}(M) \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $(U, \tau)$  is a  $\delta$ -door space, then any finite intersection of  $\delta$ -preopen sets is  $\delta$ -preopen.*

**Proof:** *Obvious since  $\delta O(X)$  is closed under finite intersection.*

**Theorem 3.7.** *If  $(U, \tau)$  is a  $\delta$ -door space, then any finite intersection of  $\delta pe^*$ -open sets is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.*

**Proof:** *Let  $\{A_i: i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be a finite family of  $\delta pe^*$ -open. Since the space  $(U, \tau)$  is  $\delta$ -door, then by Lemma 3.1, we have  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \in \delta PO(U)$ .*

*By Theorem 3.1(ii),  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \subseteq \delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i))$ .*

*For each  $i$ , we have  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \subseteq A_i$  and thus  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i)) \subseteq \delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(A_i)) =$*

*$A_i$ . Therefore,  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i)) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ .*

**Lemma 3.2.** *If a subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$  is regular open, then  $M = \text{int}(\text{cl}(M)) = \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ .*

**Theorem 3.8.** *Every regular open set is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.*

**Proof:** *Let  $M$  be regular open. Then  $M = \text{int}(\text{cl}(M)) = \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ . By Theorem 2.6(i),  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = e^*\text{-cl}(M) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) = e^*\text{-cl}(M) \cap M = M$ . This shows that  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.*

**Definition 3.2.** *A subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$  is called  $\delta^*$ -set if  $\text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) \subseteq \text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))$*

**Theorem 3.9.** (i) *Every  $\delta$ -semiopen set is  $\delta^*$ -set.*

(ii) *Every  $\delta$ -semiclosed set is  $\delta^*$ -set.*

**Proof:** *Clear*

**Definition 3.3.** *A subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$  is called*

*$b^*$ -open if  $M = \text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)) \cup \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ .*

*$b^*$ -closed if  $M = \text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$*

**Theorem 3.10.** *A subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$  is regular open if and only if it is  $b^*$ -closed.*

**Proof:** *Let  $M$  be regular open. Then by Lemma 3.2,  $M = \text{int}(\text{cl}(M)) = \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ . Since every regular open set is  $\delta$ -open, we have  $\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) = \text{cl}(M) \cap M = M$ . Hence  $M$  is  $b^*$ -closed.*

*Conversely, let  $M$  be  $b^*$ -closed. Then  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) \subseteq \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) \subseteq \text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) = M$ . By Definition 3.3, we have  $M \subseteq \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) \subseteq \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$ .*

*Therefore,  $M = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$ . Now,  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(M)) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) = M$ . Hence  $M$  is regular open.*

**Theorem 3.11.** (i) Every  $b^*$ -closed set is  $\delta$ -preopen.

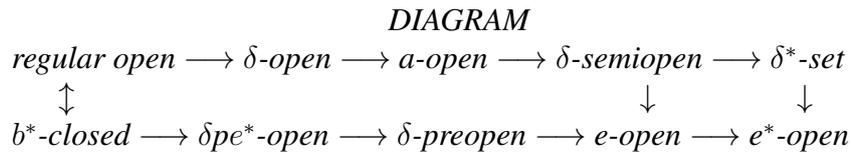
(ii) Every  $b^*$ -closed set is  $\delta$ -semiopen.

(iii) Every  $b^*$ -closed set is  $\delta pe^*$ -open.

**Proof:** (i) and (ii) are obvious

(iii) Let  $M$  be  $b^*$ -closed, then we have  $M = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$ . Then  $\delta\text{-pint}(e^*\text{-cl}(M)) = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) = \delta\text{-pint}(M) \cup M = M$ . Hence  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open

**Remark 3.4.** The above discussions can be summarized in the following diagram:



**Theorem 3.12.** For a subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

(i)  $M$  is regular open;

(ii)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -open;

(iii)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $a$ -open;

(iv)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -semiopen;

(v)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta^*$ -set.

**Proof:** (i)  $\longrightarrow$  (ii)  $\longrightarrow$  (iii)  $\longrightarrow$  (iv)  $\longrightarrow$  (v): Follows from the above diagram

(v)  $\longrightarrow$  (i): Let  $M$  be  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta^*$ -set. Then  $\text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) \subseteq \text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))$  and  $\text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) \subseteq \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) \subseteq \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))$ .

Therefore we have  $\text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M)))$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Since } M \text{ is } \delta pe^*\text{-open, } M &= \delta\text{-pint}(\delta\text{-pcl}(M)) \\
 &= (M \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(\delta\text{-int}(M))) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M))) \\
 &= \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) \cap \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) \\
 &= \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $M = \text{int}(\delta\text{-cl}(M)) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(M))$  and hence  $M$  is regular open.

**Theorem 3.13.** For a subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

(i)  $M$  is regular open.

(ii)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -semiclosed.

(iii)  $M$  is  $e^*$ -closed and  $a$ -open.

**Proof:** (i)  $\longrightarrow$  (ii): It follows from Theorem 3.8

(ii)  $\longrightarrow$  (i): Let  $M$  be  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -semiclosed. Since every  $\delta$ -semiclosed set is  $\delta^*$ -set. Hence by Theorem 3.12(v),  $M$  is regular open.

(ii)  $\longrightarrow$  (iii): Clear

(i)  $\longleftarrow$  (iii): It is shown in Theorem 3 [Ekici, 2008b]

**Corollary 3.2.** For a subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

(i)  $M$  is regular open;

(ii)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -open;

- (iii)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $a$ -open;
- (iv)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -semiopen;
- (v)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta^*$ -set;
- (vi)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -semiclosed;
- (vii)  $M$  is  $e^*$ -closed and  $a$ -open;
- (viii)  $M$  is  $b^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.14.** For a subset  $M$  of a space  $(U, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $M$  is clopen;
- (ii)  $M$  is  $\delta$ -open and  $\delta$ -closed;
- (iii)  $M$  is regular open and regular closed;
- (iv)  $M$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -closed.

**Proof:** (i)  $\longleftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\longleftrightarrow$  (iii): Follows from Lemma 2.1

(iii)  $\longrightarrow$  (iv). It follows from Theorem 3.8

(iv)  $\longrightarrow$  (ii) Let  $M$  be  $\delta pe^*$ -open and  $\delta$ -closed. By Theorem 2.3(i), we have  $N = e^*cl(N) \cap int(\delta-cl(N)) = e^*cl(N) \cap \delta-int(\delta-cl(N)) = \delta-pcl(N) \cap \delta-int(N) = \delta-int(N)$ . Therefore  $M$  is  $\delta$ -open.

## 4 Decompositions of complete continuity

In this section, the notion of regular  $\delta$ -preopen continuity is introduced and the decompositions of complete continuity are discussed.

**Definition 4.1.** A function  $f: (U, \tau) \rightarrow (V, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (i)  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous if the inverse image of every open subset of  $(V, \sigma)$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -open set in  $(U, \tau)$ .
- (ii) perfectly continuous [Noiri, 1984] (resp,  $e$ -continuous [Ekici, 2008c],  $e^*$ -continuous [Ekici, 2009],  $\delta$ -almost continuous [Raychaudhuri and Mukherjee, 1993],  $\delta^*$ -continuous, contra-super-continuous [Jafari and Noiri, 1999], completely continuous [Arya and Gupta, 1974], RC-continuous [Dontchev and Noiri, 1998], super-continuous [Munshi and Bassan, 1982], contra continuous [Dontchev, 1996],  $a$ -continuous [Ekici, 2008d],  $\delta$ -semicontinuous [Noiri, 2003], contra  $e^*$ -continuous [Ekici, 2008a], contra  $\delta$ -semicontinuous [Ekici, 2004], contra  $b^*$ -continuous) if the inverse image of every open subset of  $(V, \sigma)$  is clopen (resp,  $e$ -open,  $e^*$ -open,  $\delta$ -preopen,  $\delta^*$ -set,  $\delta$ -closed, regular open, regular closed,  $\delta$ -open, closed,  $a$ -open,  $\delta$ -semiopen,  $e^*$ -closed,  $\delta$ -semiclosed,  $b^*$ -closed) set in  $(U, \tau)$

By Theorems 3.9 and 3.11, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** (i) Every contra  $b^*$ -continuous set is  $\delta$ -almost continuous.

(ii) Every contra  $b^*$ -continuous set is  $\delta$ -semicontinuous

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- (iii) Every contra  $b^*$ -continuous set is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous.
- (iv) Every  $\delta$ -semicontinuous set is  $\delta^*$ -continuous.
- (v) Every contra  $\delta$ -semicontinuous is  $\delta^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.1.** By Diagram I, we have the following diagram:

DIAGRAM II

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 c.cont. & \longrightarrow & s.cont. & \longrightarrow & a.cont. & \longrightarrow & \delta s.cont. & \longrightarrow & \delta^*.cont. \\
 \updownarrow & & & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 cb^*.cont. & \longrightarrow & \delta pe^*.cont. & \longrightarrow & \delta p.cont. & \longrightarrow & e.cont. & \longrightarrow & e^*.cont.
 \end{array}$$

where  $c.cont.$  = completely continuity,  $s.cont.$  = super continuity,  $a.cont.$  = a-continuity,  $\delta s.cont.$  =  $\delta$ -semicontinuity,  $\delta^*.cont.$  =  $\delta^*$ -continuity,  $cb^*.cont.$  = contra  $b^*$ -continuity,  $\delta pe^*.cont.$  =  $\delta$ -preregular  $e^*$ -continuity,  $\delta p.cont.$  =  $\delta$ -precontinuity,  $e.cont.$  = e-continuity,  $e^*.cont.$  =  $e^*$ -continuity

**Theorem 4.2.** For a function  $f:(U,\tau) \rightarrow (V,\eta)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is completely continuous;
- (ii)  $f$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous and super continuous;
- (iii)  $f$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous and a-continuous;
- (iv)  $f$  is contra  $e^*$ -continuous and a-continuous;
- (v)  $f$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous and  $\delta$ -semicontinuous;
- (vi)  $f$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous and contra  $\delta$ -semicontinuous;
- (vii)  $f$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous and  $\delta^*$ -continuous;
- (viii)  $f$  is contra  $b^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.2.** (i)  $\delta pe^*$ -continuity and super-continuity (hence a-continuity,  $\delta$ -semicontinuity,  $\delta^{**}$ -continuity) are independent notions.

(ii)  $\delta pe^*$ -continuity and contra  $\delta$ -semicontinuity are independent notions.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $(U,\tau)$  be a space as in Example 3.1 and let  $\eta = \{U, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}\}$

(i) Define  $f:(U,\tau) \rightarrow (U,\eta)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$  and  $f(d) = d$ . Clearly  $f$  is super-continuous but for  $\{a,b\} \in O(V)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a,b\}) = \{a,b,c\} \notin \delta PE^*O(U)$ . Therefore  $f$  is not  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous.

Define  $g:(U,\tau) \rightarrow (U,\eta)$  by  $g(a) = b$ ,  $g(b) = g(c) = g(d) = a$ . Then  $g$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous but for  $\{a\} \in O(V)$ ,  $g^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{b,c,d\} \notin q^*O(U)$ . Therefore  $g$  is not  $q^*$ -continuous.

(ii) Define  $f:(U,\tau) \rightarrow (U,\eta)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = f(d) = b$  and  $f(b) = a$ . Clearly  $f$  is  $\delta$ -semiregular-continuous but for  $\{b\} \in O(V)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a,c,d\} \notin \delta PE^*PO(U)$ . Therefore  $f$  is not  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous.

Define  $g:(U,\tau) \rightarrow (U,\eta)$  by  $g(a) = g(b) = g(d) = a$ ,  $g(c) = b$ . Then  $g$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous

but for  $\{a\} \in O(V)$ ,  $g^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a,b,d\} \notin \delta SC(U)$ . Therefore  $g$  is not contra  $\delta$ -semicontinuous.

## 5 Decompositions of perfectly continuity

In this section, the decompositions of perfectly continuity are obtained.

**Theorem 5.1.** For a function  $f:(U,\tau) \rightarrow (U,\eta)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is perfectly continuous;
- (ii)  $f$  is super continuous and contra super continuous;
- (iii)  $f$  is completely continuous and RC-continuous;
- (iv)  $f$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous and contra super continuous.

**Proof:** It is a direct consequence of Theorem 3.14

**Remark 5.1.** As shown by the following examples,  $\delta pe^*$ -continuity and contra super continuity are independent of each other.

**Example 5.1.** Consider  $(U,\tau)$  as in Example 3.1 and  $(U,\eta)$  as in Example 4.1. Define  $f: (U,\tau) \rightarrow (U,\eta)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = f(d) = a$  and  $f(b) = c$ . Then  $f$  is contra super continuous but it is not  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous since  $\{a\} \in O(V)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a,c,d\} \notin \delta PE^*O(U)$ . Define  $g: (U,\tau) \rightarrow (U,\eta)$  by  $g(a) = b$ ,  $g(b) = g(c) = g(d) = a$ . Then  $g$  is  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous but it is not contra super continuous since  $\{a\} \in O(V)$ ,  $g^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{b,c,d\} \notin \delta C(U)$ .

## 6 Conclusions:

The notions of sets and functions in topological spaces and fuzzy topological spaces are extensively developed and used in many engineering problems, information systems, particle physics, computational topology and mathematical sciences. By researching generalizations of closed sets, some new continuity have been founded and they turn out to be useful in the study of digital topology. Therefore,  $\delta pe^*$ -continuous functions defined by  $\delta pe^*$ -open sets will have many possibilities of applications in digital topology and computer graphics.

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