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$\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous maps.

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Abstract

In this paper we introduce a new class of maps called $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous maps by using $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed sets. We investigate its implications and independent relationship with other types of continuous maps. Also we analyze the association of $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous maps with various kinds of continuous maps via separation axioms.

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Introduction:-

Levine [9] introduced the idea of continuous functions in 1970. Mashhour [11] introduced and studied α -continuous functions in topological spaces. The generalized continuous (briefly g-continuous) functions was introduced and studied by Balachandran et.al [1]. Veerakumar [18] introduced and studied ψ -continuous functions in topological spaces. Ramya and Parvathi [15] introduced ψg -continuous functions. The notion of $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed sets was defined and investigated by Balamani and Parvathi [2]. The purpose of this paper is to introduce and study the concept of a new class of maps called $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous maps in topological spaces.

Preliminaries:-

Throughout this paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, η) represent non-empty topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. The interior and closure of a subset A of a space (X, τ) are denoted by $\text{int}(A)$ and $\text{cl}(A)$ respectively.

Definition 2.1 A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called

- 1) generalized closed set (briefly g-closed) [9] if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) .
- 2) semi-generalized closed set (briefly sg-closed)[4] if $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semi-open in (X, τ) .
- 3) ψ -closed set [18] if $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is sg-open in (X, τ) .
- 4) ψg -closed set [14] if $\psi \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) .
- 5) $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set [2] if $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is ψg -open in (X, τ) .
- 6) The closure operator of $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set is defined as $\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F \subseteq X: A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \psi^* \alpha \text{-closed in } (X, \tau)\}$ [2]

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- (i) $\psi^*\alpha T_c$ -space if every $\psi^*\alpha$ closed subset of (X, τ) is closed in (X, τ) . [3]
- (ii) $\psi^*\alpha T_\alpha$ -space if every $\psi^*\alpha$ closed subset of (X, τ) is α -closed in (X, τ) . [3]
- (iii) $g\alpha T_{\psi^*\alpha}$ -space if every $g\alpha$ -closed subset of (X, τ) is $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . [3]
- (iv) $\alpha g T_{\psi^*\alpha}$ -space if every αg -closed subset of (X, τ) is $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . [3]
- (v) $\psi g T_{\psi^*\alpha}$ -space if every ψg -closed subset of (X, τ) is $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . [3]

Definition 2.3 A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

- (i) Continuous [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for each closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (ii) Semi continuous [8] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi closed in (X, τ) for each closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iii) α -continuous [11] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iv) g -continuous [1] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (v) $g\alpha$ -continuous [5] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (vi) αg -continuous [5] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is αg -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (vii) g^* -continuous [19] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^* -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (viii) \tilde{g} -continuous [20] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is \tilde{g} -closed in (X, τ) for each closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (ix) $g^\#$ -continuous [21] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^\#$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (x) g^* -continuous [22] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^* -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xi) \tilde{g} -continuous [13] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a \tilde{g} -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xii) $\alpha\tilde{g}$ -continuous [16] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\alpha\tilde{g}$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xiii) \tilde{g}_α -continuous [17] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is \tilde{g}_α -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xiv) $g^\#p$ -continuous [12] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^\#p$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xv) ψ -continuous [18] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is ψ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xvi) ψg -continuous [15] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is ψg -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (xvii) $\psi\tilde{g}$ -continuous [15] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi\tilde{g}$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.4 A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

- (i) strongly continuous [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is both open and closed in (X, τ) for every subset V of (Y, σ) .
- (ii) totally continuous [6] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a clopen subset of (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iii) α -irresolute [10] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α -closed in (X, τ) for every α -closed set V of (Y, σ) .

$\psi^*\alpha$ - continuous maps

Definition 3.1 A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called ψ star alpha continuous (briefly, $\psi^*\alpha$ - continuous) if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^*\alpha$ - closed in (X, τ) for each closed set V in (Y, σ) .

Example 3.2 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Then f is $\psi^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proposition 3.3 Every continuous (resp. α -continuous) map is $\psi^*\alpha$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let V be a closed set in (Y, σ) . Since $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is continuous (resp. α -continuous) map, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed (resp. α -closed) in (X, τ) . Since every closed (resp. α -closed) set is $\psi^*\alpha$ - closed, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^*\alpha$ - closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is $\psi^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Example 3.4 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Then f is $\psi^*\alpha$ - continuous but not continuous and not α - continuous, since $\{b, c\}$ is closed in (Y, σ) but $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not closed and not α -closed in (X, τ)

Proposition 3.5 Every $\psi^*\alpha$ -continuous map is $g\alpha$ - continuous, αg -continuous, $\alpha\tilde{g}$ -continuous, \tilde{g}_α -continuous, ψ -continuous, ψg - continuous and $\psi\tilde{g}$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: As every $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set is $g\alpha$ - closed, αg -closed, $\alpha\tilde{g}$ - closed, \tilde{g}_α -closed, ψ - closed, ψg - closed and $\psi\tilde{g}$ -closed [2], the result follows.

Example 3.6 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\phi, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$. Then f is $g\alpha$ -continuous, αg -continuous, $\alpha\tilde{g}$ -continuous, \tilde{g}_α -continuous, ψg - continuous and $\psi\tilde{g}$ - continuous but not $\psi^*\alpha$ -continuous, since for the closed set $\{b, c, d\}$ in (Y, σ) , $f^{-1}(\{b, c, d\}) = \{a, c, d\}$ is $g\alpha$ - closed, αg -closed, $\alpha\tilde{g}$ - closed, \tilde{g}_α -closed, ψg - closed and $\psi\tilde{g}$ -closed but not $\psi^*\alpha$ - closed in (X, τ) .

Example 3.7 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = c, f(b) = b, f(c) = a$. Then f is ψ -continuous but not $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, since for the closed set $\{c\}$ in (Y, σ) , $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{a\}$ is ψ -closed but not $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.8 Every strongly continuous (resp. totally continuous) map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let V be a closed set in (Y, σ) . Since $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is strongly continuous (resp. totally continuous), $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in (X, τ) . Since every closed set is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) .

Example 3.9 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Then f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous but not strongly continuous and not totally continuous, since $\{b\}$ is closed in (Y, σ) but $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{c\}$ is not open in (X, τ) .

Remark 3.10 The following examples show that semi-continuous maps and $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous maps are independent.

Example 3.11 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$. Then f is semi-continuous but not $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, since for the closed set $\{c\}$ in (Y, σ) , $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{a\}$ is semi-closed but not $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) .

Example 3.12 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be the identity map. Then f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous but not semi-continuous, since for the closed set $\{b, c\}$ in (Y, σ) $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed but not semi-closed in (X, τ) .

Remark 3.13 The following examples show that the notion of g - (resp. $g^*, \hat{g}, g^\#, *g, \tilde{g}, g^\# p^\#$) continuity and $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuity are independent.

Example 3.14 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$. Then f is g - (resp. $g^*, \hat{g}, g^\#, *g, \tilde{g}, g^\# p^\#$) continuous but not $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, since for the closed set $\{b, c, d\}$ in (Y, σ) , $f^{-1}(\{b, c, d\}) = \{a, c, d\}$ is g - (resp. $g^*, \hat{g}, g^\#, *g, \tilde{g}, g^\# p^\#$) closed but not $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) .

Example 3.15 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with the topologies $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$. Then f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous but not g - (resp. not $g^*, \text{not } \hat{g}, \text{not } g^\#, \text{not } *g, \text{not } \tilde{g}, \text{not } g^\# p^\#$ -) continuous, since for the closed set $\{c\}$ in (Y, σ) $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{b\}$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed but not g - (resp. not $g^*, \text{not } \hat{g}, \text{not } g^\#, \text{not } *g, \text{not } \tilde{g}, \text{not } g^\# p^\#$) closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.16 A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of every open set in (Y, σ) is $\psi^* \alpha$ -open in (X, τ) .

Proof: (Necessity) Let U be an open set in (Y, σ) . Then $Y-U$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(Y-U) = X - f^{-1}(U)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $f^{-1}(U)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -open in (X, τ) .

(Sufficiency) Assume that $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -open in (X, τ) for each open set V in (Y, σ) . Let V be any closed set in (Y, σ) . Then $Y-V$ is open in (Y, σ) . By assumption, $f^{-1}(Y-V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -open in (X, τ) which implies that $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.17 If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous then $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(V)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(V))$ for every subset V of (X, τ) .

Proof: Let V be any subset of (X, τ) . Then $\text{cl}(f(V))$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(V)))$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Since $f(V) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(V))$, $V \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(V))) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(V)))$ and hence $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(V)))$ is a $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set containing V . By definition of $\psi^* \alpha$ -closure, we have $\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(V)))$ which implies that $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(V)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(V))$.

Remark 3.18 Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a continuous map. Then for every subset V of (X, τ) , $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(V)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(V))$.

Proof: Since every continuous map is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous and by Theorem 3.17, the result follows.

Theorem 3.19 Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map from a topological space (X, τ) into a topological space (Y, σ) . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- For each point x in (X, τ) and each open set V in (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\psi^* \alpha$ -open set U in (X, τ) containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.
- For every subset A of (X, τ) , $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$.
- For every subset B of (Y, σ) , $\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(B))$.

Proof: (a) \Leftrightarrow (b) Let $y \in f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A))$. Then $y = f(x)$ for some $x \in \psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq X$. Let V be any open set in (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$. Then by hypothesis, there exists a $\psi^* \alpha$ -open set U in (X, τ) containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. By Theorem 5.4 [2] we get $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Then $f(U \cap A) \neq \emptyset$ which implies that $V \cap f(A) \neq \emptyset$. Hence $y = f(x) \in \text{cl}(f(A))$. Therefore $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A))$.

Conversely, let $x \in X$ and let V be any open set in (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$. Let $A = f^{-1}(V^c)$ then $x \notin A$. By (b), $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(V^c))) \subseteq \text{cl}(V^c) = V^c$. Therefore $f^{-1}(f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A))) \subseteq f^{-1}(V^c)$ which implies

$\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V^c) = A$. Hence $A = \psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A)$. Since $x \notin A$, $x \notin \psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A)$. Then there exists a $\psi^* \alpha$ -open set U containing x such that $U \cap A = \emptyset$ and hence $f(U) \subseteq f(A^c) \subseteq V$.

(b) \Leftrightarrow (c) Suppose that (b) holds and let B be any subset of Y . Replacing A by $f^{-1}(B)$ from (b), $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \text{cl}(B)$. Hence $\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(B))$.

Conversely, suppose that (c) holds and let $B = f(A)$ where A is a subset of X . Then $\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq \psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{cl}(B))$. Therefore $f(\psi^* \alpha \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(B) = \text{cl}(f(A))$.

Theorem 3.20 If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is continuous (resp. strongly continuous) then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let V be any closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is continuous (resp. strongly continuous), $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed (resp. clopen) in (Y, σ) . Since f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Therefore $g \circ f$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.21 If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is continuous (resp. α -continuous) and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is continuous then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let V be any closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is continuous (resp. α -continuous), $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is closed (resp. α -closed) in (X, τ) . Since every closed (resp. α -closed) set is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed. Therefore $g \circ f$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.22 If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is α -irresolute and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is continuous then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let V be any closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since every closed set is α -closed, $g^{-1}(V)$ is α -closed. Since f is α -irresolute, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is α -closed in (X, τ) . Since every α -closed set is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed. Hence $g \circ f$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.23 Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be α -irresolute and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous. If (Y, σ) is a $\psi^* \alpha T_\alpha$ -space then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is α -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (Y, σ) . Since (Y, σ) is a $\psi^* \alpha T_\alpha$ -space, $g^{-1}(U)$ is α -closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is α -irresolute, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is α -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is α -continuous.

Remark 3.24 The composition of two $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous maps need not be a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map as seen from the following example:

Example 3.25 Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$. Consider $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ and $\eta = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Z\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map defined by $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = b$, $f(c) = c$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be a map defined by $g(a) = b$, $g(b) = a$, $g(c) = c$. Then the maps f and g are $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous but their composition $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is not a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map, since $\{b, c\}$ is closed in (Z, η) but $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.26 Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous maps. Then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is also a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map, if (Y, σ) is a $\psi^* \alpha T_c$ -space.

Proof: Let V be any closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (Y, σ) . Since (Y, σ) is a $\psi^* \alpha T_c$ -space, $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map.

Theorem 3.27 Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g\alpha$ -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be continuous. Then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map, if (X, τ) is a $g\alpha T_{\psi^* \alpha}$ -space.

Proof: Let V be a closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is $g\alpha$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a $g\alpha T_{\psi^* \alpha}$ -space, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map.

Theorem 3.28 Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be αg -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be continuous. Then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map, if (X, τ) is a $\alpha g T_{\psi^* \alpha}$ -space.

Proof: Let V be a closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is αg -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is αg -closed in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a $\alpha g T_{\psi^* \alpha}$ -space, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map.

Theorem 3.29 Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be ψg -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be continuous. Then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is a $\psi^* \alpha$ -continuous map, if (X, τ) is a $\psi g T_{\psi^* \alpha}$ -space.

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