



ALMOST p_s -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to introduce a new class of functions called almost p_s -continuous function by using p_s -open sets in topological spaces. Some properties and characterizations of this function are given.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, a space X mean a topological space with out any separation axiom. We recall the following definitions, notations and terminology. The closure (resp. interior) of a subset A of X is denoted by ClA (resp. $IntA$). A subset A of X is said to be preopen [19] (resp. semi-open [17], α -open [22], β -open [1], regular open [31] and regular semi-open [5]) if $A \subseteq IntClA$ (resp. $A \subseteq ClIntA$, $A \subseteq IntClIntA$, $A \subseteq ClIntClA$, $A = IntClA$ and $A = sIntsClA$). The complement of a preopen (resp. semi-open, α -open, β -open, regular open and regular semi-open) set is said to be preclosed (resp. semi-closed, α -closed, β -closed, regular closed and regular semi-open). The family of all preopen (resp. semi-open, α -open, regular open, regular semi-open and regular closed) subsets of a topological space X is denoted by $PO(X)$ (resp. $SO(X)$, $\alpha O(X)$, $RO(X)$, $RSO(X)$ and $RC(X)$). A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be precontinuous [19] (resp. super continuous [20]) if the inverse image of each open subset of Y is preopen (resp. δ -open) in X . A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be almost precontinuous [21] (resp. almost continuous in the sense of Singal and Singal [30], almost α -continuous[23], R-map[6], almost strongly θ -continuous [27], almost s-continuous [14], weakly θ -irresolute [10] and θ -irresolute [16]) if the inverse image of each regular open subset of Y is preopen (resp., open, α -open, regular open, θ -open, closed, semi-closed and intersection of regular open sets) in X . A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be δ -continuous [24] (resp., almost strongly θ -continuous [27]) if for each $x \in X$ and each open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists an open set U of X containing x such that $f(IntClU) \subseteq IntClV$ (resp., $f(CIU) \subseteq sClV$). A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be irresolute [7] if the inverse image of each semi-open subset of Y is semi-open in X . A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be weakly quasi-continuous [25] (resp. S-continuous [33]) if for every $F \in RC(Y)$, $f^{-1}(F) \in SO(X)$ (resp. $f^{-1}(F)$

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is the union of regular closed sets of X). A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be preopen [19] (resp., semi-open [26]) if the image of each open set of X is preopen (resp., semi-open) in Y .

Definition 1.1 ([15]). A preopen subset A of a space X is called p_s -open if for each $x \in A$, there exists a semi-closed set F such that $x \in F \subseteq A$.

The family of all p_s -open subsets of a topological space X is denoted by $P_sO(X)$.

Definition 1.2 ([32]). A subset A of a space X is called δ -open (resp., θ -open) if for each $x \in A$, there exists an open set G such that $x \in G \subseteq \text{IntCl}G \subseteq A$ (resp., $x \in G \subseteq \text{Cl}G \subseteq A$).

The intersection of all p_s -closed (resp. preclosed, semi-closed, α -closed and δ -closed) sets of X containing A is called the p_s -closure (resp. preclosure, semi-closure, α -closure and δ -closure) of A and is denoted by $P_s\text{Cl}A$ (resp. $p\text{Cl}A$, $s\text{Cl}A$, $\alpha\text{Cl}A$ and $\text{Cl}_\delta A$). The union of all p_s -open (resp. preopen, semi-open, α -open and δ -open) sets of X contained in A is called the p_s -interior (resp. preinterior, semi-interior, α -interior and δ -interior) of A and is denoted by $P_s\text{Int}A$ (resp. $p\text{Int}A$, $s\text{Int}A$, $\alpha\text{Int}A$ and $\text{Int}_\delta A$).

Proposition 1.3 ([15]). *A subset A of a space X is p_s -open if and only if A is preopen and it is a union of semi-closed sets.*

Definition 1.4 ([13]). A subset A of a space X is called θ -semi-open if for each $x \in A$, there exists a semi-open set G such that $x \in G \subseteq \text{Cl}G \subseteq A$. The family of all θ -semi-open subsets of a topological space X is denoted by $\theta\text{SO}(X)$.

Definition 1.5. A space X is s-regular[3] (resp., semi-regular[28]) if for each $x \in X$ and each open set G containing x , there exists a semi-open (resp., regular open) set H such that $x \in H \subseteq s\text{Cl}H \subseteq G$ (resp., $x \in H \subseteq G$).

Definition 1.6. A space X is said to be:

- (1) extremally disconnected [8] if $\text{Cl}U$ is open for each open set U .
- (2) hyperconnected [9] if every nonempty open subset of X is dense in X .
- (3) locally indiscrete [9] if every open subset of X is closed.
- (4) semi- T_1 [18] if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X , there exists a pair of semi-open sets, one containing x but not y and the other containing y but not x .

Proposition 1.7. *The following statements are true:*

- (1) *A space X is semi- T_1 if and only if for any point $x \in X$, the singleton set $\{x\}$ is semi-closed.[18].*
- (2) *A space X is extremally disconnected if and only if $\text{RO}(X) = \text{RC}(X)$. [11].*

- (3) If a space X is semi- T_1 , then $P_sO(X) = PO(X)$. [15].
- (4) If a topological space (X, τ) is locally indiscrete, then $P_sO(X) = \tau$. [15].
- (5) If a topological space (X, τ) is s -regular, then $\tau \subseteq P_sO(X)$. [15].

Proposition 1.8 ([15]). For any subset A of a space X . The following are equivalent:

- (1) A is clopen.
- (2) A is p_s -open and closed.
- (3) A is α -open and closed.
- (4) A is preopen and closed.

Proposition 1.9 ([15]). For any subset A of a space X . The following are equivalent:

- (1) A is regular open.
- (2) A is p_s -open and semi-closed.
- (3) A is open and semi-closed.
- (4) A is α -open and semi-closed.
- (5) A is preopen and semi-closed.

Lemma 1.10 ([15]). The following properties are true:

- (1) For any subset A of a space X . If $A \in \theta SO(X)$ and $A \in PO(X)$, then $A \in P_sO(X)$.
- (2) If (X, τ) is extremally disconnected space and if $A \in \theta SO(X)$, then $A \in P_sO(X)$.
- (3) If (Y, τ_Y) is a subspace of a space (X, τ) , if $A \in P_sO(Y, \tau_Y)$ and $Y \in RO(X, \tau)$, then $A \in P_sO(X)$.
- (4) If either $B \in RSO(X)$ or B is an open subspace of a space X and $A \in P_sO(X)$, then $A \cap B \in P_sO(B)$.

Lemma 1.11. The following statements are true:

- (1) If $R \in RO(X)$ and $P \in PO(X)$, then $R \cap P \in RO(P)$. [9].
- (2) Let A be a subset of a space (X, τ) . Then $A \in PO(X, \tau)$ if and only if $sClA = IntClA$. [12].
- (3) Let Y be a dense subspace of X . If O is regular open in Y , then $O = Y \cap IntClO$. [29].
- (4) A subset A of a space (X, τ) is β -open if and only if ClA is regular closed. [4].

Lemma 1.12. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) , then the following statement are true:

- (1) If $A \in SO(X)$, then $Cl_\delta A = ClA = P_sClA = pClA = \alpha ClA$. [15].
- (2) If $A \in \beta O(X)$, then $\alpha ClA = ClA$. [2].

Definition 1.13 ([15]). A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called p_s -continuous at a point $x \in X$ if for each open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a p_s -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. Equivalently, a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is p_s -continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X for each open set V in Y .

Proposition 1.14 ([21]). A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost precontinuous if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is preopen set in X , for every δ -open set V in Y .

Lemma 1.15. The following results can be proved easily:

- (1) If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost precontinuous and Y is semi-regular, then f is precontinuous.
- (2) If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost continuous and Y is semi-regular, then f is continuous.

Theorem 1.16 ([15]). . If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous and open function and V is a p_s -open set of Y , then $f^{-1}(V)$ is a p_s -open set of X .

Theorem 1.17 ([12]). . A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is preopen if and only if $f^{-1}(ClV) \subseteq Cl f^{-1}(V)$, for each semi-open set V of Y .

2. Almost p_s -Continuous Functions

In this section, we introduce the concept of almost p_s -continuous functions by using p_s -open sets. Some properties and characterizations are given.

Definition 2.1. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called almost p_s -continuous at a point $x \in X$ if for each open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a p_s -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq IntClV$. If f is almost p_s -continuous at every point of X , then it is called almost p_s -continuous.

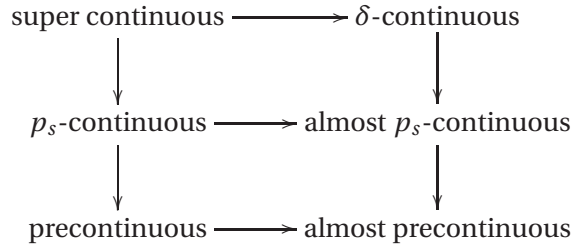
Lemma 2.2. The following results follows directly from their definitions:

- (1) Every p_s -continuous function is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) Every almost p_s -continuous function is almost precontinuous.

Proposition 2.3. If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is δ -continuous, then f is almost p_s -continuous.

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and V be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since f is δ -continuous, there exists an open set U of X containing x such that $f(IntClU) \subseteq IntClV$. Since $IntClU$ is a regular open set, hence it is p_s -open set of X containing x . Therefore, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

From Lemma 2.2, Proposition 2.3 and Diagram 3.1 in [15], we obtain the following diagram:

**Diagram 2.1**

In the sequel, we shall show that none of the implications that concerning almost p_s -continuity in Diagram 2.1 is reversible.

Example 2.4. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the two topologies $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$; then the family of p_s -open subsets of X with respect to τ is: $P_sO(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ be the identity function. Then f is almost p_s -continuous, but it is not p_s -continuous, because $\{a, d\}$ is an open set in (X, σ) containing $f(d) = d$, there exist no p_s -open set U in (X, τ) containing d such that $d \in f(U) \subseteq \{a, d\}$.

Example 2.5. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the two topologies $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$; then the family of p_s -open subsets of X with respect to τ is: $P_sO(X) = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ be a function defined as follows: $f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = a$ and $f(d) = b$. Then f is almost precontinuous (see Example 4.5 [21]). However f is not almost p_s -continuous since $\{b, c\}$ is an open set in (X, σ) containing $f(d) = b$, there exist no p_s -open set U in (X, τ) containing d such that $f(\{d\}) = b \in f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}\{b, c\} = \{b, c\}$.

Example 2.6. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the two topologies $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ and let $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ with the topology $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{x, y\}\}$; then the family of p_s -open subset of X with respect to τ is: $P_sO(X) = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ be a function defined as follows: $f(a) = z$ and $f(b) = f(c) = f(d) = y$. Then f is almost p_s -continuous. But f is not almost continuous [21] Example 4.2 and hence it is not δ -continuous.

Theorem 2.7. For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) For each $x \in X$ and each open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq sClV$.

- (3) For each $x \in X$ and each regular open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.
- (4) For each $x \in X$ and each δ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. By (1), there exists a p_s -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. Since V is open, hence V is preopen set. Therefore, by Lemma 1.11(2), $f(U) \subseteq s\text{Cl}V$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any regular open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then V is an open set of Y containing $f(x)$. By (2), there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq s\text{Cl}V$. Since V is regular open and hence is preopen set. Therefore, by Lemma 1.11(2), $f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. Since V is regular open, then $f(U) \subseteq V$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any δ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then for each $f(x) \in V$, there exists an open set G containing $f(x)$ such that $G \subseteq \text{IntCl}G \subseteq V$. Since $\text{IntCl}G$ is a regular open set of Y containing $f(x)$, by (3), there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}G \subseteq V$. This completes the proof.

(4) \Rightarrow (1). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then $\text{IntCl}V$ is δ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. By (4), there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. Therefore, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 2.8. For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) $f^{-1}(\text{IntCl}V)$ is p_s -open set in X , for each open set V in Y .
- (3) $f^{-1}(\text{ClInt}F)$ is p_s -closed set in X , for each closed set F in Y .
- (4) $f^{-1}(F)$ is p_s -closed set in X , for each regular closed set F of Y .
- (5) $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X , for each regular open set V of Y .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let V be any open set in Y . We have to show that $f^{-1}(\text{IntCl}V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Let $x \in f^{-1}(\text{IntCl}V)$. Then $f(x) \in \text{IntCl}V$ and $\text{IntCl}V$ is a regular open set in Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.7, there exists a p_s -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. Which implies that $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{IntCl}V)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(\text{IntCl}V)$ is p_s -open set in X .

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Let F be any closed set of Y . Then $Y - F$ is an open set of Y . By (2), $f^{-1}(\text{IntCl}(Y \setminus F))$ is p_s -open set in X and $f^{-1}(\text{IntCl}(Y \setminus F)) = f^{-1}(\text{Int}(Y \setminus \text{Int}F)) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus \text{ClInt}F) = X \setminus f^{-1}(\text{ClInt}F)$ is p_s -open set in X and hence $f^{-1}(\text{ClInt}F)$ is p_s -closed set in X .

(3) \Rightarrow (4). Let F be any regular closed set of Y . Then F is a closed set of Y . By (3), $f^{-1}(\text{ClInt}F)$ is p_s -closed set in X . Since F is regular closed set, then $f^{-1}(\text{ClInt}F) = f^{-1}(F)$. Therefore,

$f^{-1}(F)$ is p_s -closed set in X .

(4) \Rightarrow (5). Let V be any regular open set of Y . Then $Y \setminus V$ is regular closed set of Y and by (4), we have $f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -closed set in X and hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X .

(5) \Rightarrow (1). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any regular open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. By (5), we have $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Therefore, we obtain $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$. Hence by Theorem 2.7, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

The following result can be proved easily from the above theorem.

Proposition 2.9. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Let B be any basis for τ_s in Y . Then f is almost p_s -continuous if and only if for each $B \in \mathcal{B}$, $f^{-1}(B)$ is a p_s -open subset of X .*

Theorem 2.10. *For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) $f(P_s Cl A) \subseteq Cl_\delta f(A)$, for each $A \subseteq X$.
- (3) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1} Cl_\delta(B)$, for each $B \subseteq Y$.
- (4) $f^{-1}(F)$ is p_s -closed set in X , for each δ -closed set F of Y .
- (5) $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X , for each δ -open set V of Y .
- (6) $f^{-1}(Int_\delta B) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(B)$, for each $B \subseteq Y$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let A be a subset of X . Since $Cl_\delta f(A)$ is δ -closed set in Y , so $Cl_\delta f(A) = \cap \{F_\alpha : F_\alpha \in RC(Y), \alpha \in \Lambda\}$, where Λ is an index set. Then $A \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_\delta f(A)) = f^{-1}(\cap \{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}) = \cap \{f^{-1}(F_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$. By (1) and Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(Cl_\delta f(A))$ is p_s -closed set of X . Hence $P_s Cl A \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_\delta f(A))$. Therefore, we obtain that $f(P_s Cl A) \subseteq Cl_\delta f(A)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Let B be any subset of Y . Then $f^{-1}(B)$ is a subset of X . By (2), we have $f(P_s Cl f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq Cl_\delta f(f^{-1}(B)) = Cl_\delta B$. Hence $P_s Cl f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_\delta B)$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4). Let F be any δ -closed set of Y . By (3), we have $P_s Cl f^{-1}(F) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_\delta F) = f^{-1}(F)$ and hence $f^{-1}(F)$ is p_s -closed set in X .

(4) \Rightarrow (5). Let V be any δ -open set of Y . Then $Y \setminus V$ is δ -closed set of Y and by (4), we have $f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -closed set in X . Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X .

(5) \Rightarrow (6). For each subset B of Y . We have $Int_\delta B \subseteq B$. Then $f^{-1}(Int_\delta B) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$. By (5), $f^{-1}(Int_\delta B)$ is p_s -open set in X . Then $f^{-1}(Int_\delta B) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(B)$.

(6) \Rightarrow (1). Let $x \in X$ and V be any regular open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since V is a regular open set, hence it is δ -open and by (6), $f^{-1}(Int_\delta V) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(V)$, so $f^{-1}(V)$ is a p_s -open set in X which contains x and clearly $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$. Hence, by Theorem 2.7, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 2.11. *For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClV)$, for each β -open set V of Y .
- (3) $f^{-1}(IntF) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(F)$, for each β -closed set F of Y .
- (4) $f^{-1}(IntF) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(F)$, for each semi-closed set F of Y .
- (5) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClV)$, for each semi-open set V of Y .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let V be any β -open set of Y . It follows from Lemma 1.11(4) that ClV is regular closed set in Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(ClV)$ is p_s -closed set in X . Therefore, we obtain $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClV)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Let F be any β -closed set of Y . Then $Y \setminus F$ is β -open set of Y and by (2), we have $P_s Cl f^{-1}(Y \setminus F) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(Y \setminus F))$ and $P_s Cl(X \setminus f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y \setminus IntF)$ and hence, $X \setminus P_s Int f^{-1}(F) \subseteq X \setminus f^{-1}(IntF)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(IntF) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(F)$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4). Obvious since every semi-closed set is β -closed.

(4) \Rightarrow (5). Let V be any semi-open set of Y . Then $Y \setminus V$ is semi-closed set in Y and by (4), we have $f^{-1}(Int(Y \setminus V)) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(Y \setminus V)$ and $f^{-1}(Y \setminus ClV) \subseteq P_s Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V))$ and hence, $X \setminus f^{-1}(ClV) \subseteq X \setminus P_s Cl f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClV)$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1). Let F be any regular closed set of Y . Then F is a semi-open set of Y . By (5), we have $P_s Cl f^{-1}(F) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClF) = f^{-1}(F)$. This shows that $f^{-1}(F)$ is a p_s -closed set in X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Corollary 2.12. For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha ClV)$, for each β -open set V of Y .
- (3) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_\delta V)$, for each β -open set V of Y
- (4) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(P_s ClV)$, for each semi-open set V of Y .
- (5) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(p ClV)$, for each semi-open set V of Y .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Follows from Theorem 2.11 and Lemma 1.12(2).

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Follows from the fact that $\alpha ClV \subseteq Cl_\delta V$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) and (4) \Rightarrow (5). Follows from Theorem 2.11 and Lemma 1.12(1).

(5) \Rightarrow (1). Follows from Theorem 2.11 and Lemma 1.12(1).

\square

The following result also can be concluded directly.

Corollary 2.13. For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.

- (2) $f^{-1}(\alpha Int F) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(F)$, for each β -closed set F of Y .
- (3) $f^{-1}(Int_\delta F) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(F)$, for each β -closed set F of Y .
- (4) $f^{-1}(P_s Int F) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(F)$, for each semi-closed set F of Y .
- (5) $f^{-1}(p Int F) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(F)$, for each semi-closed set F of Y .

Theorem 2.14. *A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(IntClV)$ for each preopen set V of Y .*

Proof. Necessity. Let V be any preopen set of Y . Then $V \subseteq IntClV$ and $IntClV$ is a regular open set in Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(IntClV)$ is p_s -open set in X and hence we obtain that $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(IntClV) = P_s Int f^{-1}(IntClV)$.

Sufficiency. Let V be any regular open set of Y . Then V is a preopen set of Y . By hypothesis, we have $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(IntClV) = P_s Int f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X and hence by Theorem 2.8, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

We obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 2.15. *The following statements are equivalent for a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$:*

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq P_s Int f^{-1}(sClV)$ for each preopen set V of Y .
- (3) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(Cl Int F) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ for each preclosed set F of Y .
- (4) $P_s Cl f^{-1}(s Int F) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ for each preclosed set F of Y .

Corollary 2.16. *For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) For each neighborhood V of $f(x)$, $x \in P_s Int f^{-1}(sClV)$.
- (3) For each neighborhood V of $f(x)$, $x \in P_s Int f^{-1}(IntClV)$.

Proof. Follows from Theorem 2.14 and Corollary 2.15. \square

Theorem 2.17. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an almost p_s -continuous function and let V be any open subset of Y . If $x \in P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \setminus f^{-1}(V)$, then $f(x) \in P_s ClV$.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$ be such that $x \in P_s Cl f^{-1}(V) \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ and suppose $f(x) \notin P_s ClV$. Then there exists a p_s -open set H containing $f(x)$ such that $H \cap V = \phi$. Then $ClH \cap V = \phi$ implies $IntClH \cap V = \phi$ and $IntClH$ is a regular open set. Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.7, there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq IntClH$. Therefore, $f(U) \cap V = \phi$. However, since $x \in P_s Cl f^{-1}(V)$, $U \cap f^{-1}(V) \neq \phi$ for every p_s -open set U in X containing x , so that $f(U) \cap V \neq \phi$. We have a contradiction. It follows that $f(x) \in P_s ClV$. \square

Theorem 2.18. *If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost precontinuous. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (2) For each $x \in X$ and each open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a semi-closed set F in X containing x such that $f(F) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$.
- (3) For each $x \in X$ and each open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a semi-closed set F in X containing x such that $f(F) \subseteq s\text{Cl}V$.
- (4) For each $x \in X$ and each regular open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a semi-closed set F in X containing x such that $f(F) \subseteq V$.
- (5) For each $x \in X$ and each δ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a semi-closed set F in X containing x such that $f(F) \subseteq V$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. By (1), there exists a p_s -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. Since U is p_s -open set, so for each $x \in U$ there exists a semi-closed set F in X such that $x \in F \subseteq U$. Therefore, we have $f(F) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Obvious.

(3) \Rightarrow (4). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any regular open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then V is an open set of Y containing $f(x)$. By (3), there exists a semi-closed set F in X containing x such that $f(F) \subseteq s\text{Cl}V$. Since V is regular open and hence is preopen. Therefore, by Lemma 1.11(2), $f(F) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. Since V is regular open, then $f(F) \subseteq V$.

(4) \Rightarrow (5). Let $x \in X$ and let V be any δ -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then for each $f(x) \in V$, there exists an open set G containing $f(x)$ such that $G \subseteq \text{IntCl}G \subseteq V$. Since $\text{IntCl}G$ is a regular open set of Y containing $f(x)$, by (4), there exists a semi-closed set F in X containing x such that $f(F) \subseteq \text{IntCl}G \subseteq V$. This completes the proof.

(5) \Rightarrow (1). Let V be any δ -open set of Y . We have to show that $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Since f is almost precontinuous, by Proposition 1.14, $f^{-1}(V)$ is preopen set in X . Let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$, then $f(x) \in V$. By hypothesis, there exists a semi-closed set F of X containing x such that $f(F) \subseteq V$. Which implies that $x \in F \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Hence by Theorem 2.10, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 2.19. *A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost p_s -continuous if and only if $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_S)$ is p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Necessity. Let $H \in \sigma_S$, then H is a regular open set in (Y, σ) . Since $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(H)$ is p_s -open set in X . Therefore, $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_S)$ is p_s -continuous.

Sufficiency. Let G be any regular open set in (Y, σ) . Then $G \in \sigma_S$. Since $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_S)$ is p_s -continuous, by Definition 1.13, $f^{-1}(G)$ is p_s -open set in X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 2.20. *Let X be a locally indiscrete space. Then the function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost p_s -continuous if and only if $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_S)$ is continuous.*

Proof. Necessity. Let $H \in \sigma_S$, then H is a regular open set in (Y, σ) . Since $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(H)$ is p_s -open set in X . Since X is locally indiscrete space, by Proposition 1.7(4), $f^{-1}(H)$ is open set in X . Therefore, $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_S)$ is continuous.

Sufficiency. Let G be any regular open set in (Y, σ) . Then $G \in \sigma_S$. Since $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_S)$ is continuous, so $f^{-1}(G)$ is open set in X . Since X is locally indiscrete space, by Proposition 1.7(4), $f^{-1}(G)$ is p_s -open set in X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is almost p_s -continuous. \square

3. Properties and Comparisons

In this section, we give some properties of almost p_s -continuous functions and compare it with other types of continuous functions.

Proposition 3.1. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an almost p_s -continuous function. If A is either open or regular semi-open subset of X , then $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous in the subspace A .*

Proof. Let V be any regular open set of Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Since A is either open or regular semi-open subset of X . By Lemma 1.10(4), $(f|_A)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V) \cap A$ is a p_s -open subset of A . This shows that $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Corollary 3.2. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be almost p_s -continuous function. If A is regular open subset of X , then $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous in the subspace A .*

Proof. Follows from Proposition 3.1 \square

Theorem 3.3. *A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous. If for each $x \in X$, there exists a regular open set A of X containing x such that $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$, then by hypothesis, there exists a regular open set A containing x such that $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous. Let V be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a p_s -open set U in A containing x such that $(f|_A)(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. Since A is regular open, by Lemma 1.10(3), U is p_s -open set in X and hence $f(U) \subseteq \text{IntCl}V$. This shows that f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Corollary 3.4. *Let $\{U_\gamma : \gamma \in \Delta\}$ be a regular open cover of a topological space X . A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous if and only if $f|U_\gamma : U_\gamma \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous for each $\gamma \in \Delta$.*

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Corollary 3.2 and Theorem 3.3. \square

Theorem 3.5. *If $X = R \cup S$, where R and S are regular open sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function such that both $f|R$ and $f|S$ are almost p_s -continuous, then f is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let V be any regular open set of Y . Then $f^{-1}(V) = (f|R)^{-1}(V) \cup (f|S)^{-1}(V)$. Since $f|R$ and $f|S$ are almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $(f|R)^{-1}(V)$ and $(f|S)^{-1}(V)$ are p_s -open sets in R and S , respectively. Since R and S are regular open sets in X , then by Lemma 1.10(3), $(f|R)^{-1}(V)$ and $(f|S)^{-1}(V)$ are p_s -open sets in X . Since a union of two p_s -open sets is p_s -open, hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

In general, if $X = \cup\{K_\gamma : \gamma \in \Delta\}$, where each K_γ is a regular open set and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function such that $f|K_\gamma$ is almost p_s -continuous for each γ , then f is almost p_s -continuous.

Theorem 3.6. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be almost p_s -continuous and let A be either open or regular semi-open subset of X such that $f(A)$ is dense in Y . Then $f|A : A \rightarrow f(A)$ is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let O be a regular open set of $f(A)$. Then by Lemma 1.11(3), $O = f(A) \cap \text{Int}ClO$. Thus, $(f|A)^{-1}(O) = (f|A)^{-1}(f(A) \cap \text{Int}ClO) = (f|A)^{-1}(f(A)) \cap (f|A)^{-1}(\text{Int}ClO) = A \cap (f|A)^{-1}(\text{Int}ClO) = A \cap f^{-1}(\text{Int}ClO) = A \cap f^{-1}(O)$. Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(O) = f^{-1}(\text{Int}ClO)$ is p_s -open in X . Since A is either open or regular semi-open subset of X . Then by Lemma 1.10(4), $(f|A)^{-1}(O)$ is p_s -open set in the subspace A . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, $f|A : A \rightarrow f(A)$ is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.7. *Let $X = R_1 \cup R_2$, where R_1 and R_2 are regular open sets in X . Let $f : R_1 \rightarrow Y$ and $g : R_2 \rightarrow Y$ be almost p_s -continuous. If $f(x) = g(x)$ for each $x \in R_1 \cap R_2$. Then $h : R_1 \cup R_2 \rightarrow Y$ such that $h(x) = f(x)$ for $x \in R_1$ and $h(x) = g(x)$ for $x \in R_2$ is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let O be a regular open set of Y . Now $h^{-1}(O) = f^{-1}(O) \cup g^{-1}(O)$. Since f and g are almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(O)$ and $g^{-1}(O)$ are p_s -open set in R_1 and R_2 respectively. But R_1 and R_2 are both regular open sets in X . Then by Lemma 1.10(3), $f^{-1}(O)$ and $g^{-1}(O)$ are p_s -open sets in X . Since union of two p_s -open sets is p_s -open, so $h^{-1}(O)$ is a p_s -open set in X . Hence by Theorem 2.8, h is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.8. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be almost p_s -continuous surjection and A be an open subset of X . If f is an open function, then the function $g : A \rightarrow f(A)$, defined by $g(x) = f(x)$ for each $x \in A$, is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Suppose that $H = f(A)$. Let $x \in A$ and V be any open set in H containing $g(x)$. Since H is open in Y and V is open in H , so V is open in Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, hence there exists a p_s -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \text{Int}ClV$. Taking $W = U \cap A$, since A is either open or regular semi-open subset of X , by Lemma 1.10(3), W is a p_s -open set in A containing x and $g(W) \subseteq \text{Int}_Y Cl_Y V \cap H = \text{Int}_Y Cl_H V$. Then $g(W) \subseteq \text{Int}_H Cl_H V$. This shows that g is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.9. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be almost p_s -continuous. If Y is a preopen subset of Z , then $f : X \rightarrow Z$ is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let V be any regular open set of Z . Since Y is preopen, by Lemma 1.11(1), $V \cap Y$ is a regular open set in Y . Since $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $f^{-1}(V \cap Y)$ is a p_s -open set in X . But $f(x) \in Y$ for each $x \in X$. Thus $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V \cap Y)$ is a p_s -open set of X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, $f : X \rightarrow Z$ is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.10. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be functions. Then the composition function $gof : X \rightarrow Z$ is almost p_s -continuous if f and g satisfy one of the following conditions:*

- (1) f is p_s -continuous and g is almost continuous.
- (2) f is almost p_s -continuous and g is δ -continuous.
- (3) f is continuous and open and g is almost p_s -continuous.
- (4) f is almost p_s -continuous and g is continuous and open.

Proof. (1). Let W be any regular open subset of Z . Since g is almost continuous, so $g^{-1}(W)$ is open subset of Y . Since f is p_s -continuous, by Definition 1.13, $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$ is p_s -open subset in X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, gof is almost p_s -continuous.

(2). Let W be any δ -open subset of Z . Since g is δ -continuous, so $g^{-1}(W)$ is δ -open subset of Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.10, $(gof)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$ is p_s -open subset in X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.10, gof is almost p_s -continuous.

(3). Let W be any regular open subset of Z . Since g is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.8, $g^{-1}(W)$ is p_s -open subset of Y . Since f is continuous and open, by Theorem 1.16, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W)) = (gof)^{-1}(W)$ is a p_s -open set in X . Hence by Theorem 2.8, gof is almost p_s -continuous.

(4). Let $x \in X$ and W be an open set of Z containing $g(f(x))$. Since g is continuous, then $g^{-1}(W)$ is an open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since f is almost p_s -continuous, there exists a p_s -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq \text{Int}Clg^{-1}(W)$. Also, since g is continuous, then we obtain $(gof)(U) \subseteq g(\text{Int}g^{-1}(ClW))$. Since g is open, we obtain $(gof)(U) \subseteq \text{Int}ClW$. Therefore, gof is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.11. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ is super continuous functions. Then the composition function $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let W be any open subset of Z . Since g is super continuous, then $g^{-1}(W)$ is δ -open subset of Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.10, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(W) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(W))$ is p_s -open subset in X . Therefore, by Definition 1.13, $g \circ f$ is p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.12. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost p_s -continuous function and Y is semi-regular. Then f is p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and let V be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. By the semi-regularity of Y , there exists a regular open set G of Y such that $f(x) \in G \subseteq V$. Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Theorem 2.7, there exists a p_s -open set U of X containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq G \subseteq V$. Therefore, f is p_s -continuous. \square

Corollary 3.13. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and X is locally indiscrete space. Then f is almost p_s -continuous if and only if f is almost continuous.*

Proof. Follows from the definition and Proposition 1.7(4). \square

Corollary 3.14. *If X is a locally indiscrete space and Y is semi-regular space, then the following statements are equivalent for a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$:*

- (1) f is p_s -continuous.
- (2) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (3) f is almost continuous.
- (4) f is continuous.

Proof. Follows from Theorem 3.12, Corollary 3.13 and Proposition 1.7(4). \square

Corollary 3.15. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and X is s -regular space. If f is almost continuous, then f is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Proof. Follows from Proposition 1.7(5). \square

Corollary 3.16. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and X is semi- T_1 space. Then f is almost p_s -continuous if and only if f is almost precontinuous.*

Proof. Proof. Follows from Proposition 1.7(1). \square

Corollary 3.17. *If X is a semi- T_1 space and Y is semi-regular space, then the following statements are equivalent for a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$:*

- (1) f is p_s -continuous.
- (2) f is almost p_s -continuous.
- (3) f is almost precontinuous.
- (4) f is precontinuous.

Proof. Follows from Theorem 3.12, Corollary 3.16 and Proposition 1.7(1). \square

Theorem 3.18. *If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost strongly θ -continuous, then f is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let V be any regular open set of Y . Since f is almost strongly θ -continuous, so $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ -open set and hence it is p_s -open set. Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.19. *The following statements are equivalent for a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$:*

- (1) f is R -map.
- (2) f is almost p_s -continuous and either weakly θ -irresolute or weakly quasi-continuous.
- (3) f is almost continuous and either weakly θ -irresolute or weakly quasi-continuous.
- (4) f is almost α -continuous and either weakly θ -irresolute or weakly quasi-continuous.
- (5) f is almost precontinuous and either weakly θ -irresolute or weakly quasi-continuous.

Proof. Follows from their definitions and Proposition 1.9. \square

Theorem 3.20. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost θ_s -continuous and almost precontinuous, then f is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let V be a regular open set in Y . Since f is almost θ_s -continuous and almost precontinuous function, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is both θ -semi-open and preopen set in X . Therefore, $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Hence by Theorem 2.8, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.21. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and X be extremally disconnected space. If f is almost θ_s -continuous, then f is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let V be a regular open set in Y . Since f is almost θ_s -continuous, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is θ -semi-open set in X . Therefore, by Lemma 1.10, $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set in X . Hence by Theorem 2.8, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.22. *Let Y be an extremally disconnected space. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost precontinuous and either S -continuous or θ -irresolute function, then f is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let V be a regular open set in Y . Since f is almost precontinuous, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is preopen set of X . Since Y is extremally disconnected space, by Proposition 1.7(2), V is regular closed set of Y . Since f is either S -continuous or θ -irresolute, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is the union of regular closed sets of X and hence is the union of semi-closed sets of X . By Proposition 1.3, $f^{-1}(V)$ is p_s -open set of X . Therefore, by Theorem 2.8, f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Corollary 3.23. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be either S -continuous or θ -irresolute function and Y be an extremally disconnected space. Then f is almost p_s -continuous if and only if f is almost precontinuous.*

Theorem 3.24. *If Y is a hyperconnected space, then every function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous.*

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and V be any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since Y is a hyperconnected space, then $ClV = Y$ and hence $IntClV = Y$. Therefore, we have $f(U) \subseteq IntClV$, for any p_s -open set U in X . This shows that f is almost p_s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.25. *If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous and semi-open, then $f(P_sClV) \subseteq P_sClf(V)$ for each open set V of X .*

Proof. Let V be any open set of X . Since f is semi-open, then $f(V)$ is semi-open set in Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, then by Corollary 2.12, we obtain that $P_sClf^{-1}(f(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(P_sClf(V))$ which implies that $f(P_sClV) \subseteq P_sClf(V)$. \square

Corollary 3.26. *If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous and semi-open, then $P_sIntf(F) \subseteq f(P_sIntF)$ for each closed set F of X .*

Theorem 3.27. *If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is irresolute and preopen. Then f is almost p_s -continuous if and only if $P_sClf^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(P_sClV)$ for each semi-open set V of Y .*

Proof. Necessity. Let V be any semi-open set of Y . Since f is almost p_s -continuous, by Corollary 2.12, $P_sClf^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(P_sClV)$. Since V is semi-open set of Y , by Lemma 1.12, $P_sClV = ClV$ which implies that $f^{-1}(P_sClV) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClV)$. Since V is semi-open set of Y and f is preopen, by Theorem 1.17, we have $f^{-1}(P_sClV) \subseteq f^{-1}(ClV) \subseteq Clf^{-1}(V)$ and hence $f^{-1}(P_sClV) \subseteq Clf^{-1}(V)$. Since V is semi-open set of Y and f is irresolute, so $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi-open set in X . Then by Lemma 1.12, we obtain that $f^{-1}(P_sClV) \subseteq P_sClf^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, we have $P_sClf^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(P_sClV)$. Sufficiency. Follows from Theorem 2.12. \square

From the above theorem and Lemma 1.12 we obtain the following results:

Corollary 3.28. *If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous, irresolute and preopen, then $P_sIntf^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(P_sIntF)$ for each semi-closed set F of Y .*

Corollary 3.29. *If a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost p_s -continuous, irresolute and preopen, then $Clf^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(ClV)$ for each semi-open set V of Y .*

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