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# Soft I – Sets and Soft I – Continuity of Functions

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the notion of soft I - open sets and investigate some properties of soft I - openess. Additionally, we study soft I - continuous and soft I - open functions. Some characterizations and several properties concerning these functions are obtained.

**Keywords.** Soft sets, soft ideal, soft continuity, soft *I* – *continuouity* 

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Molodtsov [1] introduced soft set theory in 1999. Then Shabir and Naz [2] applied this theory to topological structure in 2011. They introduced and studied some concepts such as soft topological space, soft interior, soft closure and soft subspace etc. Kharal and Ahmad [3] defined the notion of soft mappings on soft classes. Then Aygünoğlu and Aygün [4] introduced soft continuity of soft mappings, soft product topology and studied soft compactness. Nazmul and Samanta [5] studied the neighbourhood properties in a soft topological space.

The topic of ideals in general topological spaces is treated in the classic text by Kuratowski [6]. This topic has an excellent potantial for applications in other branches of mathematics. The Cantor-Bendixson Theorem examplifies this potantial. This subject was continued to study by general topologists in recent years [6, 11, 15, 17]. In 1990, Jankovic and Hamlett [7] introduced another topology  $\tau^*(I)$  by using a given topology  $\tau$ , which satisfies  $\tau \subset \tau^*(I)$ . In 1952, Hashimoto [9,10] introduced the notion of ideal continuity. Then Jankovic and Hamlett [11] defined I-open set in ideal topological spaces. Later, Abd El-Monsef [12] studied I-continuity for functions. Then Hatır and Noiri [13] introduced the semi-I-open set and semi-I-continuity in 2002. Kale and Guler [8] gave the definition of soft ideal and studied the properties the soft ideal topological space. Moreover they introduced the notion of soft I - regularity and soft I - normality.

The purpose of this paper is to define soft I - open set and soft I - continuity of functions and investigate their basic properties.

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#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, X will be a nonempty initial universal set and A will be a set of parameters. Let P(X) denote the power set of X and S(X) denote the set of all soft sets over X.

**Definition 1.** [1] A pair (F, A) is called a soft set over X, where F is a mapping from A to P(X).

**Definition 2.** [19] Let  $(F_1, A)$  and  $(F_2, A)$  be soft sets over a common universe *X*. Then  $(F_1, A)$  is said to be a soft subset of  $(F_2, A)$  if  $F_1(\alpha) \subset F_2(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \in A$  and this relation is denoted by  $(F_1, A) \subset (F_2, A)$ . Also,  $(F_1, A)$  is said to be a soft equal to  $(F_2, A)$  if  $F_1(\alpha) = F_2(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \in A$  and this relation is denoted by  $(F_1, A) \subset (F_2, A)$ .

**Definition 3.** [20] A soft set (F, A) over X is said to be a null soft set if  $F(\alpha) = \emptyset$  for all  $\alpha \in A$  and this denoted by  $\widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Also, (F, A) is said to be an absolute soft set if  $F(\alpha) = X$ , for all  $\alpha \in A$  and this denoted by  $\widetilde{X}$ .

**Definition 4.** [21] The complement of a soft set (F, A) is defined as  $(F, A)^c = (F^c, A)$ , where  $F^c(\alpha) = (F(\alpha))^c = X - F(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \in A$ . Clearly, we have  $(\tilde{\emptyset})^c = \tilde{X}$  and  $(\tilde{X})^c = \tilde{\emptyset}$ .

**Definition 5.** [2] The difference of two soft sets  $(F_1, A)$  and  $(F_2, A)$  is defined by  $(F_1, A) - (F_2, A) = (F_1 - F_2, A)$ , where  $(F_1 - F_2)(\alpha) = F_1(\alpha) - F_2(\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \in A$ .

**Definition 6.** [22] Let { $(F_j, A): j \in J$ } be a nonempty family of soft sets over a common universe *X*. The intersection of these soft sets denoted by  $\bigcap_{j \in J}$ , is defined by  $\bigcap_{j \in J} (F_j, A) = \bigcap_{j \in J} (F_j, A)$ , where  $(\bigcap_{j \in J} F_j)(\alpha) = \bigcap_{j \in J} (F_j(\alpha))$ , for all  $\alpha \in A$ . The union of these soft sets denoted by  $\bigcup_{j \in J}$ , is defined by  $\bigcup_{j \in J} (F_j, A) = \bigcup_{j \in J} (F_j, A)$ , where  $(\bigcup_{j \in J} F_j)(\alpha) = \bigcup_{j \in J} (F_j(\alpha))$  for all  $\alpha \in A$ .

**Definition 7.** [5] A soft set (E, A) over X is said to be a soft element if  $\exists \alpha \in A, \beta \neq \alpha$  such that  $E(\alpha) = \{x\}$  and  $E(\beta) = \emptyset$ , for all  $\beta \in A$ . Such a soft element is denoted by  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$ . The soft element  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$  is said to be in the soft set (G, A) if  $x \in (G, A)$ , and denoted by  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in (G, A)$ .

**Definition 8.** [2] Let  $\tau$  be the collection of soft sets over X. Then  $\tau$  is said to be a soft topology on X if,

(i)  $\widetilde{\emptyset}, \widetilde{X} \in \tau$ 

(ii) the intersection of any two soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ 

(iii) the union of any number of soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

The triple  $(X, \tau, A)$  is called a soft topological space over X. The members of  $\tau$  are said to be  $\tau$ -soft open sets (simply, soft open set in X). A soft set over X is said to be soft closed in X if its complement belongs to  $\tau$ .

**Definition 9.** [2] Let Y be a nonempty subset of X, then  $\tilde{Y}$  denotes the soft set (Y, A) over X for which  $Y(\alpha) = Y$ , for all  $\alpha \in A$ .

**Definition 10.** [2] Let (F, A) be a soft set over *X* and *Y* be a nonempty subset of *X*. Then the sub soft set of (F, A) over *Y* denoted by  $({}^{Y}F, A)$  is defined as  ${}^{Y}F(\alpha) = Y \cap F(\alpha)$ , for each  $\alpha \in A$ . In other word  $({}^{Y}F, A) = \tilde{Y} \cap (F, A)$ .

**Definition 11.** [2] Let  $(X, \tau, A)$  be a soft topological space over X and Y be a nonempty subset of X. Then  $\tau_Y = \{{}^{Y}F, A\}: (F, A) \in \tau\}$  is said to be the soft relative topology on Y and  $(Y, \tau_Y, A)$  is called a sof subspace of  $(X, \tau, A)$ .

**Definition 12.** [2] Let  $(X, \tau, A)$  be a soft topological space over X and (F, A) be a soft set over X. The soft closure of (F, A) denoted by Cl(F, A) is the intersection of all closed soft super sets of (F, A). The soft interior of (F, A) denoted by Int(F, A) is the union of all open soft subsets of (F, A).

**Definition 13. [5]** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a soft topological space over X. A soft set (F, A) is said to be a neighbourhood of the soft set (H, A) if there exist a soft set  $(G, A) \in \tau$  such that  $(H, A) \cong (G, A) \cong (F, A)$ . If  $(H, A) = E_{\alpha}^{x}$ , then (F, A) is said to be a soft neighbourhood of the soft element  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$ . The soft neighbourhood system of soft element  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$ , denoted by  $N(E_{\alpha}^{x})$ , is the family of all its soft neighbourhood. The soft open neighbourhood system of soft element  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$ , denoted by  $V(E_{\alpha}^{x})$ , is the family of all its soft open neighbourhood.

**Lemma 1.** [5] A soft element  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in Cl(F, A)$  if and only if each soft neighbourhood of  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$  intersects (F, A).

**Definition 14. [23]** Let  $(X, \tau, A)$  be a soft topological space over X, (G, A) be a soft closed set in X and  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$  be a soft point such that  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \notin (G, A)$ . If there exist soft open sets  $(F_{1}, A)$  and  $(F_{2}, A)$  such that  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \notin (F_{1}, A)$ ,  $(G, A) \cong (F_{2}, A)$  and  $(F_{1}, A) \cap (F_{2}, A) = \emptyset$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is called a soft regular space.

**Definition 15.** [23] Let  $(X, \tau, A)$  be a soft topological space over X, and let  $(G_1, A)$  and  $(G_2, A)$  be two disjoint soft closed sets. If there exist two soft open sets  $(F_1, A)$  and  $(F_2, A)$  such that  $(G_1, A) \cong (F_1, A)$ ,  $(G_2, A) \cong (F_2, A)$  and  $(F_1, A) \cong (F_2, A) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is called a soft normal space.

**Definition 16.** [18] A soft ideal *I* is a nonempty collection of soft sets over *X* if

(i)  $(F, A) \in I$ ,  $(G, A) \subset (F, A)$  implies  $(G, A) \in I$ 

(ii)  $(F, A) \in I$ ,  $(G, A) \in I$  implies  $(F, A) \cup (G, A) \in I$ .

A soft topological space  $(X, \tau, A)$  with a soft ideal I called soft ideal topological space and denoted by  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ .

**Definition 17.** [18] Let (F, A) be a soft set in a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  and  $(.)^*$  be a soft operator from S(X) to S(X). Then the soft local mapping of (F, A) defined by  $(F, A)^*(I, \tau) = \{E_{\alpha}^x : (U, A) \cap (F, A) \notin I \text{ for every } (U, A) \in V(E_{\alpha}^x)$  denoted by  $(F, A)^*$  simply. Also, the soft set operator  $Cl^*$  is called a soft \*-closure and is defined as  $Cl^*(F, A)=(F, A) \cup (F, A)^*$  for a soft subset (F, A).

**Lemma 2.** [18] Let  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  be a soft ideal topological space and (F, A), (G, A) be two soft sets. Then;

(i)  $(F, A) \cong (G, A)$  implies  $(F, A)^* \cong (G, A)^*$  and  $(F, A) \widetilde{\cup} (G, A)^* = (F, A)^* \widetilde{\cup} (G, A)^*$ .

(ii)  $(F,A)^* \cong Cl(F,A)$  and  $((F,A)^*)^* \cong (F,A)^*$ .

(iii) (*F*, *A*) is soft open and (*F*, *A*)  $\widetilde{\cap}$  (*G*, *A*)  $\widetilde{\in}$  *I* implies (*F*, *A*)  $\widetilde{\cap}$  (*G*, *A*)\*=  $\widetilde{\emptyset}$ 

(iv)  $(F, A)^*$  is soft closed.

(v) If (F, A) is soft closed then  $(F, A)^* \cong (F, A)$ .

**Proposition 1.** [18] Let  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  be a soft ideal topological space and (F, A), (G, A) be two soft sets. Then;

(i)  $Cl^*(\widetilde{\emptyset}) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $Cl^*(\widetilde{X}) = \widetilde{X}$ .

(ii)  $(F, A) \cong Cl^*(F, A)$  and  $Cl^*(Cl^*(F, A)) = Cl^*(F, A)$ .

(iii) If  $(F, A) \cong (G, A)$  then  $Cl^*(F, A) \cong Cl^*(G, A)$ 

(iv)  $Cl^*(F, A) \widetilde{\cup} Cl^*(G, A) = Cl^*((F, A) \widetilde{\cup} (G, A)).$ 

**Definition 18.** Let  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  be a soft ideal topological space,  $(Y, \vartheta, B)$  be a soft topological space,  $P: A \to B$  and  $U: X \to Y$  be mappings. Then the mapping  $f_{PU}: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \vartheta, B)$  is defined as follows:

(i) The image of (F, A) a soft set of  $(X, \tau, A)$  under  $f_{PU}$  written as  $f_{PU}(F, A) = (f_{PU}(F), P(A))$ , is a soft set of  $(Y, \vartheta, B)$  such that

$$f_{PU}(F)(y) = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{x \in P^{-1}(Y) \cap A} U(F(x)), & \text{if } P^{-1}(y) \cap A \neq \emptyset \\ \emptyset, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $y \in B$ .

(ii) The inverse image of (G, B) a soft set under  $f_{PU}$  written as  $f_{PU}^{-1}(G, B) = (f_{PU}^{-1}(G), P^{-1}(B))$ , is a soft set of  $(X, \tau, A)$  such that

$$f_{PU}^{-1}(G)(x) = \begin{cases} U^{-1}(G(P(x))), P(x) \in B\\ \emptyset, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

# 3. SOFT I-OPEN SETS AND SOFT I-CLOSED SETS

**Definition 19.** A subset S of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  is said to be

(i)  $[15] I - open \text{ if } S \subset Int(S^*)$ 

(ii) [16]  $\alpha - I - open$  if  $S \subset Int(Cl^*(Int(S)))$ 

(iii) [17] pre - I - open if  $S \subset Int(Cl^*(S))$ .

(iv) [16] semi - I - open if  $S \subset Cl^*(Int(S))$ .

**Definition 20.** A soft subset (F, A) of an soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  is said soft I - open if  $(F, A) \cong Int(F, A)^*$ .

We denote by  $SIO(X, \tau, A, I) = \{(F, A): (F, A) \cong Int(F, A)^*\}$  the family of all soft I – open sets of a soft topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ .

**Remark 1.** It is clear that soft I - openness and soft openness are independent concepts.

**Example 1.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  given as follows:

$$X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\},\$$

 $\tau = \{ \widetilde{\emptyset}, \widetilde{X}, \{ (e_1, \{h_1\}) \}, \{ (e_2, \{h_2\}) \}, \{ (e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\}) \} \},\$ 

 $I = \{ \widetilde{\emptyset}, \{ (e_2, \{h_1\}) \} \}$ . Then  $(F, A) = \{ (e_1, \{h_2\}) \}$  is soft I - open set but is not soft open set.

**Example 2.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  given as follows:

 $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\widetilde{\emptyset}, \widetilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_3, \{h_3\})\}, \{(e_3, \{h_3\}$ 

 $I = \{ \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}, \{ (e_1, \{h_1\}) \} \}$ . Then  $(F, A) = \{ (e_1, \{h_2\}), (e_2, \{h_2\}) \}$  is soft open set but is not soft I - open set.

**Definition 21.** [25] A soft subset (F, A) of a soft topological space  $(X, \tau, A)$  is said soft pre-open if  $(F, A) \subset Int(Cl(F, A))$ .

**Remark 2.** Every soft I - open set is soft pre - open set but the converse is not true in general as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  given as follows:

$$X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, I = \{\emptyset\}.$$

Then  $(H, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_2\})\}$  is soft *pre - open* set but is not soft *I - open* set.

**Remark 3.** The intersection of two soft I - open sets need not be soft I - open as shown by the following example.

**Example 4.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  given as follows:

 $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, \qquad A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \qquad \tau = \{\widetilde{\emptyset}, \widetilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, \\ I = \{\widetilde{\emptyset}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}\}. \text{ Then } (F, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_1\})\} \text{ and } (G, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\} \text{ are two soft } I - open \text{ sets but } (F, A) \cap (G, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\} \text{ is not soft } I - open \text{ set.} \end{cases}$ 

**Theorem 1.** For any soft I – open set (F, A) of a space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ , we have  $(F, A)^* = (Int(F, A)^*)^*$ .

Proof Obvious.

**Definition 22.** A soft subset (F, A) of a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  is said to be soft I - closed if its complement is soft I - open.

By SIC(X,  $\tau$ , A, I) we denote the family of all soft I – closed sets of a soft topological space (X,  $\tau$ , A, I).

**Remark 4.** For soft subset (F, A) of a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ , we have  $\tilde{X} - (Int(F, A))^* \neq Int(\tilde{X} - (F, A))^*$ .

**Example 5.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  given as follows:

 $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\widetilde{\emptyset}, \widetilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_2, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_2\}), (e_2, \{h_1\})\}\}, I = \{\widetilde{\emptyset}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}.$  For a soft subset  $(F, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_2\})\},$  we have  $\widetilde{X} - (Int(F, A))^* = \widetilde{X}$  but  $Int(\widetilde{X} - (F, A))^* = \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}.$ 

**Theorem 2.** Let (F, A) be a soft subset of a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ . If (F, A) is soft I - closed set then  $(F, A) \cong (Int(F, A))^*$ .

**Proof** The proof is obvious from the definition of soft I - closed set and  $(F, A)^*$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let (F, A) be a soft subset of a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  and  $\tilde{X} - (Int(F, A))^* = Int(\tilde{X} - (F, A))^*$ . (F, A))\*. Then (F, A) is soft I - closed. Then (F, A) is soft I - closed set iff  $(F, A) \supseteq (Int(F, A))^*$ .

**Proof** Obvious.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  be a soft ideal topological space and (F, A), (G, A) be two soft set in X. Then,

(i) If  $\{(F_{\alpha}, A): \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is soft-I-open sets, then  $\sqcup \{(F_{\alpha}, A): \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is soft I - open set.

(ii) If  $(F, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  and  $(G, A) \in \tau$ , then  $(F, A) \cap (G, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$ .

(iii) If  $(F, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  and (G, A) is  $\alpha$ -open set then  $(F, A) \cap (G, A) \in SPO(X, \tau, A)$ .

**Proof** (i) Since  $\{(F_{\alpha}, A): \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is soft I - open sets, then  $(F_{\alpha}, A) \cong Int(F_{\alpha}, A)^*$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Thus  $\sqcup (F\alpha, A) \cong Int(F_{\alpha}, A)^* \cong Int(\sqcup (F_{\alpha}, A)^*) \cong Int(\sqcup (F_{\alpha}, A))^*$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ .

(ii) $(F,A) \cap (G,A) \subset Int(F_{\alpha},A)^* \cap (G,A) = Int(F_{\alpha},A)^* \cap (G,A)$ . Thus  $(F,A) \cap (G,A) \subset Int((F_{\alpha},A) \cap (G,A))^*$ .

(iii) Since  $(F, A)^*(I)$  is soft closed and  $(F, A)^*(I) \cong Cl(F, A)$ .

Corollary 1. The union of soft I - closed set and soft closed set is soft I - closed.

**Corollary 2.** The union of soft I - closed set and soft  $\alpha$ -closed set is soft pre - closed.

**Theorem 5.** If (F, A) is soft I – open and soft semi – closed set in soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ , then  $(F, A) = Int((F, A)^*)$ .

Proof Obvious.

**Theorem 6.** Let (F, A) is soft I - open set in X and (G, B) is soft I - open set in Y then  $(F, A) \times (G, B)$  is soft I - open set in  $X \times Y$  if  $(F, A)^* \times (G, B)^* = ((F, A) \times (G, B))^*$ , where  $X \times Y$  is the product space.

**Proof**  $(F,A) \times (G,B) \cong Int((F,A)^*) \times Int((G,B)^*) = Int((F,A)^* \times (G,B)^*) = Int(((F,A) \times (G,B))^*)$ . Thus  $(F,A) \times (G,B)$  is soft I – open set in  $X \times Y$ .

**Theorem 7.** If  $(F, A) \cong (G, A) \cong Cl(F, A)$  and (F, A) is soft I - open in X, then (G, A) is soft  $\beta - open$ .

Proof Obvious.

**Theorem 8.** Let (G, A) be a soft I – open set in a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ , then  $Cl(F, A) \cap (G, A) \subset ((F, A) \cap (G, A))^*$ , for every  $(F, A) \in SO(X, \tau, A)$ .

**Proof** Let  $(F,A) \in SO(X,\tau,A)$ , then Cl(F,A) = Cl(Int(F,A)). Since  $(G,A) \in SIO(X,\tau,A,I)$  then  $Cl(F,A) \cap (G,A) \subset Cl(Int(F,A)) \cap (Int(G,A)))^* \subset Cl(Int((F,A) \cap (G,A))^*) \subset Cl((F,A) \cap (G,A)^*) = ((F,A) \cap (G,A))^*$ .

**Theorem 9.** If  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  be a soft ideal topological space,  $(F, A) \in \tau$  and  $(G, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$ , then there exists an soft open set (H, A) of X such that  $(F, A) \cap (H, A) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , implies  $(F, A) \cap (G, A) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ .

**Proof** Since  $(G, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$ , then  $(G, A) \cong Int(G, A)^*$ . By taking  $(H, A) = Int(G, A)^*$  to be an soft open set such that  $(G, A) \cong (H, A)$ , but  $(F, A) \cap (H, A) = \emptyset$ , then  $(H, A) \cong \tilde{X} - (F, A)$  implies that  $Cl(H, A) \cong \tilde{X} - (F, A)$ . Hence  $(G, A) \cong \tilde{X} - (F, A)$  and  $(F, A) \cap (G, A) = \emptyset$ .

# 4. SOFT I -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

**Definition 23.** A function  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  is said to be soft I – *continuous* if  $f^{-1}(F, B)$  is soft I – *open* set in  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  for each soft open set (F, B) of  $(Y, \sigma, B)$ .

**Definition 24.** [25] A function  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  is said to be soft *pre continuous* if  $f^{-1}(F, B)$  is soft pre open set in  $(X, \tau, A)$  for each soft open set (F, B) of  $(Y, \sigma, B)$ .

**Remark 5.** It is obvious that soft *I* – *continuity* implies soft *pre continuity*. But these converse is not true in general.

**Example 6.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  and a soft topological space  $(Y, \vartheta, B)$  given as follows:  $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, I = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, B = \{k_1, k_2\}, \vartheta = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{Y}, \{(k_1, \{y_2\})\}\}$ . Also, let  $U: X \to Y, U(h_1) = y_2, U(h_2) = y_1, P: A \to B, P(e_1) = k_1, P(e_2) = k_2$ . Then the soft function  $f_{UP}: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \vartheta, B)$  is soft pre - continuous but is not soft I - continuous.

**Definition 25.** [25] A function  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  is said to be soft continuous if  $f^{-1}(F, B)$  is soft open set in  $(X, \tau, A)$  for each soft open set (F, B) of  $(Y, \sigma, B)$ .

**Remark 6.** The following two examples show that the concept of soft continuity and soft I – continuity are independent.

**Example 7.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  and a soft topological space  $(Y, \vartheta, B)$  given as follows:  $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, B = \{k_1, k_2\}, \vartheta = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{Y}, \{(k_1, \{y_2\})\}\}.$  Also, let  $U: X \to Y, U(h_1) = y_1, U(h_2) = y_2, P: A \to B, P(e_1) = k_1, P(e_2) = k_2$ . Then the soft function  $f_{UP}: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \vartheta, B)$  is soft I – continuous but is not soft continuous.

**Example 8.** Let a soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  and a soft topological space  $(Y, \vartheta, B)$  given as follows:  $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, B = \{k_1, k_2\}, \vartheta = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{Y}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}\}$ . Also, let  $U: X \to Y, U(h_1) = y_1, U(h_2) = y_2, P: A \to B, P(e_1) = k_1, P(e_2) = k_2$ . Then the soft function  $f_{UP}: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \vartheta, B)$  is soft *continuous* but is not soft I – *continuous*.

**Theorem 10.** For a function  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, B)$  the following are equivalent:

(i) f is soft I – continuous,

(ii) for each  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in (X, A)$  and each  $(V, B) \in \sigma$  containing  $f(E_{\alpha}^{x})$ , there exists  $(U, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  containing  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$  such that  $f(U, A) \subset (V, B)$ ,

(iii) For each  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in (X, A)$  and  $(V, B) \in \sigma$  containing  $f(E_{\alpha}^{x}), (f^{-1}(V, B))^{*}$  is a neighbourhood of  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$ .

**Proof** (i) $\Leftrightarrow$ (ii) Since  $(V, B) \in \sigma$  containing  $f(E^x_{\alpha})$ , then by (i)  $f^{-1}(V, B)$  is soft I – open in X. By taking  $(U, A) = f^{-1}(V, B)$  which containing  $f(E^x_{\alpha})$ , thus  $f(U, A) \in (V, B)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$ (iii) Since  $(V, B) \in \sigma$  containing  $f(E_{\alpha}^{x})$ , then by (ii) there exists  $(G, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  containing  $f(E_{\alpha}^{x})$ , such that  $f(G, A) \subset (V, B)$ . So,  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in (G, A) \subset Int((G, A)^{*}) \subset Int(f^{-1}(V, B))^{*} \subset (f^{-1}(V, B))^{*}$ . Hence  $(f^{-1}(V, B))^{*}$  is a neighbourhood of  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$ .

(iii)⇒(i) Obvious.

**Theorem 11.** For a function  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, B)$  the following are equivalent:

(i) f is soft I - continuous,

(ii) The inverse image of each soft closed set in Y is soft I - closed,

(iii)  $(Int(f^{-1}(G,B)))^* \cong f^{-1}((G,B)^*)$  for each \*-dense-in-itself soft subset (G,B) of Y,

(iv)  $f(Int((F, A)))^* \cong (f(F, A))^*$ , for each subset (F, A) of X, and for each \*-perfect soft subset of Y.

**Proof** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Let (F,B) be a soft closed set of Y, then  $\tilde{X} - (F,B)$  is soft open set, and by (i),  $f^{-1}(\tilde{Y} - (F,B)) = \tilde{X} - f^{-1}(F,B)$  is soft I - open. Thus  $f^{-1}(F,B)$  is soft I - closed.

(ii)⇒(iii) (G,B) be a soft subset of Y, since (G,B)\* is soft closed, then by (ii),  $f^{-1}((G,B)^*)$  is soft I - closed. Thus  $(Int(f^{-1}((G,B)^*)))^* \cong f^{-1}((G,B)^*)$ . Since (G,B) is \*-dense-in-itself soft subset, then  $(Int(f^{-1}(G,B)))^* \cong (Int(f^{-1}((G,B)^*)))^* \cong f^{-1}((G,B)^*)$ .

 $(iii)\Rightarrow(iv)$  Let (F,A) be a soft subset of X, and (G,B) = f(F,A), then by (iii),  $(Int(F,A))^* \subset (Int(f^{-1}(G,B)))^* \subset f^{-1}((G,B)^*)$ . Hence,  $f((Int(F,A))^*) \subset (G,B)^* = (f(F,A))^*$ .

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Let  $(G,B) \in \sigma$ ,  $(H,B) = \tilde{Y} - (G,B)$  and  $(F,A) = f^{-1}(H,B)$ , then  $f(F,A) \cong (H,B)$  and by (iv),  $f(Int((F,A)))^* \cong (f(F,A))^* \cong (H,B)$  (because (H,B) is \*-perfect). Thus,  $(Int(f^{-1}(H,B)))^* \cong (Int(F,A))^* \cong f^{-1}(H,B)$ , and therefore  $f^{-1}(H,B) = f^{-1}(\tilde{Y} - (G,B)) = \tilde{X} - f^{-1}(G,B)$  is soft I - closed. Hence  $f^{-1}(G,B)$  is soft I - open. Thus f is soft I - continuous.

**Theorem 12.** A soft function  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  is soft I - continuous if and only if the graph soft function  $g: X \to X \times Y$ , defined by  $g(E_{\alpha}^{x}) = (E_{\alpha}^{x}, f(E_{\alpha}^{x}))$ , for each  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in X$ , is soft I - continuous.

**Proof** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that *f* is soft *I* – *continuous*. Let  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in X$  and  $(W, A \times B)$  be any soft open set of  $X \times Y$  containing  $g(E_{\alpha}^{x}) = (E_{\alpha}^{x}, f(E_{\alpha}^{x}))$ . Then there exists a basic soft open set  $(U, A) \times (V, B)$  such that  $g(E_{\alpha}^{x}) = (E_{\alpha}^{x}, f(E_{\alpha}^{x})) \in (U, A) \times (V, B) \cong (W, A \times B)$ . Since *f* is soft *I* – *continuous*, there exists a soft *I* – *open* set  $(U_{0}, A_{0})$  of *X* containing  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$  such that  $f((U_{0}, A_{0})) \cong (V, B)$ . Since  $(U_{0}, A_{0}) \cap (U, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  and  $(U_{0}, A_{0}) \cap (U, A) \cong (U, A)$ , then  $g((U_{0}, A_{0}) \cap (U, A)) \cong (U, A) \times (V, B) \cong (W, A \times B)$ . This shows that *g* is soft *I* – *continuous*.

(⇐) Suppose that g is soft I - continuous. Let  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in X$  and (V, B) be any soft open set of Y containing  $f(E_{\alpha}^{x})$ . Then  $X \times (V, B)$  is open in  $X \times Y$ . Since g is soft I - continuous, there exists  $(U, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  containing  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$  such that  $g(U, A) \subset X \times (V, B)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(U, A) \subset (V, B)$ . This shows that f is soft I - continuous.

**Theorem 13.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  be a soft I – *continuous* function and  $(U, A) \in \tau$ . Then the restriction  $f|_{(U,A)}: ((U,A), \tau|_{(U,A)}, I|_{(U,A)}) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  is soft I – *continuous*.

**Proof** Let (*V*, *B*) be any soft open set of (*Y*, *σ*). Then  $f^{-1}(V, B) ~~$   $Int(f^{-1}(V, B))^*$  and so, (*U*, *A*) ~~ ∩  $f^{-1}(V, B) ~~$  (*U*, *A*) ~~  $Int(f^{-1}(V, B))^*$ . Thus  $(f |_{(U,A)})^{-1}(V, B) = (U, A) ~~$  ∩  $f^{-1}(V, B)$  ~~ (*U*, *A*) ~~  $Int(f^{-1}(V, B))^*$ , since (*U*, *A*) ~~ ~~ then  $(f |_{(U,A)})^{-1}(V, B) = Int((U, A) ~~$  ∩  $((f^{-1}(V, B)))^*)$  ~~ Int((U, A) ~~ ∩  $(f^{-1}(V, B)))^* = Int((f |_{(U,A)})^{-1}(V, B)^*$ . Thus we have that  $(f |_{(U,A)})^{-1}(V, B) ~~$  ∈  $SIO((U, A), τ |_{(U,A)})$ . This shows that  $f |_{(U,A)}$  is soft *I* – *continuous*.

**Theorem 14.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  be a soft I – *continuous* function and  $\{(U_{\alpha}, A): \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an soft open cover of X. If the restriction function  $f |_{(U,A)}: ((U,A), \tau |_{(U,A)}, I |_{(U,A)}) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  is soft I – *continuous* for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then f is soft I – *continuous*.

Proof The proof is similar to previous theorem.

**Theorem 15.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, B)$  be a soft I - continuous function and soft open function, then the inverse image of each soft I - open set in Y is soft preopen in X.

Proof Obvious.

**Theorem 16.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  be a soft I – *continuous* function and  $(f^{-1}(V, B)^*) \cong (f^{-1}(V, B))^*$  for each soft subset (V, B) of Y. Then the inverse image of each I – *open* set is soft I – *open*.

Proof Obvious.

**Remark 7.** The composition of two soft I – *continuous* function need not to be soft I – *continuous*, in general, as shown by the following example.

**Example 9.**  $X = Y = Z = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = B = C = \{e_1, e_2\}, \sigma = \{\widetilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_2\})\}\}, \vartheta = \{\widetilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{Y}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, \tau = \{\widetilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{X}\} J = \{\widetilde{\varphi}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}, \{(e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, I = \{\widetilde{\varphi}, \{(e_1, \{h_2\})\}\}.$  Let U be a identify function from X to X and let P be a identify function from A to A. Then the soft functions  $f_{UP}: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \vartheta, B)$  and  $g_{UP}: (Y, \vartheta, B, J) \to (Z, \sigma, C)$  are soft I – *continuous* but  $gof: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Z, \sigma, C)$  which the composition of f and g is not soft I – *continuous*.

**Theorem 17.** For soft functions  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B, J)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma, B, J) \to (Z, \eta, C)$  the following are hold:

(i) if f is soft I – continuous and g is soft continuous then gof is soft I – continuous.

(ii) if f is soft I – irresolute and g is soft I – continuous then gof is soft I – continuous.

**Proof** (i) Let (H, C) be a soft open subset of Z. Since g is soft continuous then  $g^{-1}(H, C)$  is soft open in Y. Since f is soft I - continuous then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(H, C)) = (gof)^{-1}$  is soft I - open in X. Thus gof is soft I - continuous.

(ii) Let (H, C) be a soft open subset of Z. Since g is soft I - continuous then  $g^{-1}(H, C)$  is soft I - open set in Y. Since f is soft I - irresolute then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(H, C)) = (gof)^{-1}$  is soft I - open in X. Thus gof is soft I - continuous.

**Lemma 3.** For any soft function  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, B), f(I)$  is an soft ideal on Y.

**Proof** i. Let  $f(F,A) \in f(I)$  and  $f(G,A) \cong f(F,A)$ . Then  $(F,A) \in I$  and  $(G,A) \cong (F,A)$ . Since I is soft ideal then  $(G,A) \in I$ . Thus  $f(G,A) \in f(I)$ .

ii. Let  $f(F,A) \in f(I)$  and  $f(G,A) \in f(I)$ . Then  $(F,A) \in I$  and  $(G,A) \in I$ . Since I is soft ideal then  $(F,A) \widetilde{\cup} (G,A) \in I$ . Thus  $f((F,A) \widetilde{\cup} (G,A)) = f(F,A) \widetilde{\cup} f(G,A) \in f(I)$ . Therefore f(I) is soft ideal.

**Definition 26.** An soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  is said to be soft I - compact if for every soft *open* cover  $\{(W_i, A_i): i \in \Delta\}$  of X, there exists a finite subset  $\Delta_0$  of  $\Delta$  such that  $\tilde{X} - \sqcup \{(W_i, A_i): i \in \Delta_0\} \in I$ .

**Theorem 18** The image of a soft I – compact space under a I – continuous surjective function is f(I) – compact.

**Proof** Let  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  be a soft I – *continuous* surjection function and  $\{(W_i, A_i): i \in \Delta\}$  an open cover of Y. Then  $f^{-1}\{(W_i, A_i): i \in \Delta\}$  is I – *open* cover of X. By the hypothesis, there exists a finite subset  $\Delta_0$  of  $\Delta$  such that  $\tilde{X} - \sqcup \{f^{-1}(W_i, A_i): i \in \Delta_0\} \in I$ . Therefore,  $f(\tilde{X} - \sqcup \{f^{-1}(W_i, A_i): i \in \Delta_0\}) = \tilde{Y} - \sqcup \{(W_i, A_i): i \in \Delta_0\} \in f(I)$  which shows that is f(I)-compact.

## 5. SOFT I – Open AND SOFT I – Closed FUNCTIONS

**Definition 27.** A soft function  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B, J)$  is called soft I - open if  $f(U, A) \in SIO(Y, \sigma, J)$  for each soft open set (U, A) in X.

**Definition 28** A soft function  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B, J)$  is called soft I - closed if  $f(U, A) \in SIC(Y, \sigma, J)$  for each soft closed set (U, A) in X.

**Definition 29** [24] A soft function  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B)$  is called soft *open*(resp. *closed*) if  $f(U, A) \in SO(Y, \sigma, B)$  (resp.  $f(U, A) \in SC(Y, \sigma, B)$ ) for each soft *open*(*resp. soft closed*) set (U, A) in X.

**Remark 8.** (1) Every soft I - open (resp. I - closed) function is soft pre - open (resp. pre - closed) and the converse is not true in general as shown by the following examples.

(2) Soft I - open function and soft open function are independent as shown by the following example.

**Example 10.** Let a soft topological space  $(X, \tau, A)$  and a soft ideal topological space  $(Y, \vartheta, B, J)$  given as follows:  $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, B = \{k_1, k_2\}, \vartheta = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{Y}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}\}, J = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\})\}, \{(k_2, \{y_2\})\}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}\}$ . Also, let  $U: X \to Y, U(h_1) = y_1, U(h_2) = y_2, P: A \to B, P(e_1) = k_1, P(e_2) = k_2$ . Then the soft function  $f_{UP}: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \vartheta, B, J)$  is soft pre - open but is not soft I - open.

**Example 11.** Let two soft topological space  $(X, \tau, A)$  and a soft ideal topological space  $(Y, \vartheta, B, J)$  given as follows:  $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_2\})\}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, B = \{k_1, k_2\},$  $\vartheta = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{Y}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}\}, J = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\})\}, \{(k_2, \{y_2\})\}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}\}.$  Also, let  $U: X \to Y, U(h_1) = y_1, U(h_2) = y_2, P: A \to B, P(e_1) = k_1, P(e_2) = k_2.$  Then the soft function  $f_{UP}: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \vartheta, B, J)$  is soft I – open but is not soft open.

**Example 12.** Let a soft topological space  $(X, \tau, A)$  and a soft ideal topological space  $(Y, \vartheta, B, J)$  given as follows:  $X = \{h_1, h_2\}, A = \{e_1, e_2\}, \tau = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, B = \{k_1, k_2\}, \vartheta = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{Y}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}\}, I = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\})\}, \{(k_2, \{y_2\})\}, \{(k_1, \{y_1\}), (k_2, \{y_2\})\}\}$ . Also, let  $U: X \to Y, U(h_1) = y_1, U(h_2) = y_2, P: A \to B, P(e_1) = k_1, P(e_2) = k_2$ . Then the soft function  $f_{UP}: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \vartheta, B, J)$  is soft open but is not soft I - open.

**Theorem 19.** A soft function  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B, J)$  is I - open function if and only if for each  $E_{\alpha}^{X} \in X$  and each soft neighborhood (U, A) of  $E_{\alpha}^{X}$ , there exists  $(V, B) \in SIO(Y, \sigma, B)$  containing  $f(E_{\alpha}^{X})$  such that  $(V, B) \subset f(U, A)$ .

**Proof** Suppose that f is a soft I - open function. For each  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in X$  and each soft neighborhood (U, A) of  $E_{\alpha}^{x}$ , there exists  $(U_{0}, A_{0}) \in \tau$  such that  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in (U_{0}, A_{0}) \subset (U, A)$ . Since f is soft I - open,  $(V, B) = f((U_{0}, A_{0})) \in SIO(Y, \sigma, B)$  and  $f(E_{\alpha}^{x}) \in (V, B) \subset f(U, A)$ .

Conversely, let (U, A) be an soft open set of  $(X, \tau, A, I)$ . For each  $E_{\alpha}^{x} \in (U, A)$ , there exists  $(V, B) \in SIO(Y, \sigma, B)$  such that  $f(E_{\alpha}^{x}) \in (V, B) \subset f(U, A)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(U, A) = \sqcup \{(V, B): E_{\alpha}^{x} \in (U, A)\}$  and  $f(U, A) \in SIO(Y, \sigma, B)$ . This shows that f is soft I – open function.

**Theorem 20.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B, J)$  be a soft I - open (resp. soft I - closed) function, (W, A) any soft subset of Y and (F, A) a soft closed (resp. soft open) subset of X containing  $f^{-1}(W, A)$ , then there exists a soft I - closed (soft I - open) subset (H, A) of Y containing (W, A) such that  $f^{-1}(H, A) \cong (F, A)$ .

**Proof** Suppose that f is a soft I - open function. Let (W, A) be any soft subset of Y and (F, A) a soft closed subset of X containing  $f^{-1}(W, A)$ . Then  $\tilde{X} - (F, A)$  is soft open and since f is soft I - open,  $f(\tilde{X} - (F, A))$  is soft I - open. Hence  $(H, A) = \tilde{Y} - f(\tilde{X} - (F, A))$  is soft I - closed. It follows from  $f^{-1}(W, A) \subset (F, A)$  that  $(W, A) \subset (H, A)$ . Moreover, we obtain  $f^{-1}(H, A) \subset (F, A)$ . For a soft I - closed function, we can prove similarly.

**Theorem 21.** For any soft bijective function  $f: (X, \tau, A) \to (Y, \sigma, B, J)$  the following are equivalent:

(i)  $f^{-1}: (Y, \sigma, B, J) \to (X, \tau, A)$  is soft I – continuous,

- (ii) f is soft I open,
- (iii) f is soft I closed.

**Proof** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Let (F, A) be a soft open subset in X. Since  $f^{-1}$  is soft I - continuous, then  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(F, A) = f(F, A)$  is soft I - open in Y. Then f is soft I - open.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) Let (F, A) be a soft closed subset in X, then X - (F, A) is soft open set and since f is soft I - open function, then  $f(\tilde{X} - (F, A)) = \tilde{X} - f(F, A)$  is soft closed set, then f(F, A) is soft open set. Thus f is soft I - closed.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Let (F, A) be s soft open subset in X. Then  $\tilde{X} - f(F, A)$  is soft closed set, and since f is soft I - closed, then  $f(\tilde{X} - (F, A)) = \tilde{X} - f(F, A)$  soft I - closed. Thus  $f(F, A) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(F, A)$  is soft I-open. Therefore  $f^{-1}$  is soft I - continuous.

**Theorem 22.** If  $f: (X, \tau, A, I) \to (Y, \sigma, B, J)$  is soft open function and  $g: (Y, \sigma, B, J) \to (Z, \eta, C, K)$  is soft I - open function then gof is soft I - open function.

Proof Obvious.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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