

ON STRONGER FORMS OF SEMI #GENERALIZED  $\alpha$  – IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce some stronger forms of semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions namely strongly semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions, strongly \*semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions and almost semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions in topological spaces. We discuss some properties and characterizations of these functions. Moreover we examine the relationships of these functions with the other existing functions.

**Key words:** semi # $g\alpha$ -closed set, semi # $g\alpha$ -open set, semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions, strongly semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions, strongly \*semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions and almost semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions.

1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of strongly  $\alpha$ -irresolute functions was introduced by G. Lo Fara [10] in 1987. Later in 2003, Y. Beceren [3] introduced the notions of almost  $\alpha$ -irresolute functions and  $\beta$ -preirresolute functions. R.Devi *et.al.* [5] introduced and investigated the notions of new classes of functions namely strongly  $g^\# \alpha$ -irresolute functions, strongly semi  $g^\# \alpha$ -irresolute functions and almost  $g^\# \alpha$ -irresolute functions.

In this paper we introduce some stronger forms of semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions namely strongly semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions, strongly \*semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions and almost semi # $g\alpha$ -irresolute functions in topological spaces. We discuss some properties and characterizations of these functions. Moreover we examine the relationships of these functions with the other existing functions. Throughout this paper X and Y denote the topological spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of X its closure and interior are denoted by  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  respectively.

2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1:** A subset A of X is said to be

- (i) semi-open [8] (resp.  $\alpha$ -open [15],  $\beta$ -open [1]) if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$ ,  $A \subseteq cl(int(cl(A)))$ ).
- (ii) generalized closed (briefly g-closed) set [9] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X. The complement of the g-closed set is called a g-open set.
- (iii)  $g^\# \alpha$ -closed [16] if  $acl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is g-open in X. The complement of the  $g^\# \alpha$ -closed set is called a  $g^\# \alpha$ -open set.
- (iv) # $g\alpha$ -closed [4] if  $acl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $g^\# \alpha$ -open in X. The complement of the # $g\alpha$ -closed set is called a # $g\alpha$ -open set.
- (v) semi # $g\alpha$ -closed [7] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is # $g\alpha$ -open in X. The complement of the semi # $g\alpha$ -closed set is called a semi # $g\alpha$ -open set.
- (vi)  $g\alpha$ -closed [12] if  $acl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\alpha$ -open in X. The complement of the  $g\alpha$ -closed set is called a  $g\alpha$ -open set.
- (vii) \* $g\alpha$ -closed [20] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $g\alpha$ -open in X. The complement of the \* $g\alpha$ -closed set is called a \* $g\alpha$ -open set.
- (viii)  $\alpha g$ -closed [11] if  $acl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X. The complement of the  $\alpha g$ -closed set is called a  $\alpha g$ -open set.
- (ix)  $g^\#$ -closed [20] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\alpha g$ -open in X. The complement of the  $g^\#$ -closed set is called a  $g^\#$ -open set.
- (x) gs-closed [2] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X. The complement of the gs-closed set is called a gs-open set.

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- (xi) strongly  $g^*s$ -closed [17] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $gs$ -open in  $X$ . The complement of the strongly  $g^*s$ -closed set is called a strongly  $g^*s$ -open set.
- (xii)  $gsp$ -closed [6] if  $spcl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ . The complement of the  $gsp$ -closed set is called a  $gsp$ -open set.

**Definition 2.2:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (i)  $^*g\alpha$ -continuous [20] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (ii)  $g^{\#}$ -continuous [19] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^{\#}$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (iii) strongly  $g^*s$ -continuous [18] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is strongly  $g^*s$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (iv)  $gs$ -continuous [2] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gs$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (v)  $gsp$ -continuous [6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gsp$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (vi) semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -continuous [7] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.3:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute [7] (resp.  $\alpha$ -irresolute [13],  $\beta$ -irresolute [14]) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -closed (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed,  $\beta$ -closed) in  $(X, \tau)$  for every semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -closed set  $V$  (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed,  $\beta$ -closed) of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.4:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be strongly  $\alpha$ -irresolute [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.5:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be almost  $\alpha$ -irresolute [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

### 3. STRONGLY SEMI<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS

**Definition 3.1:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  for every semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function then it is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  and hence it is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open. Therefore  $f$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

The Converse of the above theorem need not be true by the following example.

**Example 3.3:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ .

Semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

Semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

Here  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute. But  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ , not open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is not strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.4:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function then it is continuous (resp.  $\alpha$ -continuous, semi continuous,  $\beta$ -continuous).

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$  and hence it is a semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  (and hence it is  $\alpha$ -open, semi open and  $\beta$ -open respectively). Therefore  $f$  is continuous (resp.  $\alpha$ -continuous, semi continuous,  $\beta$ -continuous).

The following example shows that the converse of the above theorem need not be true.

**Example 3.5:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ .

$\alpha$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) =$  Semi-open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \beta$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$

Semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Here  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open (resp.  $\alpha$ -open, semi open and  $\beta$ -open) in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

Hence  $f$  is continuous (resp.  $\alpha$ -continuous, semi continuous,  $\beta$ -continuous). But  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ , not open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is not strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.6:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function then it is  $*g\alpha$ -continuous (resp.  $g^{\#}$ -continuous, strongly  $g^{\#}$ s-continuous,  $gs$ -continuous,  $gsp$ -continuous).

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$  and hence it is a semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  and hence it is  $*g\alpha$ -open (resp.  $g^{\#}$ -open, strongly  $g^{\#}$ s-open,  $gs$ -open,  $gsp$ -open). Therefore  $f$  is  $*g\alpha$ -continuous (resp.  $g^{\#}$ -continuous, strongly  $g^{\#}$ s-continuous,  $gs$ -continuous,  $gsp$ -continuous).

The Converse of the above theorem need not be true by the following example.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ .  
 $*g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = g^{\#}$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Strongly  $g^{\#}$ s-open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .  
 $gs$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = gsp$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .  
 Semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$

Here  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $*g\alpha$ -open (resp.  $g^{\#}$ -open, strongly  $g^{\#}$ s-open,  $gs$ -open,  $gsp$ -open) in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is  $*g\alpha$ -continuous (resp.  $g^{\#}$ -continuous, strongly  $g^{\#}$ s-continuous,  $gs$ -continuous,  $gsp$ -continuous). But  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ , not open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is not strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.8:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function then it is strongly  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be  $\alpha$ -open in  $Y$  and hence it is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open. Since  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is strongly  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

The reverse implication need not be true which can be seen from the following example.

**Example 3.9:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ .  
 $\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$

Here  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  for every  $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is strongly  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

But  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ , not open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is not strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.10:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function then for each  $x \in X$  and each semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  there exists an open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  and contains  $x$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(V)$  then  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any two functions, then their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is

- (i) strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute
- (ii) semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -continuous and  $g$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof:**

- (i) Let  $V$  be a semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open subset of  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is open in  $X$  and hence  $g \circ f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.
- (ii) Let  $V$  be a semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open subset of  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -continuous,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

#### 4. STRONGLY \*SEMI<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS

**Definition 4.1:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi open in  $X$  for every semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 4.2:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a strongly semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute function then it is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is strongly semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute function,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  and hence it is semi open in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute.

The Converse of the above theorem need not be true by the following example.

**Example 4.3:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ .

Semi-open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

Semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

Here  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open in  $X$  for every semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute. But  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$  is semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ , not open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is not strongly semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.4:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any two functions, then their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f$  is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g$  is semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** It is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.11.

**Theorem 4.5:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $f$  is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute.
- (ii) For each  $x \in X$  and each semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  there exists a semi open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .
- (iii)  $f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(V)))$  for every semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (iv)  $f^{-1}(M)$  is semi-closed in  $X$  for every semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -closed set  $M$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:**

**(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii):** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi open in  $X$  and contains  $x$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ . Thus there exists a semi open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii):** Let  $V$  be any semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . i.e.,  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . By (ii), there exists a semi open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . Thus we have  $x \in U \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(U)) \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(V)))$  and hence  $f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(V)))$ .

**(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv):** Let  $M$  be any semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -closed subset of  $Y$ . Let  $V = Y \setminus M$ . Then  $V$  is semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ . By (iii), we have  $f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(V)))$  and hence  $f^{-1}(M) = X \setminus f^{-1}(Y \setminus M) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-closed in  $X$ .

**(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i):** Let  $M$  be any semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open subset of  $Y$ . Let  $V = Y \setminus M$ . Then  $V$  is semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -closed in  $Y$ . By (iv), we have  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-closed. Then  $f^{-1}(M) = X \setminus f^{-1}(Y \setminus M) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is strongly \*semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute.

#### 5. ALMOST SEMI<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS

**Definition 5.1:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be almost semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$  for every semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 5.2:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is almost semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute function then it is  $\beta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$  and hence it is a semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost semi<sup>#</sup>g $\alpha$ -irresolute function,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\beta$ -continuous.

The following example shows that the converse of the above theorem need not be true.

**Example 5.3:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ .

$\beta$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

Semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Here  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\beta$ -continuous. But  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ , not  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is not almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 5.4:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute function then it is almost  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be  $\alpha$ -open in  $Y$  and hence it is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open. Since  $f$  is almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is almost  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

The reverse implication need not be true which can be seen from the following example.

**Example 5.5:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ .

$\beta$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

$\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open sets in  $(Y, \sigma) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Here  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$  for every  $\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is almost  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

But  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open in  $Y$ , not  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ . Thus  $f$  is not almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 5.6:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any two functions, then their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is

- (i) almost  $\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f$  is almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $\alpha$ -irresolute
- (ii) almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute if  $f$  is  $\beta$ -irresolute and  $g$  is almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** The Proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.11.

**Theorem 5.7:** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $f$  is almost semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -irresolute.
- (ii) For each  $x \in X$  and each semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  there exists a  $\beta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .
- (iii)  $f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(f^{-1}(V)))$  for every semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (iv)  $f^{-1}(M)$  is  $\beta$ -closed in  $X$  for every semi<sup>#</sup> $g\alpha$ -closed set  $M$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:** It is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.5.

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