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#### A VIEW ON SOFT $\alpha B$ -CONTINUITY ON SOFT TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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## **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, the concept of soft  $\alpha B$ -open set is introduced. In this connection, the interrelations among the sets are established. Also the interrelation among soft  $\alpha B$ -continuity is discussed and counter examples are provided wherever necessary.

**Keywords:** Soft  $\alpha B$ -open sets, Soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous functions.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1999, Molodtsov [1] introduced the concept of soft sets with adequate parametrization for dealing with uncertainties. Later Muhammad Shabir and Munazza Naz [2] introduced the concept of soft topological spaces which are defined over an initial universe with a fixed set of parameters. Naime Tozlu and Saziye yüksel [3, 4] introduced the concepts of soft A-sets, soft B-sets and soft C-sets. In this paper, the concept of soft  $\alpha$ B-open set is introduced. In this connection, the interrelations among the sets are established. Also the interrelations among soft  $\alpha$ B-continuity are discussed and counter examples are provided wherever necessary.

#### 2. PRELIMININARIES

Let U be an initial universe set and E be a set of parameters. Let P(U) denote the power set of U, and let  $A \subseteq E$ .

**Definition 2.1:** [1] A pair (F, A) is called a soft set over U, where F is a mapping given by F:  $A \rightarrow P(U)$ . In other words, a soft set over U is a parameterized family of subsets of the universe U. For a particular  $e \in A$ , F(e) may be considered the set of e-approximate elements of the soft set (F, A).

**Definition 2.2:.** [5] For two soft sets (F, A) and (G, B) over a common universe U,

- (i) (F, A) is a soft subset of (G, B), denoted by  $(F, A) \sqsubseteq (G, B)$ , if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $\forall e \in A$ ,  $F(e) \subseteq G(e)$ .
- (ii) (F, A) is said to be a soft superset of (G, B), if (G, B) is a soft subset of (F, A), denoted by (F, A)  $\supseteq$  (G, B).

**Definition 2.3:** [5] Two soft sets (F, A) and (G, B) over a common universe U are said to be soft equal if (F, A) is a soft subset of (G, B) and (G, B) is a soft subset of (F, A).

**Definition 2.4:** [5] A soft set (F, A) over U is said to be a null soft set, denoted by  $\Phi$ , if  $\forall$  e  $\in$  A, F(e) =  $\varphi$ .

**Definition 2.5:** [5] A soft set (F, A) over U is said to be an absolute soft set, denoted by  $\widetilde{U}$ , if  $\forall$  e  $\in$  A, F(e) = U.

**Definition 2.6:** [5] The union of two soft sets (F, A) and (G, B) over the common universe U is the soft set (H, C), where  $C = A \cup B$  and for all  $\forall e \in C$ ,

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$$H(e) = \begin{cases} F(e), & \text{if } e \in A - B, \\ G(e), & \text{if } e \in B - A, \\ F(e) \cup G(e), & \text{if } e \in A \cup B, \end{cases}$$

This relationship is written as  $(F,A) \sqcup (G,B) = (H,C)$ .

**Definition 2.7:** [5] The intersection of two soft sets (F,A) and (G,B) over the common universe U is the soft set (H,C), where  $C = A \cap B$  and  $\forall e \in C$ ,  $H(e) = F(e) \cap G(e)$ . This relationship is written as  $(F,A) \cap (G,B) = (H,C)$ .

**Definition 2.8:** [5] The complement of a soft set (F,A) denoted by (F,A)' and is defined by (F,A)' = (F',A), where  $F' : A \rightarrow P(U)$  is a mapping given by F'(e) = U - F(e),  $\forall e \in A$ . F' is called the soft complement function of F. Clearly, (F')' is the same as F and ((F,A)')' = (F,A).

**Definition 2.9:** [5] Let  $\tau$  be the collection of soft sets over X, then  $\tau$  is said to be a soft topology on X if

- (i)  $\Phi, \widetilde{X}$  belong to  $\tau$ ,
- (ii) the union of any number of soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ ,
- (iii) the intersection of any two soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

The triplet  $(X, \tau, E)$  is called a soft topological space over X. Every member of  $\tau$  are said to be soft open sets in X. A soft set (F,E) over X is said to be a soft closed set in X, if its relative complement (F,E)' belongs to  $\tau$ .

**Example 2.1:** [4] Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$  Let  $F_1, F_2, ..., F_{11}$  be a mapping from E to P(X) defined by,

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(F_1,\,E)=\{(e_1,\,\{x_1\}),\,(e_2,\,\{x_1\})\},
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 $(F_2, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_2\}), (e_2, \{x_2\})\},\$ 

 $(F_3, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2\}), (e_2, \{x_1, x_2\})\},\$ 

 $(F_4, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}), (e_2, \{x_1, x_3\})\}$ 

 $(F_5, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2, x_4\}), (e_2, \{x_1, x_2, x_3\})\}$ 

 $(F_6, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_2\}), (e_2, \Phi)\},\$ 

 $(F_7, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2\}), (e_2, \{x_1\})\},\$ 

 $(F_8, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}), (e_2, \{x_1, x_2, x_3\})\},\$ 

 $(F_9, E) = \{(e_1, \{X\}), (e_2, \{x_1, x_2, x_3\})\}$ 

 $(F_{10}, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2\}), (e_2, \{x_1, x_2, x_3\})\}$ 

 $(F_{11}, E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2\}), (e_2, \{x_1, x_3\})\}$ 

Then  $\tau = {\Phi, \widetilde{X}, (F_1, E), (F_2, E), ..., (F_{11}, E)}$  is a soft topological space over X.

**Definition 2.10:** [5] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space over X and (F, E) be a soft set over X. Then,

- (i) the soft closure of (F,E) is the soft set  $scl(F,E) = \prod \{ (G,E)/(G,E) \text{ is soft closed and } (F,E) \sqsubseteq (G,E) \}$ .
- (ii) the soft interior of (F,E) is the soft set  $sint(F,E) = \prod \{ (H,E)/(H,E) \text{ is soft open and } (H,E) \sqsubseteq (F,E) \}.$

**Definition 2.11:** [3] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space. A soft set (F,E) is called soft  $\alpha$ -open set in X, if  $(F,E) \sqsubseteq \text{sint}(\text{scl}(\text{sint}(F,E)))$ .

**Definition 2.12:** [3] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space. A soft set (F, E) is called

- (i) soft t-open set in X, if sint(scl(F,E)) = sint(F,E).
- (ii) soft t-closed set in X, if scl(sint(F,E)) = scl(F,E).

**Definition 2.13:** [3] Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a soft topological space. A soft set (F,E) is called soft B-open(closed) set in X, if (F,A)=(G,E)  $\sqcap$  (H,E), where (G,E) is a soft open(closed) set and (H,E) is a soft t-open (closed) set.

**Definition 2.14:** [3] Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a soft topological space over X and (F,E) be a soft set over X. Then,

- (i) the soft B-closure of (F,E) is the soft set  $sBcl(F,E) = \prod \{ (G,E)/(G,E) \text{ is soft B-closed and } (F,E) \sqsubseteq (G,E) \}$ .
- (ii) the soft B-interior of (F,E) is the soft set  $sBint(F,E) = \prod \{(H,E)/(H,E) \text{ is soft B-open and } (H,E) \sqsubseteq (F,E) \}.$

**Definition 2.15:** [4] Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a soft topological space over X and (F,E) be a soft set over X. Then (F,E) is said to be  $\alpha^*$ -set if sint(scl(sint(F,E))) = sint(F,E).

**Definition 2.16:** [4] Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a soft topological space. A so  $\mathbf{f}$  set (F,E) is called soft C-open set in X, if (F,A)=(G,E)  $\sqcap$  (H,E), where (G,E) is a soft open set and (H,E) is a soft  $\alpha^*$ - set.

**Remark 2.1:** [4] Let  $(X,\tau,E)$  be a soft topological space. The notion of soft  $\alpha$ -open sets is different from the soft C-open sets.

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**Example 2.2:** [4] Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Let us take the soft topology  $\tau$  on X as in example 2.1 and let  $(G,E) = \{(e_1, \{x_3, x_4\}), (e_2, \{x_2\})\}$  be a soft set over X. Here (G,E) is a soft  $\alpha^*$ -set. Also, (G,E) is a soft C-open set since every soft  $\alpha^*$ -set is a soft C-open set but not a soft  $\alpha$ -open set.

**Example 2.3:** [4] Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and F is a mapping from E to P(X) defined by, (F,E) =  $\{(e_1, \{x_1\}), (e_2, \{x_2\})\}$  be a soft set over X. Then  $\tau = \{\Phi, X, (F, E)\}$  is soft topology over X. Let  $(G,E) = \{(e_1, \{x_1, x_2\}), (e_2, \{x_2\})\}$  be a soft set over X. Here (G,E) is a soft  $\alpha$ -open set but not a soft C-open set.

**Definition 2.17:** [3] Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. A function f from a soft topological space  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to another soft topological space  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is said to be soft α-continuous function iff the inverse image of every soft α-open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is a soft open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ .

**Definition 2.18:** [3] Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. A function f from a soft topological space  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to another soft topological space  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is said to be soft B-continuous function iff the inverse image of every soft open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is a soft B-open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ .

**Definition 2.19:** [4] Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. A function f from a soft topological space  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to another soft topological space  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is said to be soft C-continuous function iff the inverse image of every soft open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is a soft C-open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ .

**Remark 2.2:** [4] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space over X and (F, E) be a soft set over X. Then every soft t-open set is a soft  $\alpha^*$ -open set.

#### 3. SOFT ab-open set

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space. A soft set (F,E) is called soft  $\alpha B$ -open(closed) set in X, if (F,A)=(G,E)  $\sqcap$  (H,E), where (G,E) is a soft  $\alpha$ -open(closed) set and (H,E) is a soft t-open(closed) set.

**Definition 3.2:** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space over X and (F,E) be a soft set over X. Then,

- (i) the soft  $\alpha B$ -closure of (F,E) is the soft set  $s\alpha Bcl(F,E) = \square \{(G,E)/(G,E) \text{ is soft } \alpha B\text{-closed and } (F,E) \sqsubseteq (G,E)\}.$
- (ii) the soft  $\alpha B$ -interior of (F,E) is the soft set  $s\alpha Bint(F,E) = \prod \{(H,E)/(H,E) \text{ is soft } \alpha B\text{-open and } (H,E) \sqsubseteq (F,E)\}.$

#### **Proposition 3.1:**

- (i) (i) Finite intersection of soft  $\alpha B$ -open sets is a soft  $\alpha B$ -open set.
- (ii) (ii) Finite union of soft  $\alpha$ B-closed sets is a soft  $\alpha$ B-closed set.

#### **Proof**

(i) Let  $(F_i, A_i)$  be a soft  $\alpha B$ -open set. Then  $(F_i, A_i) = (G_i, B_i) \sqcap (H_i, C_i)$ , where  $(G_i, B_i)$  is a soft  $\alpha$ -open set and  $(H_i, C_i)$  is a soft t-open set. Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} \bigcap_{i=1}^{n}(Fi,Ai) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \; \{(Gi,Bi) \; \sqcap \; (Hi,Ci)\} \\ = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \; (Gi,Bi) \; \sqcap \; \bigcap_{i=1}^{n}(Hi,Ci) \end{array}$$

Hence finite intersection of soft  $\alpha B$ -open sets is a soft  $\alpha B$ -open set.

(ii) Let  $(F_i, A_i)$  be a soft  $\alpha B$ -closed set. Then  $(F_i, A_i) = (G_i, B_i) \sqcup (H_i, C_i)$ , where  $(G_i, B_i)$  is a soft  $\alpha$ -closed set and  $(H_i, C_i)$  is a soft t-closed set. Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} U_{i=1}^{n}(Fi,Ai) = U_{i=1}^{n} \ \{(Gi,Bi) \ \sqcup \ (Hi,Ci)\} \\ = U_{i=1}^{n} \ (Gi,Bi) \ \sqcup \ U_{i=1}^{n}(Hi,Ci) \end{array}$$

Hence finite union of soft  $\alpha$ B-closed sets is a soft  $\alpha$ B-closed set.

**Proposition 3.2:** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space over X. For any two soft sets (F, A) and (G, B) the following statements are valid.

- (i)  $s\alpha Bcl(F, \Phi) = (F, \Phi)$ .
- (ii)  $s\alpha Bcl(F, \widetilde{X}) = (F, \widetilde{X}).$
- (iii)  $s\alpha Bcl(F, A) \supseteq (F, A)$ .
- (iv) If  $(F, A) \subseteq (G, B)$ , then  $s\alpha Bcl(F, A) \subseteq s\alpha Bcl(G, B)$ .
- (v)  $s\alpha Bcl(s\alpha Bcl(F,A)) = s\alpha Bcl(F,A)$ .
- (vi)  $s\alpha Bcl((F, A) \sqcap (G, B)) \sqsubseteq (s\alpha Bcl(F, A)) \sqcap (s\alpha Bcl(G, B)).$
- (vii)  $\alpha Bcl((F, A) \sqcup (G, B)) = (s\alpha Bcl(F, A)) \sqcup (s\alpha Bcl(G, B)).$

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**Proposition 3.3:** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space over X. For any two soft sets (F,A) and (G,B) the following statements are valid.

- (i)  $s\alpha Bint(F, A) \sqsubseteq (F, A)$ .
- (ii) If  $(F, A) \sqsubseteq (G, B)$ , then  $s\alpha Bint(F, A) \sqsubseteq s\alpha Bint(G, B)$ .
- (iii)  $(s\alpha Bint(F, A))' = s\alpha Bcl((F, A)')$ .
- (iv)  $(s\alpha Bcl(F, A))' = s\alpha Bint((F, A)')$ .
- (v)  $s\alpha Bint(s\alpha Bint(F, A)) = s\alpha Bint(F, A)$ .
- (vi)  $s\alpha Bint((F, A) \sqcap (G, B)) = (s\alpha Bint(F, A)) \sqcap (s\alpha Bint(G, B)).$
- (vii)  $s\alpha Bint((F, A) \sqcup (G, B)) \supseteq (s\alpha Bint(F, A)) \sqcup (s\alpha Bint(G, B)).$

**Proposition 3.4:** Every soft B-open set is a soft  $\alpha$ B-open set.

**Proof:** Let (F, A) be a soft B-open set. Then,  $(F, A) = (G, B) \sqcap (H, C)$ , where (G, B) is a soft open set and (H, C) is a soft t-open set. Since every soft open set is a so ft  $\alpha$ -open set, (G, B) is a so ft  $\alpha$ B-open set. Hence (F, A) is a soft  $\alpha$ B-open set.

**Remark 3.1:** The converse of the proposition 3.4 need not be true.

**Example 3.1:** Let X be the set of diabetes patients in a hospital and E be the set of parameters. Let  $X = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$  where  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6$  be the set of parameters which stands for 'Polyurea',' Fatigue', Polydipsea', 'Polyphagia', 'Weightloss', 'Slow healing of wounds' respectively. Let  $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Let F be a mapping A to P(X) defined by,  $(F, A) = \{(e_1, \{p_1\}), (e_2, \{p_2\})\}$  is a soft set over X. Then,  $\tau = \{\Phi, \widetilde{X}, (F, A)\}$ , is a soft topological space over X. Let  $(G, A) = \{(e_1, \{p_1, p_2\}), (e_2, \{p_2\})\}$  and  $(H, A) = \{(e_1, \{p_2\}), (e_2, \{\Phi\})\}$  are soft sets over X. Here (G, A) is a soft α-open set but not a soft open set and (F, A)' is a soft t-open set. Then (H, A) is a soft αB-open set but not a soft B-open set.

**Proposition 3.5:** Every soft  $\alpha B$ -open set is a soft  $\alpha C$ -open set.

**Proof:** Let (F,A) be a soft  $\alpha B$ -open set. Then,  $(F,A) = (G,B) \sqcap (H,C)$ , where (G,B) is a soft  $\alpha$ -open set and (H,C) is a soft t-open set. Since every soft t-open set is a soft  $\alpha$ -set, (H,C) is a soft  $\alpha$ -set. Hence (F,A) is a soft  $\alpha B$ -open set.

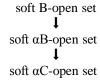
**Remark: 3.2:** The converse of the proposition 3.5 need not be true.

**Example: 3.2:** Let X be the set of diabetes patients in a hospital and E be the set of parameters. Let  $X = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  and  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$  where  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6$  be the set of parameters which stands for 'Polyurea', 'Fatigue', Polydipsea', 'Polyphagia', 'Weightloss', 'Slow healing of wounds' respectively. Let  $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Let F,G,H,I,J be a mapping A to P(X) defined by,

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\begin{split} (F,A) &= \{(e_1, \{p_1\}), (e_2, \{p_1, p_3\})\}, \\ (G,A) &= \{(e_1, \{p_1\}), (e_2, \{p_1\})\}, \\ (H,A) &= \{(e_1, \{p_2\}), (e_2, \{p_2\})\}, \\ (I,A) &= \{(e_1, \{p_1, p_2\}), (e_2, \{p_1, p_2\})\} \text{ and } \\ (J,A) &= \{(e_1, \{p_1, p_2\}), (e_2, \{\widetilde{X}\})\} \text{ are a soft sets over } X. \end{split}
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Then,  $\tau = \{\Phi, \widetilde{X}, (F,A), (G,A), (H,A), (I,A), (J,A)\}$  is soft topological space over X. Let  $(K, A) = \{(e_1, \{p_1\}), (e_2, \{p_2\})\}$  be a soft set over X. Here (K,A) is a soft  $\alpha$ -open set but not a soft t-open set. Therefore (K,A) is a soft  $\alpha$ C-open set but not a soft  $\alpha$ B-open set.

Remark: 3.3: The interrelations among the sets introduced are given clearly in the following diagram.



#### 4. SOFT αB-CONTINUOUS FUNCTION

**Definition: 4.1:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. A function f from a soft topological space  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to another soft topological space  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is said to be soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function iff the inverse image of every soft open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is a soft  $\alpha B$ -open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ .

**Definition: 4.2:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. A function f from a soft topological space  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to another soft topological space  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is said to be soft  $\alpha C$ -continuous function iff the inverse image of every soft open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  is a soft  $\alpha C$ -open(closed) set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ .

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**Proposition: 4.1:** Every soft B-continuous is a soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_2, E)$  be a soft B-continuous function. Let (F,A) be a soft open set in  $(X,\tau_2,E)$ . Since f is soft B-continuous function, the inverse image of (F,A) is soft B-open set in  $(X,\tau_1,E)$ . Since every soft B-open set is a soft  $\alpha$ B-open set,  $f^{-1}(F,A)$  is soft  $\alpha$ B-open set in  $(X,\tau_1,E)$ . Hence f is a soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function.

**Remark: 4.1:** The converse of the proposition 4.1 need not be true.

**Example: 4.1:** Let  $\tau_1 = \{\Phi, \widetilde{X}, (F,A)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\Phi, \widetilde{X}, (H,A)\}$ . Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two topological spaces over X and Y. Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_2, E)$  be a mapping. Then f is a soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  since in example 3.1, (H,A) is a soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function but not a soft B-continuous function.

**Proposition: 4.2:** Every soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous is a soft  $\alpha$ C-continuous function.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be two soft topological spaces. Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_2, E)$  be a soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function. Let (F,A) be a soft open set in  $(X, \tau_2, E)$ . Since f is soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function, the inverse image of (F,A) is soft  $\alpha B$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ . Since every soft  $\alpha B$ -open set is a soft  $\alpha C$ -open set,  $f^{-1}(F,A)$  is soft  $\alpha C$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ . Hence f is a soft  $\alpha C$ -continuous function.

**Remark: 4.2:** The converse of the proposition 4.2 need not be true.

**Example: 4.2:** Let  $\tau_1 = \{\Phi, \widetilde{X}, (F, A), (G, A), (H, A), (I, A), (J, A)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\Phi, \widetilde{X}, (K, A)\}$ . Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be two topological spaces over X and Y. Let  $f:(X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_2, E)$  be a mapping. Then f is a soft  $\alpha C$ -continuous function in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  since in example 3.2, (H, A) is a soft  $\alpha C$ -open set but not a soft  $\alpha B$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ . Therefore f is a soft  $\alpha C$ -continuous function but not a soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function.

**Remark: 4.3:** By Remark 2.1 and examples 2.2 and 2.3, any soft  $\alpha$ -open set need not be soft  $\alpha$ C-open set and any soft  $\alpha$ C-open set need not be soft  $\alpha$ -continuous function and soft  $\alpha$ C-continuous function are independent as shown by the following Example 4.3 and Example 4.4.

**Example: 4.3:** Let  $\tau_1 = \{\Phi, \tilde{X}, (F_1, E), (F_2, E), ..., (F_{11}, E)\}$  defined as in example 2.1 and  $\tau_2 = \{\Phi, X, e(G, E)\}$  where (G,E) is a defined as in example 2.2. Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be two topological spaces over X and Y. Let  $f: (X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_2, E)$  be a mapping. Then f is a soft  $\alpha$ C-continuous function in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  since in example 2.2, (G, E) is a soft  $\alpha$ C-open set but not a soft  $\alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ . Therefore f is a soft  $\alpha$ C-continuous function but not a soft  $\alpha$ -continuous function.

**Example: 4.4:** Let  $\tau_1 = \{\Phi, \tilde{X}, (F, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\Phi, \tilde{X}, (G, E)\}$  where (F,E) and (G,E) is a defined as in example 2.3. Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be two topological spaces over X and Y. Let  $f:(X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_2, E)$  be a mapping. Then f is a soft  $\alpha$ -continuous function in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  since in example 2.3,(G,E) is a soft  $\alpha$ -open set but not a soft  $\alpha$ C-open set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ . Therefore f is a soft  $\alpha$ -continuous function but not a soft  $\alpha$ C-continuous function.

**Remark: 4.4:** The interrelations among the functions introduced are given clearly in the following diagram.

soft B-continuous function  $\downarrow$  soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function  $\downarrow$  soft  $\alpha$ C-continuous function

**Theorem: 4.1:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. If f is any mapping from  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  then the conditions below are equivalent.

- (i) The function f is soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function.
- (ii) The inverse of every soft  $\alpha$ -closed set is a soft  $\alpha$ B-closed set.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the Definition 4.1.

**Theorem: 4.2:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. If f is any mapping from  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) f is a soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function.
- (ii) For every soft set (F,A) of  $(X,\tau_1,E)$ ,  $f(s\alpha Bint(F,A)) \supseteq sint(f(F,A))$ .
- (iii) For every soft set (F,A) of  $(X,\tau_2,E)$ ,  $f^{-1}(sint(F,A)) \sqsubseteq s\alpha Bint(f^{-1}(F,A))$ .

#### **Proof:**

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let (F,A) be a soft set in (X,  $\tau_1$ , E). Then f(F,A) is a soft set in (X,  $\tau_2$ , E). Since f is a soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function, sint(f(F,A)) is a soft  $\alpha$ B-open set in (X,  $\tau_2$ , E). By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(sint(f(F,A)))$  is a soft  $\alpha$ B-open set in (X,  $\tau_1$ , E). Now,

$$(F,A) \supseteq f^{-1}(sint(f(F,A)))$$
  
 $\Rightarrow saBint(F,A) \supseteq saBint(f^{-1}(sint(f(F,A))))$   
 $\supseteq f^{-1}(sint(F,A))$   
 $\Rightarrow f(saBint(F,A)) \supseteq sint(f(F,A)).$ 

Hence  $f(s\alpha Bint(F,A)) \supseteq sint(f(F,A))$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let (F,A) be a soft open set in (X,  $\tau_2$ , E). Now,  $f^{-1}(F,A)$  be a soft open set in (X,  $\tau_1$ , E).

$$By(ii), f(saBint(f^{-1}(F,A))) \sqsubseteq sint(f(f^{-1}(F,A)))$$

$$\sqsubseteq sint(F,A)$$

$$\Rightarrow saBint(f^{-1}(F,A)) \sqsubseteq f^{-1}(sint(F,A)).$$
Hence  $saBint(f^{-1}(F,A)) \sqsubseteq f^{-1}(sint(F,A)).$ 

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let (F,A) be a soft open set in (X,  $\tau_2$ , E). By hypothesis,

$$saBint(f^{-1}(F,A)) \supseteq f^{-1}(sint(F,A))$$

$$= f^{-1}(F,A)$$

$$But, f^{-1}(F,A) \supseteq saBint(f^{-1}(F,A))$$

$$\Rightarrow saBint(f^{-1}(F,A)) = f^{-1}(F,A)$$

Thus,  $f^{-1}(F,A)$  is a soft  $\alpha B$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ . Therefore f is a soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function.

**Theorem: 4.3:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  be any two soft topological spaces. If f is any mapping from  $(X, \tau_1, E)$  to  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) f is a soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function.
- (ii) For every soft set (F,A) of  $(X,\tau_1,E)$ ,  $f(s\alpha Bcl(F,A)) \sqsubseteq scl(f(F,A))$ .
- (iii) For every soft set (F,A) of  $(X,\tau_2,E)$ ,  $s\alpha Bclf^1((F,A)) \sqsubseteq f^1(scl(F,A))$ .

#### Proof

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let (F,A) be a soft set in (X,  $\tau_1$ , E). Then f(F,A) is a soft set in (X,  $\tau_2$ , E). Now, scl(f(F,A)) is a soft closed set in (X, $\tau_2$ ,E). By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(scl(f(F,A)))$  is a soft  $\alpha$ B-closed set in (X, $\tau_1$ ,E). Hence,

$$(F,A) \sqsubseteq f^{-1}(scl(f(F,A)))$$

$$\Rightarrow saBcl(F,A) \sqsubseteq saBcl(f^{-1}(scl(f(F,A))))$$

$$= f^{-1}(sclf((F,A)))$$

$$\Rightarrow f(saBcl(F,A)) = scl(f(F,A)).$$
Hence  $f(saBcl(F,A)) = scl(f(F,A))$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let (F,A) be a soft closed set in (X, $\tau_2$ ,E). Now  $f^{-1}(F,A)$  be a soft closed set in (X, $\tau_1$ ,E).

$$By(ii), f(saBcl(f^{-1}(F,A))) \sqsubseteq scl(f(f^{-1}(F,A)))$$

$$\sqsubseteq scl(F,A)$$

$$\Rightarrow saBcl(f^{-1}(F,A)) \sqsubseteq f^{-1}(scl(F,A)).$$
Hence  $saBcl(f^{-1}(F,A)) \sqsubseteq f^{-1}(scl(F,A)).$ 

(iii) $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let (F,A) be a soft closed set in (X, $\tau_2$ ,E). By hypothesis,

$$saBcl(f^{-1}(F,A)) \sqsubseteq f^{-1}(scl(F,A))$$

$$= f^{-1}(F,A)$$

$$But, f^{-1}(F,A) \sqsubseteq saBcl(f^{-1}(F,A))$$
Therefore, 
$$saBcl(f^{-1}(F,A)) = f^{-1}(scl(F,A))$$

$$= f^{-1}(F,A)$$

Thus  $f^{-1}(F,A)$  is a soft  $\alpha B$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ . Therefore f is a soft  $\alpha B$  continuous function.

**Theorem: 4.4:** Let  $(X, \tau_1, E)$ ,  $(X, \tau_2, E)$  and  $(X, \tau_3, E)$  be any three soft topological spaces. A function  $f: (X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_2, E)$  is a soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function and  $g: (X, \tau_2, E) \to (X, \tau_3, E)$  is a soft continuous function. Then  $g \circ f: (X, \tau_1, E) \to (X, \tau_3, E)$  is a soft  $\alpha B$ -continuous function.

**Proof:** Let (F,A) be a soft open set in (X,  $\tau_3$ , E). Since g is a soft continuous function,  $g^{-1}(F,A)$  is a soft open set in (X,  $\tau_2$ , E). Also since f is a soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F,A))$  is a soft  $\alpha$ B-continuous function.

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