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ON #gα-QUOTIENT MAPPINGS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to introduce ${}^{\#}ga$ - quotient mappings using ${}^{\#}ga$ -closed sets and characterize their basic properties. We also derive the relation between the stronger forms of ${}^{\#}ga$ - quotient mappings.

Keywords: [#]ga -closed sets, [#]ga -open sets, [#]ga - continuous map, [#]ga - irresolute map.

1. INTRODUCTION

The topological notions of semi - open sets and semi - continuity and pre - open sets and pre - continuity were introduced by N. Levine [2] and A. S. Mashhouret.al., [6] respectively. Generalized closed sets, briefly g - closed sets in topological spaces were introduced by N. Levine [2] in order to extend some important properties of closed sets to a larger family of sets. M. LellisThivagar [10] introduced the concepts of α - quotient mappings and α^* - quotient mappings in topological spaces. K. Nono [9] introduced the concept of $g^{\#}\alpha$ - closed sets to investigate some topological properties. In 2009, R. Devi [1] introduced the notion of ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - closed sets in topological spaces. In this paper, we introduce the ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient functions. Several characterizations and its properties have been established for this functions.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this dissertation (X, τ) and (Y, σ) (or X and Y) represent non - empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , cl(A) and int(A) denote the closure and the interior of A in (X, τ) respectively. We list some definitions which are useful in the following sections.

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

- (a) a pre open set [6] if $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$,
- (b) a semi open set [2] if $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$,
- (c) a generalized closed set (briefly g closed) [3] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) ,
- (d) $ag^{\#}\alpha$ closed set (briefly $g^{\#}\alpha$ closed) [9] if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g open in (X, τ) .

The complement of a semi - closed set (respectively α - closed set, $g^{\#}\alpha$ - closed set) of (X, τ) is called a semi - open set (respectively α - open set, $g^{\#}\alpha$ - open set) of (X, τ) . It is evident that a subset B of X is $g^{\#}\alpha$ - open in (X, τ) if and only if $F \subseteq \alpha cl(B)$, whenever $F \subseteq B$ and F is g - closed set in (X, τ) ; a subset B of X is α - closed in (X, τ) if and only if $cl(int(cl(B))) \subseteq B$ holds; a subset B of X is semi - closed in (X, τ) if and only if int(cl(B))) \subseteq B holds.

Definition 2.2: A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - closed set (briefly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - closed) [1] if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is $g^{\#}\alpha$ - open in (X, τ) . Let ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X)$ denote the collection of ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open sets of X and ${}^{\#}g\alpha C(X)$ denote the collection of ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - closed sets of X.

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

- (a) α continuous [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) ,
- (b) g continuous [4] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) ,
- (c) $g^{\#}\alpha$ continuous [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{\#}\alpha$ closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) , (d) ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ continuous [1] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) ,
- (e) ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ irresolute [1] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ closed in (X, τ) for every ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ closed set V of (Y, σ) ,
- (f) strongly ${}^{\#}\alpha$ irresolute [16] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for every ${}^{\#}\alpha$ closed set V of (Y, σ) ,
- (g) α irresolute [10] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α closed in (X, τ) for every α closed set V of (Y, σ) ,
- ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ open [1] if the image f(U) is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ open in (Y, σ) for every open set U of (X, τ) , (h)
- (i) ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ closed [1] if the image f(U) is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ closed in (Y, σ) for every closed set U of (X, τ) ,
- (i) a quotient map [8], provided a subset V of (Y, σ) is open if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) ,
- (k) an α quotient map [8], if f is α continuous and $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) implies V is α open in (Y, σ) ,
- (1) an α^* quotient map [8], if f is α irresolute and $f^{-1}(V)$ is α open in (X, τ) implies V is open in (Y, σ) .
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3. [#]ga - OUOTIENT MAP

Definition 3.1: A surjective function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map if f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous and $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) implies V is a [#]g α - open set in (Y, σ) .

Example 3.2: Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c. Then f is [#]ga - continuous and $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) implies V is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (Y, σ).

Definition 3.3: A map $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be strongly [#]g α - open if f(U) is [#]g α - open set in (Y, σ) for each [#]g α - open set U in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.4: If a map $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is surjective, ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous and ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open, then f is $a{}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map.

Proof: It is enough to prove that $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) implies V is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (Y, σ) . Let $f^{-1}(V)$ be open in (X, τ) . Then $f(f^{-1}(V))$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set, since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open. Hence V is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set, as f is surjective, $f(f^{-1}(V)) = V$. Thus, f is a [#]g α - quotient map.

Theorem 3.5: If a map $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is [#]g α - homeomorphism, then f is a [#]g α - quotient map.

Proof: Since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - homeomorphism, f is bijective and f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous. Let $f^{-1}(V)$ be open in X. Since $f^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous, $f(f^{-1}(V)) = V$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Hence f is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map.

Theorem 3.6: If $f: (X, \tau^{\#g\alpha}) \to (Y, \sigma^{\#g\alpha})$ be a quotient map, then $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is $a^{\#g\alpha}$ - quotient map.

Proof: Let V be any open set in (Y, σ) , then V is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (Y, σ) and V $\in \sigma^{\#g\alpha}$. Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) . Since f is a quotient map, that is, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (X, τ) . Suppose $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) , that is, $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau^{\#ga}$. Since f is a quotient map, $V \in \tau^{\#ga}$ and V is a #ga open set in (Y, σ) . This shows that $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is a [#]g α - quotient map.

4. STRONGER FORM OF [#]ga - OUOTIENT MAP

Definition 4.1: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a surjective map. Then f is called strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map provided a set U of Y is open in (Y, σ) if and only if $f^{-1}(U)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (X, τ) .

Example 4.2: Let X = {p, q, r, s} with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{p\}, \{q, r\}, \{p, q, r\}\}$ and Y = {a, b, c} with $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, c\}$ $\{a, b\}$. Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{r\}, \{p, r\}, \{q, r\}, \{p, q, r\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

The function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is defined by f(p) = a = (q), f(r) = b, (d) = c. Then, clearly $f^{-1}(U)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (X, τ) if and only if U is open in (Y, σ) . Hence f is strongly [#]g α - quotient map.

Theorem 4.3: Every strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map. Let V be an open set in (X, τ) . Since every open set is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open [1] and hence V is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in (X, τ) . That is $f(f^{-1}(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in (X, τ) . Since f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient, f(V) is open and hence ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in (Y, σ) . This shows that f is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open.

The converse of the above theorem is not true by the following example.

Example 4.4: Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

The function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is defined by f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c. Then, clearly f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open but not strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map, since $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in (X, τ) .

Theorem 4.5: Every strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a strongly [#]g α - quotient map. Let V be a [#]g α -open set in (X, τ) . That is $f^{-1}((V))$ is [#]g α - open in (X, τ) . Since f is strongly [#]g α -quotient, f(V) is open and hence [#]g α - open in (Y, σ) . This shows that f is strongly [#]g α - open.

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

Example 4.6: Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

The function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is defined as f(a) = a = (b), f(c) = b, (d) = c. Then, the function f is strongly [#]g α - open but not strongly [#]g α - quotient map, since {a, c} is open in (Y, σ) but not [#]g α - open in (X, τ).

Theorem 4.7: Every strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient.

Proof: It is obvious.

The converse of the above theorem is not true which can be seen from the following example.

Example 4.8: Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

The function $f: X \to Y$ is defined as f(a) = a, (b) = b, f(c) = c. Then, the function f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map but not strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient, since {a} is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in (X, τ) but not open in Y.

Definition 4.9: A surjective function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map if f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute and $f^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (X, τ) implies V is open in (Y, σ) .

Example 4.10: Let X = {a, b, c, d} with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and Y = {p, q, r} with $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$.

Define a map $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ by f(a) = p = f(c), (b) = q, (d) = r. Then clearly, f is [#]ga - irresolute and $f^{-1}(V)$ is [#]ga - open in (X, τ) implies V is a open set in (Y, σ) .

Theorem 4.11: Every ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map. Let V be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in X. That is $f^{-1}(f(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. Since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map, thus f(V) is open in Y and hence ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Therefore, f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true which can be seen from the following example.

Example 4.12: Let X = {a, b, c} = Y with τ = { ϕ , X, {a}, {b}, {a, b}, {a, c}} and σ = { ϕ , Y, {a}, {b}, {a, b}}. Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = {\phi, X, {a}, {b}, {a, c}} and {}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = {\phi, Y, {a}, {b}}.$

The function *f* is defined as f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c. Therefore, the function *f* is [#]g α - irresolute but not [#]g α * - quotient map. Since $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is [#]g α - open in (X, τ) but $\{a, c\}$ is not open in (Y, σ) .

Definition 4.13: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a surjective map. If a set U is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y if and only if $f^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X, then *f* is called strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

Example 4.14: Let X = {a, b, c, d} with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and Y = {p, q, r} with $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$.

Define a map $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ by f(a) = p = f(b), f(c) = q, f(d) = r. Then clearly, f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X if and only if $f^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Hence f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

Theorem 4.15: Every ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map. Let U be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in Y. Since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute, $f^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. Since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient, it follows that U is open. Hence U is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open and f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true which can be seen from the following example.

Example 4.16: Let X = {a, b, c} with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and Y = {p, q, r} with $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}\}$. Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}, \{p, q\}, \{p, r\}\}$.

The function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is defined as f(a) = p, f(b) = q, f(c) = r. Thus, the function f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient but not ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map. Since $f^{-1}(\{p, q\}) = \{a, b\}$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X but not open in Y.

Theorem 4.17: Every strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map. Let V be an open set in Y. Then V is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set.

Since *f* is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient, $f^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open. Hence *f* is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous. Let $f^{-1}(V)$ be an open set in X. Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. Hence V is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open and *f* is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen from the following example.

Example 4.18: Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

The function f is defined by f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c. Then, the function f is [#]g α - quotient map but not strongly [#]g α * - quotient map, since {b} is [#]g α - open in Y but not [#]g α - open in X.

Definition 4.19: A space (X, τ) is $T_{#g\alpha}$ - space if every ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - closed set is closed.

Theorem 4.20: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map and Y is $T_{\#g\alpha^-}$ space. Then f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map.

Proof: Let U be an open set in Y. Then U is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Since f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient, $f^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open. Let $f^{-1}(U)$ be ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. Then U is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Since Y is $T_{\#g\alpha}$ - Space, U is open in Y and hence f is a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ -quotient map.

5. COMPARISONS

Theorem 5.1:

- (i) Every quotient map is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ -quotient map.
- (ii) Every α -quotient map is a [#]g α -quotient map.

Proof: Since every continuous and α - continuous map is [#]g α - continuous. Also every open set and α - open set is [#]g α - open [1] and hence the proof follows from the definitions ([3.1], [2.3]).

The converse of the above theorem need not be true which can be seen from the following example.

Example 5.2: (a) Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

The function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is defined by f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c. Then, the function f is [#]g α - quotient map but not quotient map, since $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$ is open in (Y, σ) but $\{b\}$ is not open in (X, τ) .

(b) Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}, {}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\} \text{ and } \alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{a, b\}\}.$

The function f is defined by f(p) = a, f(q) = b, f(r) = c. Then, the function f is strongly [#]g α - quotient map but not α -quotient map, since $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{p\}$ is open in (X, τ) but $\{a\}$ is not α - open in (Y, σ) .

Theorem 5.3: Every α^* - quotient map is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

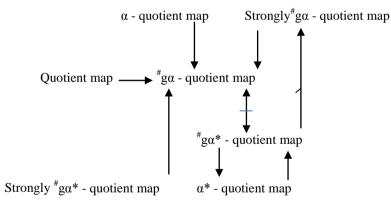
Proof: Let f be an α^* - quotient map then f is surjective, α - irresolute and $f^{-1}(U)$ is an α - open set in (X, τ) implies U is an open set in (Y, σ) . Since every α - irresolute map is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute, $f^{-1}(U)$ is α - open set which is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set. Hence f is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ -quotient map.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true which can be seen from the following example.

Example 5.4: Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ and $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ with $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$.

Here ${}^{\#}g\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}, {}^{\#}g\alpha O(Y) = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\} and <math>\alpha O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. Define a function *f* by *f* (a) = p = *f*(c), (b) = q, *f*(d) = r. Then, the function *f* is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map but not α^* - quotient map, since $f^{-1}(\{p, q\}) = \{a, b\}$ is α - open in (X, τ) but $\{p, q\}$ is not open in (Y, σ) .

Remark 5.5: From the above results we obtain the following implication diagram.



6. APPLICATONS

Theorem 6.1: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be an open, surjective ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute map and $g: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map. Then their composition $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map.

Proof: Let V be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient, $g^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in X. This implies that $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open. This shows that $g \circ f$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous map. Also, assume that $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is open in (X, τ) for $V \subseteq Z$. That is, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is open in (X, τ) . Since f is an open map, $(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)))$ is an open set in Y. It follows that $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y. Since g is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map, V is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in (Z, η) and hence $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map.

Theorem 6.2: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open, surjective and ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute map and $g: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ be a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map. Then $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map.

Proof: Let U be an open set in Z. Then U is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open. Since g is a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ -quotient map, $g^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X (Since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute). Hence $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Let $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. That is, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. Since f is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open map, $(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y and hence $g^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Since g is a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map, U is open in Z and therefore $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map.

Theorem 6.3: If h: $(X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is a [#]g α - quotient map and $g: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is a continuous map that is constant on each set h⁻¹(y), for $y \in Y$, then g induces a [#]g α -continuous map $f: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ such that $f \circ h = g$.

Proof: The set $g(h^{-1}(y))$ is a one point set in (Z, η) , since g is constant on $h^{-1}(y)$, for each $y \in Y$. If f(y) denotes this point, then it is clear that f is well defined and for each $x \in X$, f(h(x)) = g(x). We claim that f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous. For if, let U be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is open in X. But $g^{-1}(U) = h^{-1}(f^{-1}(U))$ is open in X. Since h is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map, $f^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open and hence f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - continuous.

Theorem 6.4: Let p: $(X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map where X and Y are $T_{\#g\alpha}$ -spaces. Then: $(Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute if and only if the composite map $f \circ p: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute.

Proof: Let $f: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ be strongly ${}^{\#}ga$ - irresolute and U be a ${}^{\#}ga$ - open set in (Z, η) . Since f is strongly ${}^{\#}ga$ - irresolute, $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in Y. Then $(f \circ p)^{-1}(U) = p^{-1}(f^{-1}(U))$ is ${}^{\#}ga$ - open in X (since p is ${}^{\#}ga$ - quotient). Since X is $T_{\#ga}$ - space, $p^{-1}(f^{-1}(U))$ is open in X and hence the composite map $f \circ p$ is strongly ${}^{\#}ga$ - irresolute.

Conversely, suppose that the composite function $f \circ p$ is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute. Let U be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in Z, $p^{-1}(f^{-1}(U))$ is open in X. Since p is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map, it implies that, $f^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in (Y, σ). Since Y is $T_{\#g\alpha}$ -space, it implies that $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in Y. Hence, f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute.

Theorem 6.5: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be surjective, strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open and ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute map and: $(Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map then $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

Proof: Let V be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in Z. Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y because g is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map. Since f is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in (X, τ) . Then $g \circ f$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute in X. Hence $(g \circ f)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute. Suppose $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in X for a subset $V \subseteq Z$. That is, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. Since f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open map, $(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y. Since g is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map, V is open set in (Y, σ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

Theorem 6.6: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be a strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient map and $g: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ be $a^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map and Y be a $T_{\#g\alpha}$ - space. Then $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

Proof: Let V be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in Z. Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in Y (since g is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map). Since Y is a $T_{\#g\alpha}$ - space, $g^{-1}(V)$ is an open set in Y. Since f is strongly ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - quotient, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. That is, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X and hence $g \circ f$: $(X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute. Let $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in X. That is, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. That is, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. This implies $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y. Hence $g^{-1}(V)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set. Since g is ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient, V is open and hence $g \circ f$: $(X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

Theorem 6.7: The composition of two ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient maps is also a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ and $g: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$ be two ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient maps. Let U be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in Z. Then $g^{-1}(U)$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in Y. Since f is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in X. That is, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. Hence $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - irresolute. Let $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ be a ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open set in X. Then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open in X. This implies $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y and hence $g^{-1}(V)$ is ${}^{\#}g\alpha$ - open. Since g is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map, V is open. Hence $g \circ f$ is a ${}^{\#}g\alpha^*$ - quotient map.

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