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# More Functions Associated with Semi\*δ-Open Sets

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### **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this paper is to introduce various functions associated with semi\* $\delta$ -open sets. Here strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, perfectly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous functions are defined. Characterizations and some of their properties are investigated.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In 1980, Jain [2] introduced the concept of totally continuous functions. Nour [6] defined totally semi-continuous and strongly semi-continuous functions. In 1995 T.M.Nour [7] introduced slightly semi-continuous functions. In 1997, Slightly continuity was introduced by Jain [3] .Quite recently, the authors [8, 9] introduced and studied some new concepts, namely semi\* $\delta$ -open sets, semi\* $\delta$ -closed sets. We have also defined semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute functions and their contra versions [10]. In this paper we define the strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, perfectly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous functions and investigate their properties.

# II. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  will always denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. When A is a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , cl(A) and int(A) denote the closure and the interior of A respectively. We recall some known definitions needed in this paper.

**Definition 2.1:** A subset *A* of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **semi\*\delta-open** [8] if  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ .

**Definition 2.2:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called a **strongly continuous** [4] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for each subset V in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.3:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called a **perfectly continuous** [5] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set V in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.4:** A function  $f:(X,\tau) \longrightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is called **totally continuous** [2] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen set in X for each open set V of Y.

**Definition 2.5:** A function  $f:(X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called a **slightly continuous** [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open set in X for each clopen set V of Y.

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**Definition 2.6:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called a **contra continuous** [1] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set V in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.7:** A function f:  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be **semi\*\delta-continuous** [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set V in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.8:** A function F:  $X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be **semi\*\delta-irresolute** [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X for every semi\* $\delta$ -open set V in Y.

**Definition 2.9:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called **contra-semi\*\delta-continuous** [11] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X for every open set V in Y.

**Definition 2.10:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be **contra-semi\*\delta-irresolute** [11] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every semi\* $\delta$ -open set V in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.11:** A function f:  $X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be **pre-semi\*\delta-open** [11] if f(V) is semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y for every semi\* $\delta$ -open set V in X.

**Definition 2.12:** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $T_{S^*\delta^-}$  space [11], if every semi\* $\delta$ -open set of X is open in X

**Definition 2.13[12]:** A space *X* is **locally indiscrete** if every open set in *X* is closed.

## III. Strongly semi\*δ-Continuous Function

**Definition 3.1:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called **strongly semi\*\delta-continuous** if the inverse image of every semi\* $\delta$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.2:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = d, f(d) = c. The function f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.3:** A map  $f: X \to Y$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of every semi\* $\delta$ -closed set in Y is closed in X.

**Proof:** Assume that f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ - closed set in Y. Then  $V^c$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y. Since f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous,  $f^{-1}(V^c)$  is open in X. But  $f^{-1}(V^c) = X/f^1(V)$  and so  $f^1(V)$  is closed in X. Conversely, assume that the inverse image of every semi\* $\delta$ - closed set in Y is closed in X. Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -openset in Y. Hence  $V^c$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in Y. By assumption,  $f^{-1}(V^c)$  is closed in X, but  $f^{-1}(V^c) = X/f^1(V)$  and so  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Therefore, f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Theorem 3.4:** If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and a map  $g: Y \to Z$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any open set in Z. Since g is semi\* $\delta$ - continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ - open in Y. Since f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous f  $^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is open in X. That is  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is open in X. Therefore, g  $\circ$  f is continuous.

**Theorem 3.5:** If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous and a map  $g: Y \to Z$  is semi\* $\delta$ - irresolute, then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Z. Since g is semi\* $\delta$ - irresolute, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ - open in Y. Also since f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, f  $^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is open in X. Hence  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is open in X. Hence,  $g \circ f$ : X  $\rightarrow$  Z is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Theorem 3.6:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and  $g: Y \to Z$  is contra semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, then their composition  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is contra continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any open set in Z. Since, g is contra semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in Y and since f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, by theorem 3.2 f  $^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is closed in X. Therefore,  $g \circ f$  is contra continuous.

**Theorem 3.7:** If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and a map  $g: Y \to Z$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is semi\* $\delta$ - irresolute.

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**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Z. Since g is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in Y. Also since f is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Hence  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Hence,  $g \circ f$ :  $X \to Z$  is semi\* $\delta$ - irresolute.

**Theorem 3.8:** If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is contra semi\* $\delta$ - continuous and a map  $g: Y \to Z$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is contra-semi\* $\delta$ - irresolute.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Z. Since g is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is open in Y. Also since f is contra-semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, f  $^{1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Hence (gf)  $^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Hence, g  $\circ$  f: X  $\to$  Z is contra-semi\* $\delta$ - irresolute.

**Theorem 3.9:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is continuous and  $g: Y \to Z$  strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous then their composition  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ - open set in Z. Since g is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in Y. Since f is continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Hence,  $(g \circ f)$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Theorem 3.10:** Let f:  $X \to Y$  be a continuous function and Y be a  $T_{S^*\delta^-}$  space. Then f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ - open set in Y. Since Y is  $T_{S^*\delta}$ - space, V is open in Y. Also since f is continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Hence, f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute and Y be  $T_{S^*\delta}$ - space. Then f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Y. Since f is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute, f  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Also since X is  $T_{S^*\delta}$ - space, f  $^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Hence f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.12:** If g:  $Y \to Z$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and injective, and  $g \circ f : X \to Z$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed then f:  $X \to Y$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let F be any closed set in X. Since,  $g \circ f$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed which implies,  $g \circ f$  (F) is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in Z. Also since g is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(g \circ f(F))$  is closed in Y. Since g is injective, f(F) is closed in Y. Hence f is semi\* $\delta$ -closed.

## IV. Perfectly semi\*δ-Continuous Function

**Definition 4.1:** A map  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be **perfectly semi\*\delta- continuous** if the inverse image of every semi\* $\delta$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.2:** If a map  $f: X \to Y$  is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous then it is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Assume that f is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Y. Since f is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, f  $^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Therefore, f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Remark 4.3:** The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

**Example 4.4:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\varphi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\varphi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = d, f(d) = c. Clearly, f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. But  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{b\}$  is open in X, but not closed in X. Therefore f is not perfectly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.5:** A map  $f: X \to Y$  is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in X for every semi\* $\delta$ -closed set V in Y.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -closed set in Y. Then  $V^c$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y. Since, f is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, f  $^{-1}(V^c)$  is both open and closed in X. But f  $^{-1}(V^c) = X/$  f  $^{-1}(V)$  and so f  $^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Conversely, assume that the inverse image of every semi\* $\delta$ -closed set in Y is both open and closed in X. Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y. Then  $V^c$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in Y. By assumption  $f^{-1}(V^c)$  is both open and closed in X. But  $f^{-1}(V^c) = X/$  f  $^{-1}(V)$  and so f  $^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in X. Therefore, f is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Theorem 4.6:** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping from a discrete topological space X into any topological space Y, then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1) f is strongly semi\*δ-continuous
- 2) f is perfectly semi\*δ-continuous

#### **Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Y. By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Since X is a discrete space,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in X.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in X. Hence, f is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Y. Then,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in X. Hence, f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.7:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is continuous and  $g: Y \to Z$  is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous then their composition  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Z. Since g is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open and closed in Y. Since f is continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Hence,  $g \circ f$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

# V. Totally semi\*δ-continuous functions

**Definition 5.1:** A function f:  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called **totally semi\*\delta-continuous function** if the inverse image of every open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is both semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed subset in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 5.2:** Every totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof**: Let V be any open set in Y. Since, f is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function,  $f^1(V)$  is both semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Therefore, f is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

Remark 5.3: The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example 5.4:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = d, f(d) = b.  $S*\delta O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$  and  $S*\delta C(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Clearly f is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. But, since  $f^1(\{a\}) = \{b\}$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X but not semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X, f is not totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.5:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \to Z$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any open set in Z. Since g is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in Y. Since f is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute, f  $^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Since  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ ,  $g \circ f$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.6:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and  $g: Y \to Z$  is continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any open set in Z. Since g is continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in Y. Since, f is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -copen in X. Hence,  $g \circ f$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.7:** Every totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function is totally semi-continuous.

**Proof:** Suppose  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Let V be an open set in Y. Since f is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -regular in X and hence semi-regular in X. Therefore f is totally semi-continuous.

**Theorem 5.8:** Every totally semi\*δ-continuous function is totally semi\*-continuous.

**Proof:** Suppose  $f: X \to Y$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Let V be an open set in Y. Since f is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -regular in X and hence semi\*-regular in X. Therefore f is totally semi\*-continuous.

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**Theorem 5.9:** Every totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function is totally semi\* $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Suppose f:  $X \rightarrow Y$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous. Let V be an open set in Y. Since f is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -regular in X and hence semi\* $\alpha$ -regular in X. Therefore f is totally semi\* $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.10:** A function  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous if and only if f is both semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and contrasemi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any open set in Y. Since f is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^1(V)$  is both semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Hence f is both semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and contra-semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

Conversely, Let V be any open set in Y. Since f is both semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and contra-semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^1(V)$  is both semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Hence f is totally semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

## VI. Slightly semi\*δ-continuous functions

**Definition 6.1:** A function  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called **slightly semi\*\delta-continuous** at a point  $x \in X$  if for each clopen subset V of Y containing f(x), there exists a semi\* $\delta$ -open subset U in X containing x such that  $f(U)\subseteq V$ . The function f is said to be slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous if f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous at each of its points.

**Definition 6.2:** A function  $(X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be **slightly semi\*\delta-continuous** if the inverse image of every clopen set in Y is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X.

**Example 6.3:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\varphi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\varphi, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, Y\}$  and  $S*\delta O(X, \tau) = \{\varphi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Let  $g: (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by g(a) = d, g(b) = c g(c) = a, g(d) = b. The function f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.4:** The definition 6.1 and 6.2 are equivalent.

**Proof:** Suppose the definition 6.1 holds. Let V be any clopen set in Y and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(x) \in V$  and thus there exists a semi\* $\delta$ -open set  $U_x$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $f(U_x) \subseteq V$ . Now  $x \in U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . And  $f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} U_x$ . Since, arbitrary union of semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\* $\delta$ -open,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X and therefore, f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

Suppose, the definition 6.2 holds. Let  $f(x) \in V$  where, V is any clopen set in Y. Since, f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  where  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Let  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ . Then U is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X,  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Theorem 6.5:** For a function f:  $(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.
- (ii) The inverse image of every clopen set V of Y is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X.
- (iii) The inverse image of every clopen set V of Y is semi\*δ-closed in X.
- (iv) The inverse image of every clopen set V of Y is semi\* $\delta$ -regular in X.

#### Proof

(i) $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Follows from the theorem 6.4

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let V be a clopen set in Y which implies  $V^c$  is clopen in Y. By (ii),  $f^{-1}(V^c) = (f^{-1}(V))^c$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): By (ii) and (iii),  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -regularin X.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let V be any clopen set in Y containing f(x), by (iv)  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -regular in X. Take  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ , then  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Hence, f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.6:** Every semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function. Let V be any clopen set in Y. Since f is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Hence by theorem 6.5, f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Remark 6.7:** The converse of the above theorem need not be true as can be seen from the following example.

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**Example 6.8:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ , and  $\sigma^c = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ , then  $S*\delta O(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by f(a) = b, f(b) = c and f(c) = a. The function f is slightly semi\*δ-continuous. But  $f^1(\{a\}) = \{c\}$  is not semi\*δ-open in X. Hence f is not semi\*δ-continuous.

**Theorem 6.9:** Every contra semi\*δ-continuous function is slightly semi\*δ-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a contra semi\* $\delta$ -continuous function. Let V be any clopen set in Y. Then by the definition of contra semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and by theorem 3.11[11],  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -regular in X. Hence by theorem 6.5, f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Remark 6.10:** The converse of the above theorem need not be true as can be seen from the following example.

**Example 6.11:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau=\{\varphi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma=\{\varphi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ , and  $\sigma^c=\{\varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ , then  $S*\delta O(X, \tau)=\{\varphi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by f(a)=c, f(b)=a, f(c)=b. The function f is slightly semi\*δ-continuous. But  $f^1(\{a, c\})=\{a, b\}$  is not semi\*δ-closed in X. Hence f is not contra semi\*δ-continuous.

**Theorem 6.12:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Z. Since g is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y. Since f is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Since  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ ,  $g \circ f$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.13:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \to Z$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Z. Since g is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y. Since f is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Since  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ ,  $g \circ f$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.14:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and  $g: Y \to Z$  is slightly-continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Z. Since, g is slightly-continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in Y. Since, f is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Since  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ ,  $g \circ f$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.15:** If f:  $X \to Y$  is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and g:  $Y \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous then g of:  $X \to Z$  is slightly-continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Z. Since g is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y. Since f is strongly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, f  $^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is open in X. Therefore, g  $\circ$  f is slightly continuous.

**Theorem 6.16:** If f:  $X \to Y$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and g:  $Y \to Z$  is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute.

**Proof:** Let V be any semi\* $\delta$ -open set in Z. Since g is perfectly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in Y. Since f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, f  $^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Hence, g  $\circ$  f is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 6.17:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and  $g: Y \to Z$  is contra continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Z. Since g is contra continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open and closed in Y. Since, f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.18:** If  $f: X \to Y$  is semi\* $\delta$ - irresolute and  $g: Y \to Z$  is contra semi\* $\delta$ -continuous then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Z. Since g is contra semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, g  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in Y. Since f is semi\* $\delta$ -irresolute, f  $^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open and semi\* $\delta$ -closed in X. Hence g f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

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**Theorem 6.19:** If the function  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{S^*\delta^-}$  space, then f is slightly continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Y. Since g is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, f  $^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Since X is  $T_{S^*\delta^-}$  space, f  $^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Hence f is slightly continuous.

**Theorem 6.20:** Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  be functions. If f is surjective and pre-semi\* $\delta$ -open and  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous, then g is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any clopen set in Z. Since  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Since f is surjective and pre-semi\* $\delta$ -open  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in Y. Hence, g is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 6.21:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous and Y is a locally indiscrete space then f is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let V be any open subset in Y. Since Y is a locally indiscrete space, V is closed in Y. Since f is slightly semi\* $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in X. Hence, f is semi\* $\delta$ -continuous.

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