



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

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### Abstract

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

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

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

The topic of ideals in general topological spaces is treated in the classic text by Kuratowski [6]. This topic has an excellent potential for applications in other branches of mathematics. The Cantor-Bendixson Theorem exemplifies this potential. This subject was

continued to study by general topologists in recent years [6, 11, 15, 17]. In 1990, Jankovic and Hamlett [7] introduced another topology  $\tau^*(I)$  by using a given topology  $\tau$ , which satisfies  $\tau \subset \tau^*(I)$ . In 1952, Hashimoto [9,10] introduced the notion of ideal continuity. Then Jankovic and Hamlett [11] defined  $I$ -open set in ideal topological spaces. Later, Abd El-Monsef [12] studied  $I$ -continuity for functions. Then Hatır and Noiri [13] introduced the semi- $I$ -open set and semi- $I$ -continuity in 2002. Kale and Guler [8] gave the definition of soft ideal and studied the properties the soft ideal topological space. Moreover they introduced the notion of soft  $I$  – regularity and soft  $I$  – normality.

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

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Definition 14. [23]** Let  $(X, \tau, A)$  be a soft topological space over  $X$ ,  $(G, A)$  be a soft closed set in  $X$  and  $E_\alpha^x$  be a soft point such that  $E_\alpha^x \tilde{\notin} (G, A)$ . If there exist soft open sets  $(F_1, A)$  and  $(F_2, A)$  such that  $E_\alpha^x \tilde{\in} (F_1, A)$ ,  $(G, A) \tilde{\subset} (F_2, A)$  and  $(F_1, A) \tilde{\cap} (F_2, A) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is called a soft regular space.

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

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

- (i)  $(F, A) \tilde{\in} I, (G, A) \subset (F, A)$  implies  $(G, A) \tilde{\in} I$
- (ii)  $(F, A) \tilde{\in} I, (G, A) \tilde{\in} I$  implies  $(F, A) \tilde{\cup} (G, A) \tilde{\in} I$ .

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

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

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

- (i)  $(F, A) \subset (G, A)$  implies  $(F, A)^* \subset (G, A)^*$  and  $(F, A) \tilde{\cup} (G, A)^* = (F, A)^* \tilde{\cup} (G, A)^*$ .
- (ii)  $(F, A)^* \subset Cl(F, A)$  and  $((F, A)^*)^* \subset (F, A)^*$ .
- (iii)  $(F, A)$  is soft open and  $(F, A) \tilde{\cap} (G, A) \tilde{\in} I$  implies  $(F, A) \tilde{\cap} (G, A)^* = \tilde{\emptyset}$
- (iv)  $(F, A)^*$  is soft closed.
- (v) If  $(F, A)$  is soft closed then  $(F, A)^* \subset (F, A)$ .

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

- (i)  $Cl^*(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}$  and  $Cl^*(\tilde{X}) = \tilde{X}$ .
- (ii)  $(F, A) \subset Cl^*(F, A)$  and  $Cl^*(Cl^*(F, A)) = Cl^*(F, A)$ .
- (iii) If  $(F, A) \subset (G, A)$  then  $Cl^*(F, A) \subset Cl^*(G, A)$
- (iv)  $Cl^*(F, A) \tilde{\cup} Cl^*(G, A) = Cl^*((F, A) \tilde{\cup} (G, A))$ .

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

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

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

for all  $y \in B$ .

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

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

for all  $x \in A$ .

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

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

- (i) [15]  $I$  – open if  $S \subset \text{Int}(S^*)$
- (ii) [16]  $\alpha$  –  $I$  – open if  $S \subset \text{Int}(Cl^*(\text{Int}(S)))$
- (iii) [17]  $pre$  –  $I$  – open if  $S \subset \text{Int}(Cl^*(S))$ .
- (iv) [16]  $semi$  –  $I$  – open if  $S \subset Cl^*(\text{Int}(S))$ .

**Definition 20.** A soft subset  $(F, A)$  of an soft ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, A, I)$  is said soft  $I$  – open if  $(F, A) \subseteq \text{Int}(F, A)^*$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$I = \{\tilde{\emptyset}, \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\}\}. \text{ Then } (F, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_1\})\} \text{ and } (G, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_1\}), (e_2, \{h_2\})\} \text{ are two soft } I \text{ – open sets}$$

$$\text{but } (F, A) \cap (G, A) = \{(e_1, \{h_1\})\} \text{ is not soft } I \text{ – open set.}$$

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

**Proof** Obvious.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Proof** Obvious.

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

- (i) If  $\{(F_\alpha, A) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is soft-I-open sets, then  $\sqcup \{(F_\alpha, A) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is soft  $I$ -open set.
- (ii) If  $(F, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  and  $(G, A) \in \tau$ , then  $(F, A) \tilde{\cap} (G, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$ .
- (iii) If  $(F, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  and  $(G, A)$  is  $\alpha$ -open set then  $(F, A) \tilde{\cap} (G, A) \in SPO(X, \tau, A)$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Proof** Obvious.

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

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

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

**Proof** Obvious.

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

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

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

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

#### 4. SOFT $I$ – CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (i)  $f$  is soft  $I$  – continuous,
- (ii) for each  $E_\alpha^x \tilde{\in} (X, A)$  and each  $(V, B) \in \sigma$  containing  $f(E_\alpha^x)$ , there exists  $(U, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  containing  $E_\alpha^x$  such that  $f(U, A) \tilde{\subset} (V, B)$ ,
- (iii) For each  $E_\alpha^x \tilde{\in} (X, A)$  and  $(V, B) \in \sigma$  containing  $f(E_\alpha^x)$ ,  $(f^{-1}(V, B))^*$  is a neighbourhood of  $E_\alpha^x$ .

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

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

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Obvious.

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

- (i)  $f$  is soft  $I$  – continuous,
- (ii) The inverse image of each soft closed set in  $Y$  is soft  $I$  – closed,
- (iii)  $(Int(f^{-1}(G, B)))^* \tilde{\subset} f^{-1}((G, B)^*)$  for each \*-dense-in-itself soft subset  $(G, B)$  of  $Y$ ,
- (iv)  $f(Int((F, A))^*) \tilde{\subset} (f(F, A))^*$ , for each subset  $(F, A)$  of  $X$ , and for each \*-perfect soft subset of  $Y$ .

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

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

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

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

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

**Proof** (⇒) Suppose that  $f$  is soft  $I$  – continuous. Let  $E_\alpha^x \in X$  and  $(W, A \times B)$  be any soft open set of  $X \times Y$  containing  $g(E_\alpha^x) = (E_\alpha^x, f(E_\alpha^x))$ . Then there exists a basic soft open set  $(U, A) \times (V, B)$  such that  $g(E_\alpha^x) = (E_\alpha^x, f(E_\alpha^x)) \in (U, A) \times (V, B) \subseteq (W, A \times B)$ . Since  $f$  is soft  $I$  – continuous, there exists a soft  $I$  – open set  $(U_0, A_0)$  of  $X$  containing  $E_\alpha^x$  such that  $f((U_0, A_0)) \subseteq (V, B)$ . Since  $(U_0, A_0) \tilde{\cap} (U, A) \in SIO(X, \tau, A, I)$  and  $(U_0, A_0) \tilde{\cap} (U, A) \subseteq (U, A)$ , then  $g((U_0, A_0) \tilde{\cap} (U, A)) \subseteq (U, A) \times (V, B) \subseteq (W, A \times B)$ . This shows that  $g$  is soft  $I$  – continuous.

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

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

**Proof** Let  $(V, B)$  be any soft open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V, B) \subseteq Int(f^{-1}(V, B))^*$  and so,  $(U, A) \tilde{\cap} f^{-1}(V, B) \subseteq (U, A) \tilde{\cap} Int(f^{-1}(V, B))^*$ . Thus  $(f|_{(U, A)})^{-1}(V, B) = (U, A) \tilde{\cap} f^{-1}(V, B) \subseteq (U, A) \tilde{\cap} Int(f^{-1}(V, B))^*$ , since  $(U, A) \in \tau$ , then  $(f|_{(U, A)})^{-1}(V, B) = Int((U, A) \tilde{\cap} (f^{-1}(V, B))^*) \subseteq Int((U, A) \tilde{\cap} (f^{-1}(V, B))^*) = Int((f|_{(U, A)})^{-1}(V, B))^*$ . Thus we have that  $(f|_{(U, A)})^{-1}(V, B) \in SIO((U, A), \tau|_{(U, A)})$ . This shows that  $f|_{(U, A)}$  is soft  $I$  – continuous.

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

**Proof** The proof is similar to previous theorem.

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

**Proof** Obvious.

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

**Proof** Obvious.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 5. SOFT $I$ – OPEN AND SOFT $I$ – CLOSED FUNCTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Proof** Suppose that  $f$  is a soft  $I$  – open function. For each  $E_\alpha^x \in X$  and each soft neighborhood  $(U, A)$  of  $E_\alpha^x$ , there exists  $(U_0, A_0) \in \tau$  such that  $E_\alpha^x \in (U_0, A_0) \subseteq (U, A)$ . Since  $f$  is soft  $I$  – open,  $(V, B) = f((U_0, A_0)) \in SIO(Y, \sigma, B)$  and  $f(E_\alpha^x) \in (V, B) \subseteq f(U, A)$ .

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

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

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

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

- (i)  $f^{-1}: (Y, \sigma, B, J) \rightarrow (X, \tau, A)$  is soft  $I$  – continuous,
- (ii)  $f$  is soft  $I$  – open,
- (iii)  $f$  is soft  $I$  – closed.

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

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

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

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

**Proof** Obvious.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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