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## New Topologies via Weak $N$ -Topological Open Sets and Mappings

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**Abstract** — One of the objectives of this paper is to introduce some weak  $N$ -topological open sets. We characterize  $N$ -topological continuous,  $N^*$ -quotient,  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient and  $N^*$ -semi quotient mappings and derive some new topologies with suitable examples.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1963 Norman Levine [1] initiated the concept of semi open sets and its continuous functions. In 1965 O.Njastad [2] developed the  $\alpha$ -open set and its properties in classical topology. Mashhour et al. [3] investigated the properties of pre open sets. Andrijevic [4] discussed the behaviour of  $\beta$ -open sets in classical topology. The general form of classical topology called  $N$ -topology and  $N\tau$ -open sets were initiated by Lellis Thivagar et al. [5]. In this paper we introduce  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set,  $N\tau$  semi-open set,  $N\tau$  pre-open set and  $N\tau\beta$ -open set in  $N$ -topological space. We also establish that the set of all  $N\tau\alpha$ -open sets forms a topology. Apart from this we investigate the properties of some  $N$ -topological continuous and quotient mappings. In this section we discuss some basic properties of  $N$ -topological spaces which are useful in sequel. Here by a space  $(X, N\tau)$ , we mean a  $N$ -topological space with  $N$ -topology  $N\tau$  defined on  $X$  in which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated.

**Definition 1.1.** [5] Let  $X$  be a non empty set,  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  be  $N$ -arbitrary topologies defined on  $X$  and let the collection  $N\tau = \{S \subseteq X : S = (\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i) \cup (\bigcap_{i=1}^N B_i), A_i, B_i \in \tau_i\}$ , is said to be  $N$ -topology on  $X$  if it satisfies the following axioms:

- (i)  $X, \emptyset \in N\tau$
- (ii)  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} S_i \in N\tau$  for all  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \in N\tau$
- (iii)  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i \in N\tau$  for all  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^n \in N\tau$

Then the pair  $(X, N\tau)$  is called a  $N$ -topological space on  $X$ . The elements of  $N\tau$  are known as  $N\tau$ -open set and the complement of  $N\tau$ -open set is called  $N\tau$ -closed.

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**Definition 1.2.** [5] Let  $A$  be a subset of  $N$ -topological space  $(X, N\tau)$ . Then

- (i)  $N\tau\text{-int}(A) = \cup\{G : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \text{ is } N\tau\text{-open}\}$
- (ii)  $N\tau\text{-cl}(A) = \cap\{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } N\tau\text{-closed}\}$

**Theorem 1.3.** [5] Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a topological space on  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $x \in N\tau\text{-cl}(A)$  if and only if  $G \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every open set  $G$  containing  $x$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (i)  $\alpha$ -open [2] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$
- (ii) semi-open [1] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$
- (iii) pre-open [3] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$
- (iv)  $\beta$ -open [4] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$

The complement of  $\alpha$ -open (resp. semi-open, pre-open and  $\beta$ -open) set is called  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi-closed, pre-closed and  $\beta$ -closed).

## 2. Weak Forms of Open Sets in $N$ -Topological Space

In this section we investigate some classes of open sets in  $N$ -topological space and discuss the relationship between them.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a  $N$ -topological space  $(X, N\tau)$  is called

- (i)  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set if  $A \subseteq N\tau\text{-int}(N\tau\text{-cl}(N\tau\text{-int}(A)))$
- (ii)  $N\tau$  semi-open set if  $A \subseteq N\tau\text{-cl}(N\tau\text{-int}(A))$
- (iii)  $N\tau$  pre-open set if  $A \subseteq N\tau\text{-int}(N\tau\text{-cl}(A))$
- (iv)  $N\tau\beta$ -open set if  $A \subseteq N\tau\text{-cl}(N\tau\text{-int}(N\tau\text{-cl}(A)))$

The complement of  $N\tau\alpha$ -open (resp.  $N\tau$  semi-open,  $N\tau$  pre-open and  $N\tau\beta$ -open) set is called  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed (resp.  $N\tau$  semi-closed,  $N\tau$  pre-closed and  $N\tau\beta$ -closed). The set of all  $N\tau\alpha$ -open (resp.  $N\tau$  semi-open,  $N\tau$  pre-open and  $N\tau\beta$ -open) sets of  $(X, N\tau)$  is denoted by  $N\tau\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $N\tau SO(X)$ ,  $N\tau PO(X)$  and  $N\tau\beta O(X)$ ) and the set of all  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed (resp.  $N\tau$  semi-closed,  $N\tau$  pre-closed and  $N\tau\beta$ -closed) sets of  $(X, N\tau)$  is denoted by  $N\tau\alpha C(X)$  (resp.  $N\tau SC(X)$ ,  $N\tau PC(X)$  and  $N\tau\beta C(X)$ ).

Particularly if  $N = 1$ , then the  $1\tau\alpha$ -open,  $1\tau$  semi-open,  $1\tau$  pre-open and  $1\tau\beta$ -open set of  $(X, 1\tau)$  respectively become  $\alpha$ -open, semi-open, pre-open and  $\beta$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$  which are defined in definition 2.4.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $N$ -topological space  $(X, N\tau)$ . Then

- (i) every  $N\tau$ -open set is  $N\tau\alpha$ -open.
- (ii) every  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set is  $N\tau$  semi-open.
- (iii) every  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set is  $N\tau$  pre-open.
- (iv) every  $N\tau$  semi-open set is  $N\tau\beta$ -open.
- (v) every  $N\tau$  pre-open set is  $N\tau\beta$ -open.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as shown in the following examples.

**Example 2.3.** If we take  $N = 3$ ,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X\}$  and  $\tau_3 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $3\tau O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $3\tau\alpha O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Here the set  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $3\tau\alpha$ -open but not  $3\tau$ -open.

**Example 2.4.** If  $N = 5$ ,  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_3 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_4 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_5 = \{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Then,  $5\tau O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ ,  $5\tau\alpha O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $5\tau PO(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$  and  $5\tau\beta O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . Here the set  $\{a, d\}$  is  $5\tau$  semi-open and  $5\tau\beta$ -open but not  $5\tau\alpha$ -open as well as not  $5\tau$  pre-open. Also the set  $\{a, c\}$  is  $5\tau$  pre-open and  $5\tau\beta$ -open but not  $5\tau\alpha$ -open as well as  $5\tau$  semi-open.

We observe that the following theorem is analogous to the 1985 topological space result of Reilly and Vamanamurthy [6].

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space. Then every  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set is both  $N\tau$  semi-open and  $N\tau$  pre-open and conversely.

**Lemma 2.6.** The arbitrary union of  $N\tau\alpha$ -open ( resp.  $N\tau$  semi-open,  $N\tau$  pre-open,  $N\tau\beta$ -open) sets is  $N\tau\alpha$ -open ( resp.  $N\tau$  semi-open,  $N\tau$  pre-open,  $N\tau\beta$ -open).

**Remark 2.7.** Intersection of any two  $N\tau$  semi-open (resp.  $N\tau$  pre-open,  $N\tau\beta$ -open) sets need not be a  $N\tau$  semi-open (resp.  $N\tau$  pre-open,  $N\tau\beta$ -open) set. Consider example 3.4, the sets  $\{a, d\}$  and  $\{b, c, d\}$  are  $5\tau$  semi-open, but  $\{d\}$  is not  $5\tau$  semi-open. The sets  $\{a, c, d\}$  and  $\{a, b, d\}$  are  $5\tau$  pre-open, but  $\{a, d\}$  is not  $5\tau$  semi-open. Also the sets  $\{a, d\}$  and  $\{c, d\}$  are  $5\tau\beta$ -open, but  $\{d\}$  is not  $5\tau\beta$ -open.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space. Then  $N\tau\alpha O(X) = \{A \subseteq X : A \cap B \in N\tau SO(X) \forall B \in N\tau SO(X)\}$ .

**Proof:** Proof follows as similar as the Proposition 1 of [2].

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space. Then  $N\tau\alpha O(X)$  is a topology finer than  $N\tau O(X)$ .

**Proof:** Clearly  $\emptyset \in N\tau\alpha O(X)$  and  $\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} A_i \in N\tau\alpha O(X)$  for every  $\{A_i\}_{i \in \Lambda} \in N\tau\alpha O(X)$  by lemma 3.6. By theorem 3.8 we have  $N\tau\alpha O(X)$  is a topology and clearly  $N\tau O(X) \subseteq N\tau\alpha O(X)$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $N\tau$ -nowhere dense set if  $N\tau\text{-int}(N\tau\text{-cl}(A)) = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set, then it can be written as a difference of  $N\tau$ -open set and  $N\tau$ -nowhere dense set.

**Remark 2.12.**  $N\tau O(X) = N\tau\alpha O(X)$  if and only if all  $N\tau$ -nowhere dense sets are  $N\tau$ -closed.

**Definition 2.13.** An  $N$ -topological space  $(X, N\tau)$  is said to be extremely disconnected if  $N\tau\text{-cl}(A)$  is  $N\tau$ -open for all  $N\tau$ -open sets  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.14.**  $N\tau SO(X)$  is a topology if and only if  $(X, N\tau)$  is extremely disconnected.

### 3. Weak Closure and Interior Operators in $N$ -Topology

In this section, we introduce some weak closure and interior operators in  $N$ -topological space and investigate their properties.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ .

- (i) The  $N\tau$ - $\alpha$  closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$ , and defined by

$$N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } N\tau\alpha\text{-closed set}\}$$

- (ii) The  $N\tau$ -semi closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\text{-scl}(A)$ , and defined by

$$N\tau\text{-scl}(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } N\tau \text{ semi-closed set}\}$$

- (iii) The  $N\tau$ -pre closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\text{-pcl}(A)$ , and defined by

$$N\tau\text{-pcl}(A) = \cap\{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } N\tau \text{ pre-closed set}\}$$

(iv) The  $N\tau$ - $\beta$  closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\beta\text{cl}(A)$ , and defined by

$$N\tau\text{-}\beta\text{cl}(A) = \cap\{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } N\tau\beta\text{-closed set}\}$$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ .

(i) The  $N\tau$ - $\alpha$  interior of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\alpha\text{int}(A)$ , and is defined by

$$N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{int}(A) = \cup\{G : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \text{ is } N\tau\alpha\text{-open set}\}$$

(ii) The  $N\tau$ -semi interior of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\text{-sint}(A)$ , and is defined by

$$N\tau\text{-sint}(A) = \cup\{G : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \text{ is } N\tau \text{ semi-open set}\}$$

(iii) The  $N\tau$ -pre interior of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\text{-pint}(A)$ , and is defined by

$$N\tau\text{-pint}(A) = \cup\{G : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \text{ is } N\tau \text{ pre-open set}\}$$

(iv) The  $N\tau$ - $\beta$  interior of  $A$ , denoted by  $N\tau\text{-}\beta\text{int}(A)$ , and is defined by

$$N\tau\text{-}\beta\text{int}(A) = \cup\{G : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \text{ is } N\tau\beta\text{-open set}\}$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space on  $X$  and let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then

- (i)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$  is the smallest  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set which containing  $A$ .
- (ii)  $A$  is  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed iff  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) = A$ . In particular,  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(X) = X$ .
- (iii)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$
- (iv)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A \cup B) = N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$
- (v)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A \cap B) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \cap N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$
- (vi)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)) = N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$

**Proof:**

- (i) Since the intersection of any collection of  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed sets is also  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed, then  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$  is a  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set. By definition 4.1,  $A \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$ . Now let  $B$  be any  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set containing  $A$ . Then  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) = \cap\{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } N\tau\alpha\text{-closed}\} \subseteq B$ . Therefore,  $A$  is the smallest  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set containing  $A$ .
- (ii) Assume  $A$  is  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed, then  $A$  is the only smallest  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set containing itself and therefore,  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) = A$ . Conversely, assume  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) = A$ . Then  $A$  is the smallest  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set containing itself. Therefore,  $A$  is  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed. In particular, since  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed sets, then  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(X) = X$ .
- (iii) Assume  $A \subseteq B$ , and since  $B \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$ , then  $A \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$ . Since  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$  is the smallest  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set containing  $A$ . Therefore,  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$ .
- (iv) Since  $A \subseteq A \cup B$  and  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ . Then by (iii), we have  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A \cup B)$ . On the other hand, by (i),  $A \cup B \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$ . Since  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A \cup B)$  is the smallest  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set containing  $A \cup B$ . Then  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A \cup B) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$ . Therefore,  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A \cup B) = N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$ .
- (v) Since  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq B$ , then  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A \cap B) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A) \cap N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(B)$ .
- (vi) Since  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$  is a  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set, then  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)) = N\tau\text{-}\alpha\text{cl}(A)$ .

**Remark 3.4.** From the above theorem, we can observe that the closure operator  $N\tau\text{-}cl$  satisfies the Kuratowski's closure axioms. The following theorem can be proved as the above theorem.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space on  $X$  and let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Let  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(A)$  is the intersection of all  $k$ -closed sets containing  $A$  (where  $k$ -closed set is can be any one of the following  $N\tau$  semi-closed set,  $N\tau$  pre-closed set and  $N\tau\beta$ -closed set). Then

- (i)  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(A)$  is the smallest  $k$ -closed set containing  $A$ .
- (ii)  $A$  is  $k$ -closed iff  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(A) = A$ . In particular,  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(X) = X$ .
- (iii)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow N\tau\text{-}kcl(A) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}kcl(B)$
- (iv)  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(A \cup B) \supseteq N\tau\text{-}kcl(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}kcl(B)$
- (v)  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(A \cap B) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}kcl(A) \cap N\tau\text{-}kcl(B)$
- (vi)  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(N\tau\text{-}kcl(A)) = N\tau\text{-}kcl(A)$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . For  $N = 3$ , consider  $\tau_1 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_3 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Then, we have  $3\tau O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\} = N\tau\alpha O(X)$ ,  $3\tau C(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . Also  $3\tau SO(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $3\tau PO(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$  and  $3\tau\beta O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$ . Then  $3\tau\text{-}scl(A) \cup 3\tau\text{-}scl(B) = \{a\} \cup \{b, d\} = \{a, b, d\} \neq X = 3\tau\text{-}scl(A \cup B)$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$ . Then  $3\tau\text{-}pcl(A) \cup 3\tau\text{-}pcl(B) = \{a\} \cup \{b\} = \{a, b\} \neq \{a, b, d\} = 3\tau\text{-}pcl(A \cup B)$ . Also let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$ , then  $3\tau\text{-}\beta cl(A) \cup 3\tau\text{-}\beta cl(B) = \{a\} \cup \{b, c\} = \{a, b, c\} \neq X = 3\tau\text{-}\beta cl(A \cup B)$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space on  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $N\tau\text{-}kcl(A)$  is the intersection of all  $k$ -closed sets containing  $A$  (where  $k$ -closed set is can be any one of the following  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set,  $N\tau$  semi-closed set,  $N\tau$  pre-closed set and  $N\tau\beta$ -closed set). Then  $x \in N\tau\text{-}kcl(A)$  if and only if  $G \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $k$ -open set  $G$  containing  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space  $X$  and  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then

- (i)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A)$  is the largest  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set contained in  $A$ .
- (ii)  $A$  is  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set iff  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A) = A$ . In particular,  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(X) = X$ .
- (iii)  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(B)$
- (iv)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A \cup B) \supseteq N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(B)$
- (v)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A \cap B) = N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A) \cap N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(B)$
- (vi)  $N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A)) = N\tau\text{-}\alpha int(A)$

**Proof:** The proof is obvious from the fact that a set is  $N\tau\alpha$ -open if and only if its complement is  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed.

The proof of the following theorem can be proved as similar as the above theorem.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space  $X$  and  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Let  $N\tau\text{-}kint(A)$  is the union of all  $k$ -open sets contained in  $A$  (where  $k$ -open set can be any one of  $N\tau$  semi-open set,  $N\tau$  pre-open set and  $N\tau\beta$ -open set). Then

- (i)  $N\tau\text{-}kint(A)$  is the largest  $k$ -open set contained in  $A$ .
- (ii)  $A$  is  $k$ -open set iff  $N\tau\text{-}kint(A) = A$ . In particular,  $N\tau\text{-}kint(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $N\tau\text{-}kint(X) = X$ .
- (iii)  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $N\tau\text{-}kint(A) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}kint(B)$
- (iv)  $N\tau\text{-}kint(A \cup B) \supseteq N\tau\text{-}kint(A) \cup N\tau\text{-}kint(B)$
- (v)  $N\tau\text{-}kint(A \cap B) \subseteq N\tau\text{-}kint(A) \cap N\tau\text{-}kint(B)$

$$(vi) \ N\tau\text{-kint}(N\tau\text{-kint}(A)) = N\tau\text{-kint}(A)$$

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $N\tau\text{-kint}(A)$  and  $N\tau\text{-kcl}(A)$  are the weak interior and closure operator in  $N$ -topological space. By  $k$ -closed set, we mean any one of the following  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set,  $N\tau$  semi-closed set,  $N\tau$  pre-closed set and  $N\tau\beta$ -closed set. Then

$$(i) \ N\tau\text{-kint}(X - A) = X - N\tau\text{-kcl}(A)$$

$$(ii) \ N\tau\text{-kcl}(X - A) = X - N\tau\text{-kint}(A)$$

**Remark 3.11.** Let  $(X, N\tau)$  be a  $N$ -topological space  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Let  $N\tau\text{-kint}(A)$  and  $N\tau\text{-kcl}(A)$  are the weak interior and closure operator in  $N$ -topological space. By  $k$ -closed set, we mean any one of the following  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set,  $N\tau$  semi-closed set,  $N\tau$  pre-closed set and  $N\tau\beta$ -closed set. If we take the complement of either side of part(i) and part(ii) of previous theorems, we get

$$(i) \ N\tau\text{-kcl}(A) = X - N\tau\text{-kint}(X - A)$$

$$(ii) \ N\tau\text{-kint}(A) = X - N\tau\text{-kcl}(X - A)$$

#### 4. Some Weak Continuous Functions in $N$ -topology

In this section, we introduce some weak form of continuous functions in  $N$ -topological space and investigate the relationship between them. By the spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , we means the  $N$ -topological spaces  $(X, N\tau)$  and  $(Y, N\sigma)$  respectively.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two  $N$ -Topological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous (resp.  $N^*$ -semi continuous,  $N^*$ -pre continuous,  $N^*$ - $\beta$  continuous) on  $X$  if the inverse image of every  $N\sigma$ -open set in  $Y$  is a  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set (resp.  $N\tau$  semi-open,  $N\tau$  pre-open,  $N\tau\beta$ -open) in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous (resp.  $N^*$ -semi continuous,  $N^*$ -pre continuous,  $N^*$ - $\beta$  continuous) on  $X$  if and only if the inverse image of every  $N\sigma$ -closed set in  $Y$  is a  $N\tau\alpha$ -closed set (resp.  $N\tau$  semi-closed,  $N\tau$  pre-closed,  $N\tau\beta$ -closed) in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $N^*$ -continuous on  $X$ , then it is  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous function on  $X$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $N^*$ -continuous function on  $X$  and let  $A \subseteq Y$  be a  $N\sigma$ -open set. Then  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq X$  is  $N\tau$ -open set in  $X$ . Since every  $N\tau$ -open set is  $N\tau\alpha$ -open set, then  $f$  is  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous on  $X$ .

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as shown in the following example.

**Example 4.4.** For  $N = 2$ , let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ . Consider  $\tau_1 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset\}$ ,  $\tau_2 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma_1 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x, y\}\}$ . Then  $2\tau O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $2\sigma O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = x$ ,  $f(b) = y$  and  $f(c) = z$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $2^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous function on  $X$  but not  $2^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.5.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous on  $X$  if and only if it is  $N^*$ -semi continuous and  $N^*$ -pre continuous.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the theorem 3.5.

**Theorem 4.6.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $N^*$ -semi continuous on  $X$ , then it is  $N^*$ - $\beta$  continuous.

**Theorem 4.7.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $N^*$ -pre continuous on  $X$ , then it is  $N^*$ - $\beta$  continuous.

The converse of the above theorems need not be true as shown in the following example.

**Example 4.8.** If  $N = 2$ ,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ . Consider  $\tau_1 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$  and also  $\sigma_1 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x, y\}\}$ . Then  $2\tau O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $2\sigma O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = x$ ,  $f(b) = z$  and  $f(c) = y$ . Then  $f$  is  $2^*$ -pre continuous and  $2^*$ - $\beta$  continuous function on  $X$  but it is not  $2^*$ -semi



continuous and not  $2^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous function. Also if  $N = 3$ ,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ . Consider  $\tau_1 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_3 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$  and also  $\sigma_1 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{y, z\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_3 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset\}$ . Then  $3\tau O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $3\sigma O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{y, z\}\}$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = x$ ,  $f(b) = y$  and  $f(c) = z$ . Then  $f$  is  $3^*$ -semi continuous and  $3^*$ - $\beta$  continuous on  $X$  but it is not  $3^*$ -pre continuous and not  $3^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous.

## 5. Quotient Mappings in $N$ -Topology

In this section, we introduce and establish the properties of some new types of quotient mappings in  $N$ -topological spaces.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $N$ -topological spaces, then a surjective map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i)  $N^*$ -quotient map if  $f$  is  $N^*$ -continuous and for each subset  $G$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $N\tau$ -open (or  $N\tau$ -closed) in  $X$  implies  $G$  is  $N\sigma$ -open (or  $N\sigma$ -closed) in  $Y$ .
- (ii)  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient map if  $f$  is  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous and for each subset  $G$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $N\tau$ -open (or  $N\tau$ -closed) in  $X$  implies  $G$  is  $N\sigma\alpha$ -open (or  $N\sigma\alpha$ -closed) in  $Y$ .
- (iii)  $N^*$ -semi quotient map if  $f$  is  $N^*$ -semi continuous and for each subset  $G$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $N\tau$ -open (or  $N\tau$ -closed) in  $X$  implies  $G$  is  $N\sigma$  semi-open (or  $N\sigma$  semi-closed) in  $Y$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $X, Y$  be two  $N$ -topological spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective map. Then

- (i) every  $N^*$ -quotient map is  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient.
- (ii) every  $N^*$ -quotient map is  $N^*$ -semi quotient.
- (iii) every  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient map is  $N^*$ -semi quotient.

**Proof:** The proof is straightforward from the definition.

The following examples show that the converse of the above proposition need not be true.

**Example 5.3.** For  $N = 2$ , let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ . Consider  $\tau_1 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset\}$  and  $\sigma_1 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}\}$  and  $\sigma_2 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x, y\}\}$ . Then  $2\tau O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $2\sigma O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = x$ ,  $f(b) = y$  and  $f(c) = z$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $2^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient and  $2^*$ -semi quotient map but not  $2^*$ -quotient.

**Example 5.4.** For  $N = 3$ , let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ . Consider  $\tau_1 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_3 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}\}$  and  $\sigma_1 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{x, z\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{y\}, \{x, y\}\}$  and  $\sigma_3 O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}\}$ . Then  $3\tau O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $3\sigma O(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}\}$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = y$ ,  $f(b) = x$  and  $f(c) = z$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $3^*$ -semi quotient map but not  $3^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient and not  $3^*$ -quotient.

**Definition 5.5.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two  $N$ -topological spaces, then a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i)  $N^*$ -open (or  $N^*$ -closed) if for every  $N\tau$ -open ( $N\tau$ -closed) set  $G$  of  $X$ ,  $f(G)$  is  $N\sigma$ -open (or  $N\sigma$ -closed) in  $Y$ .
- (ii)  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  open (or  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  closed) if for every  $N\tau$ -open ( $N\tau$ -closed) set  $G$  of  $X$ ,  $f(G)$  is  $N\sigma\alpha$ -open (or  $N\sigma\alpha$ -closed) in  $Y$ .
- (iii)  $N^*$ -semi open (or  $N^*$ -semi closed) if for every  $N\tau$ -open ( $N\tau$ -closed) set  $G$  of  $X$ ,  $f(G)$  is  $N\sigma$  semi-open (or  $N\sigma$  semi-closed) in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 5.6.** (i) Every surjective  $N^*$ -continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  which is either  $N^*$ -open or  $N^*$ -closed is  $N^*$ -quotient map.

- (ii) Every surjective  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  which is either  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  open or  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  closed is  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient map.

(iii) Every surjective  $N^*$ -semi continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  which is either  $N^*$ -semi open or  $N^*$ -semi closed is  $N^*$ -semi quotient map.

**Proof:** The proof is trivial from the definition.

**Lemma 5.7.** Let  $X$  be a  $N$ -topological space,  $Y$  be a set and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective map. Then define  $N\tau_f = \{G \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(G) \in N\tau O(X)\}$  is a topology on  $Y$  relative to which  $f$  is a  $N^*$ -quotient map. It is called  $N^*$ -quotient topology on  $Y$  induced by  $f$ .

**Proof:** The proof follows from the facts that  $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ,  $f^{-1}(Y) = X$ ,  $f^{-1}(\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} G_i) = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} f^{-1}(G_i)$  and  $f^{-1}(\cap_{i=1}^n G_i) = \cap_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(G_i)$ .

The following lemmas can be proved similarly as the above lemma.

**Lemma 5.8.** Let  $X$  be a  $N$ -topological space,  $Y$  be a set and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective map. Then define  $N\tau\alpha_f = \{G \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(G) \in N\tau\alpha O(X)\}$  is a topology on  $Y$  relative to which  $f$  is a  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient map. It is called  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient topology on  $Y$  induced by  $f$ .

**Lemma 5.9.** Let  $X$  be a  $N$ -topological space,  $Y$  be a set and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective map. Then define  $N\tau S_f = \{G \subseteq Y : f^{-1}(G) \in N\tau SO(X)\}$  is a generalized topology on  $Y$  relative to which  $f$  is a  $N^*$ -semi quotient map but it need not be a topology. It is called  $N^*$ -semi quotient generalized topology on  $Y$  induced by  $f$ . If  $X$  is an extremally disconnected  $N$ -topological space, the intersection of two  $N\tau$  semi-open sets in  $X$  is  $N\tau$  semi-open and hence  $N\tau S_f$  becomes a topology on  $Y$ .

**Example 5.10.** For  $N = 2$ , let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ . Consider  $\tau_1 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\} = \sigma_1 O(Y)$  and  $\tau_2 O(X) = \{X, \emptyset\} = \sigma_2 O(Y)$ . Then  $2\tau O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\} = 2\sigma O(Y)$  and  $2\tau\alpha O(X) = 2\tau SO(X) = 2\sigma\alpha O(Y) = 2\sigma SO(Y) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ . Clearly  $f$  is  $2^*$ -quotient,  $2^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient and  $2^*$ -semi quotient map. Therefore,  $2\tau_f = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $2\tau\alpha_f = 2\tau S_f = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

**Example 5.11.** In example 6.4,  $f$  is  $3^*$ -semi quotient map and therefore,  $3\tau S_f = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}, \{y, z\}\}$  is not a topology on  $Y$ .

**Theorem 5.12.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be  $N$ -topological spaces,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $N^*$ -quotient map and  $h : X \rightarrow Z$  be a map that is constant on each set  $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ , for  $y \in Y$ . Then  $h$  induces a map  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $g \circ f = h$ . Then the induced map  $g$  is  $N^*$ -continuous if and only if  $h$  is  $N^*$ -continuous;  $g$  is  $N^*$ -quotient map if and only if  $h$  is  $N^*$ -quotient map.

**Proof:** Since  $h$  is constant on each set  $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ , for each  $y \in Y$ , the set  $h(f^{-1}(\{y\}))$  is a one-point set in  $Z$ . Let us take this point as  $g(y)$ , then the map  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $g(f(x)) = h(x)$ . If  $g$  is  $N^*$ -continuous, then  $h = g \circ f$  is  $N^*$ -continuous. Conversely, assume  $h$  is  $N^*$ -continuous, for each  $N\eta$ -open set  $G$  of  $Z$ ,  $h^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$  is  $N\tau$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $N^*$ -quotient,  $g^{-1}(G)$  is  $N\sigma$ -open in  $Y$  and hence  $g$  is  $N^*$ -continuous.

If  $g$  is  $N^*$ -quotient map, then  $h$  is the composite of two  $N^*$ -quotient map and so is a  $N^*$ -quotient map. Conversely, assume  $h$  is a  $N^*$ -quotient map and since  $h$  is surjective, then  $g$  is surjective. Let  $g^{-1}(G)$  be a  $N\sigma$ -open set in  $Y$  and since  $f$  is  $N^*$ -continuous, then the set  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) = h^{-1}(G)$  is  $N\tau$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $h$  is a  $N^*$ -quotient map,  $G$  is  $N\eta$ -open in  $Z$ .

The following theorems can be proved similarly as the above theorem.

**Theorem 5.13.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be  $N$ -topological spaces,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  quotient map and  $h : X \rightarrow Z$  be a  $N^*$ -continuous map that is constant on each set  $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ , for  $y \in Y$ . Then  $h$  induces a  $N^*$ - $\alpha$  continuous map  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $g \circ f = h$ .

**Theorem 5.14.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be  $N$ -topological spaces,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $N^*$ -semi quotient map and  $h : X \rightarrow Z$  be a  $N^*$ -continuous map that is constant on each set  $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ , for  $y \in Y$ . Then  $h$  induces a  $N^*$ -semi continuous map  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $g \circ f = h$ .

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper we established some weak form of open sets and its respective continuous and quotient mappings in our  $N$ -topological spaces. These concepts can be extended to other applicable research areas of topology such as Nano topology, Fuzzy topology, Supra topology and so on.



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