

Continuity via Λ_1^s -open sets

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ABSTRACT

Sanabria, Rosas and Carpintero [7] introduced the notions of Λ_1^s -sets and Λ_1^s -closed sets using ideals on topological spaces. Given an ideal I on a topological space (X, τ) , a subset $A \subset X$ is said to be Λ_1^s -closed if $A = U \cap F$ where U is a Λ_1^s -set and F is a τ^* -closed set. In this work we use sets that are complements of Λ_1^s -closed sets, which are called Λ_1^s -open, to characterize new variants of continuity namely Λ_1^s -continuous, quasi- Λ_1^s -continuous y Λ_1^s -irresolute functions.

RESUMEN

Sanabria, Rosas y Carpintero [7] introdujeron las nociones de conjuntos Λ_1^s y conjuntos Λ_1^s -cerrados usando ideales sobre espacios topológicos. Dado un ideal I sobre un espacio topológico (X, τ) , un subconjunto $A \subset X$ se llama Λ_1^s -cerrado si $A = U \cap F$ donde U es un Λ_1^s -conjunto y F es un conjunto τ^* -cerrado. En este trabajo usamos conjuntos que son complementos de conjuntos Λ_1^s -cerrado, los cuales son llamados Λ_1^s -abierto, para caracterizar nuevas variantes de continuidad, denominadas, funciones Λ_1^s -continuas y funciones Λ_1^s -irresolutas.

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1 Introduction

The theory of ideal on topological spaces has been the subject of many studies in recent years. It was the works of Hamlet and Jankovic [5], Abd EL-Monsef, Lashien and Nasef [1] and Hatir and Noiri [2] which motivated the research in applying topological ideals to generalize the most basic properties in general topology. In 2002, Hatir and Noiri [2] introduced the notion of semi-I-open sets in topological spaces. Also, Hatir and Noiri [3] investigated semi-I-open sets and semi-I-continuous functions. Quite recently, Sanabria, Rosas and Carpintero [7] have introduced the notions of Λ_1^s -sets and Λ_1^s -closed sets to obtain characterizations of two low separation axioms, namely semi-I- T_1 and semi-I- $T_{1/2}$ spaces. In this article we introduce the notion of Λ_1^s -open sets in order to characterize new variants of continuity in ideal topological spaces.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, $P(X)$, $Cl(A)$ and $Int(A)$ denote the power set of X , the closure of A and the interior of A , respectively. An ideal I on a topological space (X, τ) is a nonempty collection of subsets of X which satisfies the following two properties:

- (1) $A \in I$ and $B \subset A$ implies $B \in I$;
- (2) $A \in I$ and $B \in I$ implies $A \cup B \in I$.

A topological space (X, τ) with an ideal I on X is called an ideal topological space and is denoted by (X, τ, I) . Given an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) , a set operator $(.)^* : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$, called a local function [6] of A with respect to τ and I , is defined as follows: for $A \subset X$, $A^*(I, \tau) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin I \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$, where $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau : x \in U\}$. When there is no chance for confusion, we will simply write A^* for $A^*(I, \tau)$. In general, X^* is a proper subset of X . A Kuratowski closure operator $Cl^*(.)$ for a topology $\tau^*(I, \tau)$, called the \star -topology, finer than τ , is defined by $Cl^*(A) = A \cup A^*(I, \tau)$ [5]. For any ideal topological space (X, τ, I) , the collection $\beta(I, \tau) = \{V \setminus J : V \in \tau \text{ and } J \in I\}$ is a basis for $\tau^*(I, \tau)$. According to the above, in this article, we denote by τ^* to topology $\tau^*(I, \tau)$ generated by Cl^* , that is, $\tau^* = \{U \in P(X) : Cl^*(X - U) = X - U\}$. The elements of τ^* are called τ^* -open and the complement of a τ^* -open is called τ^* -closed. It is well known that a subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is τ^* -closed if and only if $A^* \subset A$ [5].

Definition 2.1. A subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is said to be semi-I-open [2] if $A \subset Cl^*(Int(A))$. The complement of a semi-I-open set is said to be semi-I-closed. The family of all semi-I-open sets of an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is denoted by $SIO(X, \tau)$.

The following three notions has been introduced by Sanabria et al. [7].

Definition 2.2. Let A be a subset of an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) . A subset $\Lambda_1^s(A)$ is defined as follows: $\Lambda_1^s(A) = \cap\{U : A \subset U, U \in SIO(X, \tau)\}$.

Definition 2.3. Let (X, τ, I) an ideal topological space. A subset A of X is said to be:

- (1) Λ_1^s -set if $A = \Lambda_1^s(A)$.
- (2) Λ_1^s -closed if $A = U \cap F$, where U is a Λ_1^s -set and F is an τ^* -closed set.

Since each open set is semi-I-open, by Propositions 3.1(3) and 4.1 of [7], we have the following implications:

$$\text{Open} \implies \text{semi-I-open} \implies \Lambda_1^s\text{-set} \implies \Lambda_1^s\text{-closed.}$$

Lemma 2.1. (Sanabria, Rosas and Carpintero [7]) For an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) , we take $\tau^{\Lambda_1^s} = \{A : A \text{ is a } \Lambda_1^s\text{-set of } (X, \tau, I)\}$. Then the pair $(X, \tau^{\Lambda_1^s})$ is an Alexandroff space.

Remark 2.1. According to Lemma 2.1, a subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is open in $(X, \tau^{\Lambda_1^s})$, if A is a Λ_1^s -set of (X, τ, I) .

Definition 2.4. A subset A of an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is called Λ_1^s -open if $X \setminus A$ is a Λ_1^s -closed set.

In the sequel, the ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is simply denoted by X . Next we present some results related with Λ_1^s -open sets.

Lemma 2.2. Every τ^* -open set is Λ_1^s -open.

Proof. This follows from Proposition 4.1 of [7]. □

Lemma 2.3. Let $\{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ be a family of subsets of X . If B_α is Λ_1^s -open for each $\alpha \in \Delta$, then $\bigcup\{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is Λ_1^s -open.

Proof. The proof is an immediate consequence from Proposition 4.2 of [7]. □

3 New variants of continuity

In this section we use the notions of open, Λ_1^s -open and τ^* -open sets in order to introduce new forms of continuous functions called Λ_1^s -continuous, quasi- Λ_1^s -continuous and Λ_1^s -irresolute. We study the relationships between these classes of functions and also obtain some properties and characterizations of them.

Definition 3.1. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is said to be semi-I-irresolute [4], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a semi-I-open set in (X, τ, I) for each semi-J-open set of (Y, σ, J) .

Theorem 3.1. If a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is semi-I-irresolute, then $f : (X, \tau^{\Lambda_1^s}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^{\Lambda_1^s})$ is continuous.

Proof. Let V be any Λ_J^s -set of (Y, σ, J) , that is $V \in \sigma^{\wedge J^s}$, then $V = \Lambda_J^s(V) = \cap\{W : V \subset W \text{ and } W \text{ is semi-}J\text{-open in } (Y, \sigma, J)\}$. Since f is semi- I -irresolute, $f^{-1}(W)$ is a semi- I -open set in (X, τ, I) for each W , hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_I^s(f^{-1}(V)) &= \cap\{U : f^{-1}(V) \subset U \text{ and } U \in \text{SIO}(X, \tau)\} \\ &\subset \cap\{f^{-1}(W) : f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(W) \text{ and } W \in \text{SJO}(Y, \sigma)\} \\ &= f^{-1}(V). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, always we have $f^{-1}(V) \subset \Lambda_I^s(f^{-1}(V))$ and so $f^{-1}(V) = \Lambda_I^s(f^{-1}(V))$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau^{\wedge I^s}$ and $f : (X, \tau^{\wedge I^s}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^{\wedge J^s})$ is continuous. \square

Definition 3.2. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is called:

- (1) Λ_I^s -continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_I^s -open set in (X, τ, I) for each open set V of (Y, σ, J) .
- (2) Quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_I^s -open set in (X, τ, I) for each σ^* -open set V of (Y, σ, J) .
- (3) Λ_I^s -irresolute, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_I^s -open set in (X, τ, I) for each Λ_J^s -open set V of (Y, σ, J) .

Theorem 3.2. If $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is Λ_I^s -irresolute function, then f is quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous.

Proof. Let V be a σ^* -open set of (Y, σ, J) , then by Lemma 2.2, we have V is a Λ_J^s -open set of (Y, σ, J) and since f is Λ_I^s -irresolute, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_I^s -open set of (X, τ, I) . Therefore, f is quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous. \square

The following example shows a function quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous which is not Λ_I^s -irresolute.

Example 3.1. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$, $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ and $J = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$. The collection of the Λ_I^s -open sets of (X, τ, I) is $\{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$, the collection of the σ^* -open sets of (X, σ, J) is $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and the collection of the Λ_J^s -open sets of (X, σ, J) is $\{\{\emptyset\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$. The identity function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (X, \sigma, J)$ is quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous, but is not Λ_I^s -irresolute, since $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$ and $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ are not Λ_I^s -open sets.

Theorem 3.3. If $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous function, then f is Λ_I^s -continuous.

Proof. Let V be an open set of (Y, σ, J) , then V is σ^* -open set of (Y, σ, J) and since f is quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_I^s -open set of (X, τ, I) . This shows that f is Λ_I^s -continuous. \square

The following example shows a function Λ_I^s -continuous which is not quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous.

Example 3.2. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$, $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ and $J = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. The collection of the Λ_I^s -open sets of (X, τ, I) is $\{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ and the collection of σ^* -open sets of (X, σ, J) is $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b\}, X\}$. The identity function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (X, \sigma, J)$ is Λ_I^s -continuous, but is not quasi- Λ_I^s -continuous, because $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$ is not a Λ_I^s -open set.

Corollary 3.1. *If $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is a Λ_1^s -irresolute function, then f is Λ_1^s -continuous.*

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Theorems 3.2 and 3.3. □

By the above results, we have the following diagram and none of these implications is reversible:

$$\Lambda_1^s\text{-irresolute} \implies \text{quasi-}\Lambda_1^s\text{-continuous} \implies \Lambda_1^s\text{-continuous.}$$

Proposition 3.1. *Let $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma, J) \rightarrow (Z, \theta, K)$ be two functions, where I, J, K are ideals on X, Y, Z respectively. Then:*

- (1) $g \circ f$ is Λ_1^s -irresolute, if f is Λ_1^s -irresolute and g is Λ_J^s -irresolute.
- (2) $g \circ f$ is Λ_1^s -continuous, if f is Λ_1^s -irresolute and g is Λ_J^s -continuous.
- (3) $g \circ f$ is Λ_1^s -continuous, if f is Λ_1^s -continuous and g is continuous.
- (4) $g \circ f$ is quasi- Λ_1^s -continuous, if f is Λ_1^s -irresolute and g is quasi- Λ_J^s -continuous.

Proof. (1) Let V be a Λ_K^s -open set in (Z, θ, K) . Since g is Λ_J^s -irresolute, then $g^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_J^s -open set in (Y, σ, J) , using that f is Λ_1^s -irresolute, we obtain that $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is a Λ_1^s -open set in (X, τ, I) . But $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ and hence, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_1^s -open set in (X, τ, I) . This shows that $g \circ f$ is Λ_1^s -irresolute.

The proofs of (2), (3) and (4) are similar to the case (1). □

In the next three theorems, we characterize Λ_1^s -continuous, quasi- Λ_1^s -continuous and Λ_1^s -irresolute functions, respectively.

Theorem 3.4. *For a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) f is Λ_1^s -continuous.
- (2) $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Λ_1^s -closed set in (X, τ, I) for each closed set B in (Y, σ) .
- (3) For each $x \in X$ and each open set V in (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$ there exists a Λ_1^s -open set U in (X, τ, I) containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) Let B be any closed set in (Y, σ) , then $V = Y \setminus B$ is an open set in (Y, σ) and since f is Λ_1^s -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_1^s -open subset in (X, τ, I) , but $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus B) = f^{-1}(Y) \setminus f^{-1}(B) = X \setminus f^{-1}(B)$ and hence, $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Λ_1^s -closed set in (X, τ, I) .

(2) \implies (1) Let V be any open set in (Y, σ) , then $B = Y \setminus V$ is a closed set in (Y, σ) . By hypothesis, we have $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Λ_1^s -closed set in (X, τ, I) , but $f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = f^{-1}(Y) \setminus f^{-1}(V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ and so, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_1^s -open set in (X, τ, I) . This shows that f is Λ_1^s -continuous.

(1) \implies (3) Let $x \in X$ and V any open set in (Y, σ) such that $f(x) \in V$, then $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ and since f is a Λ_1^s -continuous function, $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_1^s -open set in (X, τ, I) . If $U = f^{-1}(V)$, then U is a Λ_1^s -open

set in (X, τ, I) containing x such that $f(U) = f(f^{-1}(V)) \subset V$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let V be any open set in (Y, σ) and $x \in f^{-1}(V)$, then $f(x) \in V$ and by (3) there exists a Λ_1^s -open set U_x in (X, τ, I) such that $x \in U_x$ and $f(U_x) \subset V$. Thus, $x \in U_x \subset f^{-1}(f(U_x)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ and hence $f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(V)\}$. By Lemma 2.3, we have $f^{-1}(V)$ is a Λ_1^s -open set in (X, τ, I) and so f is Λ_1^s -continuous. \square

Theorem 3.5. For a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is quasi- Λ_1^s -continuous.
- (2) $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Λ_1^s -closed set in (X, τ, I) for each σ^* -closed set B in (Y, σ, J) .
- (3) For each $x \in X$ and each σ^* -open set V in (Y, σ, J) containing $f(x)$ there exists a Λ_1^s -open set U in (X, τ, I) containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$.

Proof. The proof is similar to Theorem 3.4. \square

Theorem 3.6. For a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is Λ_1^s -irresolute.
- (2) $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Λ_1^s -closed set in (X, τ, I) for each Λ_J^s -closed set B in (Y, σ, J) .
- (3) For each $x \in X$ and each Λ_J^s -open set V in (Y, σ, J) containing $f(x)$ there exists a Λ_1^s -open set U in (X, τ, I) containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$.

Proof. The proof is similar to Theorem 3.4. \square

4 Λ_1^s -compactness and Λ_1^s -connectedness

In this section, new notions of compactness and connectedness are introduced in terms of Λ_1^s -open sets and semi-I-open sets, in order to study their behavior under the direct images of the new forms of continuity defined in the previous section.

Definition 4.1. An ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is said to be:

- (1) Λ_1^s -compact if every cover of X by Λ_1^s -open sets has a finite subcover.
- (2) τ^* -compact if every cover of X by τ^* -open sets has a finite subcover.
- (3) Semi-I-compact if every cover of X by semi-I-open sets has a finite subcover.

Theorem 4.1. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space, the following properties hold:

- (1) (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact if and only if for every collection $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ of Λ_1^s -closed sets in (X, τ, I) satisfying $\bigcap\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = \emptyset$, there is a finite subcollection $A_{\alpha_1}, A_{\alpha_2}, \dots, A_{\alpha_n}$ with $\bigcap\{A_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\} = \emptyset$.
- (2) (X, τ, I) is τ^* -compact if and only if for every collection $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ of τ^* -closed sets in (X, τ, I) satisfying $\bigcap\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = \emptyset$, there is a finite subcollection $A_{\alpha_1}, A_{\alpha_2}, \dots, A_{\alpha_n}$ with $\bigcap\{A_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\} = \emptyset$.
- (3) (X, τ, I) is semi-I-compact if and only if for every collection $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ of semi-I-closed sets in (X, τ, I) satisfying $\bigcap\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = \emptyset$, there is a finite subcollection $A_{\alpha_1}, A_{\alpha_2}, \dots, A_{\alpha_n}$ with $\bigcap\{A_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\} = \emptyset$.

Proof. (1) Let $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ be a collection of Λ_1^s -closed sets such that $\bigcap\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = \emptyset$, then $\{X - A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a collection of Λ_1^s -open sets such that

$$X = X - \emptyset = X - \bigcap\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = \bigcup\{X - A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\},$$

that is, $\{X - A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a cover of X by Λ_1^s -open sets. Since (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact, there exists a finite subcollection $X - A_{\alpha_1}, X - A_{\alpha_2}, \dots, X - A_{\alpha_n}$ such that

$$X = \bigcup\{X - A_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\} = X - \bigcap\{A_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

This shows that $\bigcap\{A_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\} = \emptyset$. Conversely, suppose that $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a cover of X by Λ_1^s -open sets, then $\{X - U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a collection of Λ_1^s -closed sets such that $\bigcap\{X - U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = X - \bigcup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = X - X = \emptyset$. By hypothesis, there exists a finite subcollection $X - U_{\alpha_1}, X - U_{\alpha_2}, \dots, X - U_{\alpha_n}$ such that $\bigcap\{X - U_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\} = \emptyset$. Follows $X = X - \emptyset = X - \bigcap\{X - U_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\} = X - (X - \bigcup\{U_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\}) = \bigcup\{U_{\alpha_k} : k = 1, \dots, n\}$. This shows that (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact.

The proofs of (2) and (3) are similar to the case (1). □

Theorem 4.2. *Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space, the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If $(X, \tau^{\wedge i})$ is compact, then (X, τ, I) is semi-I-compact.*
- (2) *If (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact, then (X, τ, I) is τ^* -compact.*
- (3) *If (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact, then (X, τ, I) is compact.*

Proof. (1) Let $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ any cover of X by semi-I-open sets, since every $\alpha \in \Delta$, U_α is a Λ_1^s -set and hence, $U_\alpha \in \tau^{\wedge i}$ for each $\alpha \in \Delta$. Since $(X, \tau^{\wedge i})$ is compact, there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $X = \bigcup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta_0\}$. This shows that (X, τ) is semi-I-compact.

(2) Let $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ be a collection of τ^* -closed sets of X such that $\bigcap\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} = \emptyset$. Since every τ^* -closed set is Λ_1^s -closed, then $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a collection of Λ_1^s -closed sets and (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact. By Theorem 4.1(1), there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $\bigcap\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta_0\} = \emptyset$

and by Theorem 4.1(2), we conclude that (X, τ, I) is τ^* -compact.

(3) Follows from (2) and the fact that every τ^* -compact space is compact. \square

Theorem 4.3. *If $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is a surjective function, the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If f is Λ_1^s -irresolute and (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact, then (Y, σ, J) is Λ_1^s -compact.*
- (2) *If f is semi-I-irresolute and (X, τ, I) is semi-I-compact, then (Y, σ, J) is semi-J-compact.*
- (3) *If f is quasi- Λ_1^s -continuous and (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact, then (Y, σ, J) is σ^* -compact.*
- (4) *If f is Λ_1^s -continuous and (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -compact, then (Y, σ, J) is compact.*

Proof. (1) Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ be a cover of Y by Λ_1^s -open sets. Since f is Λ_1^s -irresolute, $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a cover of X by Λ_1^s -open sets and by the Λ_1^s -compactness of (X, τ, I) , there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $X = \bigcup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta_0\}$. Since f is surjective, then $Y = f(X) = f(\bigcup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta_0\}) = \bigcup\{f(f^{-1}(V_\alpha)) : \alpha \in \Delta_0\} = \bigcup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta_0\}$ and this shows that (Y, θ, J) is Λ_1^s -compact. The proofs of (2), (3) and (4) are similar to case (1). \square

Definition 4.2. *An ideal topological space (X, τ, I) is said to be:*

- (1) *Λ_1^s -connected if X cannot be written as a disjoint union of two nonempty Λ_1^s -open sets.*
- (2) *τ^* -connected if X cannot be written as a disjoint union of two nonempty τ^* -open sets.*
- (3) *semi-I-connected if X cannot be written as a disjoint union of two nonempty semi-I-open sets.*

Theorem 4.4. *Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space, the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If $(X, \tau^{\wedge_1^s})$ is connected, then (X, τ, I) is semi-I-connected.*
- (2) *If (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected, then (X, τ, I) is τ^* -connected.*
- (3) *If (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected, then (X, τ, I) is connected.*

Proof. (1) Suppose that (X, τ, I) is not semi-I-connected, then there exist non-empty semi-I-open sets A and B such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$ and $A \cup B = X$. By Proposition 3.1(3) of [7], A and B are Λ_1^s -sets and hence, $(X, \tau^{\wedge_1^s})$ is not connected.

(2) Suppose that (X, τ, I) is not τ^* -connected, then there exist non-empty τ^* -open sets A and B such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$ and $A \cup B = X$. By Lemma 2.2, we have A and B are Λ_1^s -open sets and so, (X, τ, I) is not Λ_1^s -connected.

(3) Follows from (2) and the fact that every τ^* -connected space is connected. \square

Theorem 4.5. *For an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *(X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected.*

- (2) \emptyset and X are the only subsets of X which are both Λ_1^s -open and Λ_1^s -closed.
- (3) Every Λ_1^s -continuous function of X into a discrete space Y with at least two points, is a constant function.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let V be a subset of X which is both Λ_1^s -open and Λ_1^s -closed, then $X - V$ is both Λ_1^s -open and Λ_1^s -closed, so $X = V \cup (X - V)$. Since (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected, then one of those sets is \emptyset . Therefore, $V = \emptyset$ or $V = X$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose that (X, τ, I) is not Λ_1^s -connected and let $X = U \cup V$, where U and V are disjoint nonempty Λ_1^s -open sets in (X, τ, I) , then $U = X - V$ is both Λ_1^s -open and Λ_1^s -closed. By hypothesis, $U = \emptyset$ or $U = X$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow Y$ be a Λ_1^s -continuous function, where Y is a topological space with the discrete topology and contains at least two points, then X can be cover by a collection of sets which are both Λ_1^s -open and Λ_1^s -closed of the form $\{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$, from these, we conclude that there exists a $y_0 \in Y$ such that $f^{-1}(\{y_0\}) = X$ and so, f is a constant function.

(3) \Rightarrow (2) Let W be a subset of (X, τ, I) which is both Λ_1^s -open and Λ_1^s -closed. Suppose that $W \neq \emptyset$ and let $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow Y$ be the function defined by $f(W) = \{y_1\}$ and $f(X - W) = \{y_2\}$ for $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ and $y_1 \neq y_2$. Then f is Λ_1^s -continuous, since the inverse image de each open set in Y is Λ_1^s -open in X . Hence, by (3), f must be a constant function. It follows that $X = W$. \square

Theorem 4.6. *If $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is a surjective function, the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If f is a Λ_1^s -irresolute and (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected, then (Y, σ, J) is Λ_J^s -connected.*
- (2) *If f is a semi-I-irresolute function and (X, τ, I) is semi-I-connected, then (Y, σ, J) is semi-J-connected.*
- (3) *If f is a quasi- Λ_1^s -continuous function and (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected, then (Y, σ, J) is σ^* -connected.*
- (4) *If f is a Λ_1^s -continuous function and (X, τ, I) is Λ_1^s -connected, then (Y, σ) is connected.*

Proof. (1) Suppose that (Y, σ, J) is not Λ_J^s -connected, then there exist nonempty Λ_J^s -open sets H, G in (Y, σ, J) such that $G \cap H = \emptyset$ and $G \cup H = Y$. Hence, we have $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = \emptyset$, $f^{-1}(G) \cup f^{-1}(H) = X$ and moreover, $f^{-1}(G)$ and $f^{-1}(H)$ are nonempty Λ_1^s -open sets in (X, τ, I) . This shows that (X, τ, I) is not Λ_1^s -connected.

The proofs of (2), (3) and (4) are similar to case (1). \square

Open problems. The Theorems 4.2 and 4.4 have been proved using the fact that every semi-I-open set is Λ_1^s -open and that every τ^* -open set is Λ_1^s -open. But until today, we dont have any contra example in order to shows that the converse of such Theorems are not true. In that sense we write the following questions.

- (1) Does there exists an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) which is semi-I-compact (resp. semi-I-connected) but $(X, \tau^{\Lambda_1^s})$ is not a compact (resp. connected) space.?

- (2) Does there exist an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) which is τ^* -compact (resp. τ^* -connected) but (X, τ) is not Λ_1^s -compact space (resp. Λ_1^s -connected space.)?

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