

## On $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets in ideal topological spaces

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, a new class of sets called  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets is introduced and its properties are studied in ideal topological space. Moreover  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuity and the notion of quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal spaces are introduced.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

An ideal topological space is a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $I$  on  $X$ , and is denoted by  $(X, \tau, I)$ .  $A^*(I) = \{x \in X \mid U \cap A \notin I \text{ for each open neighborhood } U \text{ of } x\}$  is called the local function of  $A$  with respect to  $I$  and  $\tau$  [11]. When there is no chance for confusion  $A^*(I)$  is denoted by  $A^*$ . For every ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$ , there exists a topology  $\tau^*$  finer than  $\tau$ , generated by the base  $\beta(I, \tau) = \{U \setminus I \mid U \in \tau \text{ and } I \in I\}$ . In general  $\beta(I, \tau)$  is not always a topology [10]. Observe additionally that  $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A^* \cup A$  [17] defines a Kuratowski closure operator for  $\tau^*$ .  $\text{Int}^*(A)$  will denote the interior of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau^*)$ .

In this paper, we define and study a new notion  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed set by using the notion of  $\beta_I^*$ -open set. Some new notions depending on  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets such as  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open sets,  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuity and  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresoluteness are also introduced and a decomposition of  $\beta^*$ - $I$ -continuity is given. Also by using  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets characterizations of quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal spaces are obtained. Several preservation theorems for quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal spaces are given.

Throughout this paper, space  $(X, \tau)$  (or simply  $X$ ) always means topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively.

A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be regular open [15](resp. regular closed [15]) if  $A = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  (resp.  $A = \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ ).

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The finite union of regular open sets is said to be  $\pi$ -open [18] in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of a  $\pi$ -open set is  $\pi$ -closed [18].

A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\beta$ -open [1] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$  and the complement of a  $\beta$ -open set is called  $\beta$ -closed [1].

The intersection of all  $\beta$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the  $\beta$ -closure [2] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\beta\text{Cl}(A)$ .

Note that  $\beta\text{Cl}(A) = A \cup \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)))$  [3].

A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\pi g$ -closed [4] (resp.  $\pi g\beta$ -closed [16]) if  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  (resp.  $\beta\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$ ) whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open in  $X$ .

A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $m$ - $\pi$ -closed [7] if  $f(V)$  is  $\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every  $\pi$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\pi g$ -continuous [4] ( resp.  $\pi g\beta$ -continuous [16]) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi g$ -closed (resp.  $\pi g\beta$ -closed) in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be quasi- $\beta$ -normal [13] if for every pair of disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets  $A, B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets  $U, V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be quasi-normal [18] if for every pair of disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets  $A, B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U, V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

An ideal  $I$  is said to be codense [5] if  $\tau \cap I = \emptyset$ .

A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\star$ -dense-in-itself [9] (resp.  $\beta_1^*$ -open [6],  $\alpha^*$ - $I$ -open [8],  $\beta$ - $I$ -open [8]) if  $A \subseteq A^*$  (resp.  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A)))$ ,  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(\text{Int}(A))) = \text{Int}(A)$ ,  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}^*(A)))$ ).

The complement of  $\beta_1^*$ -open set is  $\beta_1^*$ -closed [6].

A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $X$  is said to be  $I_{\pi g}$ -closed [12] if  $A^* \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open in  $X$ .

A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $I_{\pi g}$ -continuous [12] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $I_{\pi g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

LEMMA 1.1. [14] *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A \subseteq A^*$ , then  $A^* = \text{Cl}(A^*) = \text{Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}^*(A)$ .*

THEOREM 1.2. [12] *Every  $\pi g$ -closed set is  $I_{\pi g}$ -closed but not conversely.*

THEOREM 1.3. [12] *For a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following holds: Every  $\pi g$ -continuous function is  $I_{\pi g}$ -continuous but not conversely.*

PROPOSITION 1.4. [8] *Every  $\beta$ - $I$ -open set is  $\beta$ -open but not conversely.*

## 2. $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets

DEFINITION 2.1. *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . The union of all  $\beta_1^*$ -open sets contained in  $A$  is called the  $\beta_1^*$ -interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\beta_1^*\text{Int}(A)$ .*

DEFINITION 2.2. *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . The intersection of all  $\beta_1^*$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the  $\beta_1^*$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\beta_1^*\text{Cl}(A)$ .*

LEMMA 2.3. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the followings hold:

- (1)  $\beta_I^* Cl(A) = A \cup Int(Cl^*(Int(A)))$ ,
- (2)  $\beta_I^* Int(A) = A \cap Cl(Int^*(Cl(A)))$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed if  $\beta_I^* Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open in  $X$ .

The complement of  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed set is said to be  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -open.

PROPOSITION 2.5. Every  $\beta$ -open set is  $\beta_I^*$ -open but not conversely.

PROOF. Let  $A$  be  $\beta$ -open set. Then  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$  which implies  $A \subseteq Cl(Int^*(Cl(A)))$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\beta_I^*$ -open set.

EXAMPLE 2.6. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $\{b\}$  is  $\beta_I^*$ -open set but not  $\beta$ -open.

THEOREM 2.7. Every  $\star$ -dense-in-itself and  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed set is a  $\pi g \beta$ -closed set.

PROOF. Let  $A \subseteq U$ , and  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed,  $\beta_I^* Cl(A) \subseteq U$ . By Lemmas 1.1 and 2.3,  $\beta_I^* Cl(A) = A \cup Int(Cl^*(Int(A))) = A \cup Int(Cl(Int(A))) = \beta Cl(A)$ . Then,  $\beta Cl(A) \subseteq U$ . So  $A$  is  $\pi g \beta$ -closed.

THEOREM 2.8. Let  $A$  be  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Then  $\beta_I^* Cl(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty  $\pi$ -closed set.

PROOF. Let  $F$  be a  $\pi$ -closed set such that  $F \subseteq \beta_I^* Cl(A) \setminus A$ . Then  $F \subseteq X \setminus A$  implies  $A \subseteq X \setminus F$ . Therefore  $\beta_I^* Cl(A) \subseteq X \setminus F$ . That is  $F \subseteq X \setminus \beta_I^* Cl(A)$ . Hence  $F \subseteq \beta_I^* Cl(A) \cap (X \setminus \beta_I^* Cl(A)) = \emptyset$ . This shows  $F = \emptyset$ .

PROPOSITION 2.9. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (1) If  $A$  is  $\pi g \beta$ -closed, then  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed,
- (2) If  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g}$ -closed, then  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed.

PROOF. The proof is obvious.

REMARK 2.10. From Theorem 1.2, Theorem 1.4 and Proposition 2.9, we have the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi g\text{-closed} & \longrightarrow & \pi g\beta\text{-closed} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ I_{\pi g}\text{-closed} & \longrightarrow & I_{\pi g \beta^*}\text{-closed} \end{array}$$

where none of these implications is reversible as shown in the following examples.

EXAMPLE 2.11. (1) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c, d\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{b\}$  is  $\pi g \beta$ -closed set but not  $\pi g$ -closed set. Also  $C = \{b\}$  is  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed set but not  $I_{\pi g}$ -closed.

(2) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{e\}, \{a, e\}, \{a, b, e\}, \{a, b, d, e\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{e\}, \{a, e\}\}$ . Then  $B = \{a, e\}$  is  $I_{\pi g \beta^*}$ -closed set but it is not  $\pi g \beta$ -closed.

THEOREM 2.12. *Every  $\pi$ -open and  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed set is  $\alpha^*$ - $I$ -open.*

PROOF.  $\beta_I^*Cl(A) \subseteq A$ , since  $A$  is  $\pi$ -open and  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed. We have  $Int(Cl^*(Int(A))) \subseteq A$  and  $Int(Cl^*(Int(A))) \subseteq Int(A)$ . Always  $Int(A) \subseteq Int(Cl^*(Int(A)))$ . Therefore  $Int(A) = Int(Cl^*(Int(A)))$ , which shows that  $A$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $I$ -open. ■

REMARK 2.13. *The union of two  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets need not be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed.*

EXAMPLE 2.14. *Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$  and  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$  are  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets but their union  $\{a, b\}$  is not  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed.*

REMARK 2.15. *The intersection of two  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets need not be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed.*

EXAMPLE 2.16. *Consider the Example 2.14. Let  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $B = \{a, b, d\}$  are  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed sets but their intersection  $\{a, b\}$  is not  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed.*

THEOREM 2.17. *If  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \beta_I^*Cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed.*

PROOF. Let  $A$  be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed and  $B \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open. Then  $A \subseteq B$  implies  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed,  $\beta_I^*Cl(A) \subseteq U$ .  $B \subseteq \beta_I^*Cl(A)$  implies  $\beta_I^*Cl(B) \subseteq \beta_I^*Cl(A)$ . Therefore  $\beta_I^*Cl(B) \subseteq U$  and hence  $B$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed.

THEOREM 2.18. *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space. Then every subset of  $X$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed if and only if every  $\pi$ -open set is  $\alpha^*$ - $I$ -open.*

PROOF. Necessity: It is obvious from Theorem 2.12.

Sufficiency: Suppose that every  $\pi$ -open set is  $\alpha^*$ - $I$ -open. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$  and  $U$  be  $\pi$ -open such that  $A \subseteq U$ . By hypothesis  $Int(Cl^*(Int(A))) \subseteq Int(Cl^*(Int(U))) = Int(U) \subseteq U$ . Then  $\beta_I^*Cl(A) \subseteq U$ . So  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed.

THEOREM 2.19. *Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space.  $A \subseteq X$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open if and only if  $F \subseteq \beta_I^*Int(A)$  whenever  $F$  is  $\pi$ -closed and  $F \subseteq A$ .*

PROOF. Necessity: Let  $A$  be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open and  $F$  be  $\pi$ -closed such that  $F \subseteq A$ . Then  $X \setminus A \subseteq X \setminus F$  where  $X \setminus F$  is  $\pi$ -open.  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closedness of  $X \setminus A$  implies  $\beta_I^*Cl(X \setminus A) \subseteq X \setminus F$ . Then  $F \subseteq \beta_I^*Int(A)$ .

Sufficiency: Suppose  $F$  is  $\pi$ -closed and  $F \subseteq A$  implies  $F \subseteq \beta_I^*Int(A)$ . Let  $X \setminus A \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open. Then  $X \setminus U \subseteq A$  where  $X \setminus U$  is  $\pi$ -closed. By hypothesis  $X \setminus U \subseteq \beta_I^*Int(A)$ . That is  $\beta_I^*Cl(X \setminus A) \subseteq U$ . So,  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open.

DEFINITION 2.20. *A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is called  $M_I$ -set if  $A = U \cup V$  where  $U$  is  $\pi$ -closed and  $V$  is  $\beta_I^*$ -open.*

PROPOSITION 2.21. *Every  $\pi$ -closed set is  $M_I$ -set but not conversely.*

EXAMPLE 2.22. *Consider the Example 2.14. Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $M_I$ -set but not  $\pi$ -closed.*

PROPOSITION 2.23. *Every  $\beta_I^*$ -open set is  $M_I$ -set but not conversely.*

EXAMPLE 2.24. Consider the Example 2.14. Let  $A = \{c, d\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $M_I$ -set but not  $\beta_I^*$ -open.

PROPOSITION 2.25. Every  $\beta_I^*$ -open set is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open but not conversely.

PROOF. Let  $A$  be  $\beta_I^*$ -open set. Then  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A)))$ . Assume that  $F$  is  $\pi$ -closed and  $F \subseteq A$ . Then  $F \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A)))$  which implies  $F \subseteq A \cap \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A))) = \beta_I^* \text{Int}(A)$  by Lemma 2.3. Hence, by Theorem 2.19,  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open.

EXAMPLE 2.26. Consider the Example 2.14. Let  $A = \{c\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open set but not  $\beta_I^*$ -open.

THEOREM 2.27. For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau, I)$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is  $\beta_I^*$ -open,
- (2)  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open and a  $M_I$ -set.

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $A$  be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open and a  $M_I$ -set. Then there exist a  $\pi$ -closed set  $U$  and  $\beta_I^*$ -open set  $V$  such that  $A = U \cup V$ . Since  $U \subseteq A$  and  $A$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open, by Theorem 2.19,  $U \subseteq \beta_I^* \text{Int}(A)$  and  $U \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A)))$ . Also,  $V \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(V))) \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A)))$ . Then  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}^*(\text{Cl}(A)))$ . So  $A$  is  $\beta_I^*$ -open.

The following examples show that concepts of  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open set and  $M_I$ -set are independent.

EXAMPLE 2.28. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be the same ideal topological space as in Example 2.14. Then  $\{c, d\}$  is a  $M_I$ -set but not  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open.

EXAMPLE 2.29. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be the same ideal topological space as in Example 2.14. Then  $\{d\}$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open set but not a  $M_I$ -set.

### 3. $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuity and $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresoluteness

DEFINITION 3.1. A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous (resp.  $\beta^*$ - $I$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed (resp.  $\beta_I^*$ -closed) in  $X$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

DEFINITION 3.2. A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is said to be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $J_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $M_I$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $M_I$ -set in  $(X, \tau, I)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

THEOREM 3.4. A function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\beta^*$ - $I$ -continuous if and only if it is  $M_I$ -continuous and  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous.

PROOF. This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.27.

REMARK 3.5. The following Examples show that:

- (1) every  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous function is not  $\pi g\beta$ -continuous,

(2) every  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous function is not  $I_{\pi g}$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 3.6. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be the same ideal topological space as in Example 2.11(2). Let  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{y, z\}\}$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  as follows:  $f(a) = f(e) = x$ ,  $f(c) = f(d) = y$  and  $f(b) = z$ . Then  $f$  is a  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous function but it is not  $I_{\pi g}$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 3.7. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be the same ideal topological space as in Example 2.11(1). Let  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{x, y\}\}$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  as follows:  $f(a) = f(d) = f(e) = x$ ,  $f(b) = z$  and  $f(c) = y$ . Then  $f$  is a  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous function but it is not  $I_{\pi g}$ -continuous.

THEOREM 3.8. For a function  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties hold:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi g\text{-continuous} & \longrightarrow & \pi g\beta\text{-continuous} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ I_{\pi g}\text{-continuous} & \longrightarrow & I_{\pi g\beta^*}\text{-continuous} \end{array}$$

PROOF. The proof is obvious by Remark 2.10.

The composition of two  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous functions need not be  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous. Consider the following Example:

EXAMPLE 3.9. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{y, z\}\}$ ,  $J = \{\emptyset, \{x\}\}$ ,  $Z = \{1, 2\}$  and  $\eta = \{Z, \emptyset, \{1\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  by  $f(a) = f(b) = x$ ,  $f(c) = y$  and  $f(d) = z$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma, J) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  by  $g(x) = 1$  and  $g(y) = g(z) = 2$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous.  $\{2\}$  is closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{2\}) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\{2\})) = f^{-1}(\{y, z\}) = \{c, d\}$  which is not  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau, I)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is not  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous.

THEOREM 3.10. Let  $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma, J) \rightarrow (Z, \eta, K)$  be any two functions. Then

- (1)  $g \circ f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous, if  $g$  is continuous and  $f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous,
- (2)  $g \circ f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous, if  $g$  is  $J_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous and  $f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute,
- (3)  $g \circ f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute, if  $g$  is  $J_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute and  $f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute.

PROOF. (1) Let  $V$  be closed in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $Y$ , since  $g$  is continuous.  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuity of  $f$  implies that  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous.

(2) Let  $V$  be closed in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $J_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $J_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $Y$ . As  $f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous. (3) Let  $V$  be  $K_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $J_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $Y$ , since  $g$  is  $J_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute. Because  $f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute.

#### 4. Quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal spaces

DEFINITION 4.1. An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal if for every pair of disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets  $A, B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $\beta_1^*$ -open sets  $U, V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

PROPOSITION 4.2. If  $X$  is a quasi- $\beta$ -normal space, then  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal.

PROOF. It is obtained from Proposition 2.5.

THEOREM 4.3. The following properties are equivalent for a space  $X$ :

- (1)  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal,
- (2) for any disjoint  $\pi$ -closed sets  $A$  and  $B$ , there exist disjoint  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open sets  $U, V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ ,
- (3) for any  $\pi$ -closed set  $A$  and any  $\pi$ -open set  $B$  containing  $A$ , there exists an  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open set  $U$  such that  $A \subseteq U \subseteq \beta_1^*Cl(U) \subseteq B$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) The proof is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $A$  be any  $\pi$ -closed set of  $X$  and  $B$  any  $\pi$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ . Then  $A$  and  $X \setminus B$  are disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets of  $X$ . Therefore, there exist disjoint  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $X \setminus B \subseteq V$ . By the definition of  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open set, we have that  $X \setminus B \subseteq \beta_1^*Int(V)$  and  $U \cap \beta_1^*Int(V) = \emptyset$ . Therefore, we obtain  $\beta_1^*Cl(U) \subseteq \beta_1^*Cl(X \setminus V)$  and hence  $A \subseteq U \subseteq \beta_1^*Cl(U) \subseteq B$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any disjoint  $\pi$ -closed sets of  $X$ . Then  $A \subseteq X \setminus B$  and  $X \setminus B$  is  $\pi$ -open and hence there exists an  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq G \subseteq \beta_1^*Cl(G) \subseteq X \setminus B$ . Put  $U = \beta_1^*Int(G)$  and  $V = X \setminus \beta_1^*Cl(G)$ . Then  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint  $\beta_1^*$ -open sets of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . Therefore,  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal.

THEOREM 4.4. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous  $m$ - $\pi$ -closed injection. If  $Y$  is quasi-normal, then  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal.

PROOF. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be disjoint  $\pi$ -closed sets of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $m$ - $\pi$ -closed injection,  $f(A)$  and  $f(B)$  are disjoint  $\pi$ -closed sets of  $Y$ . By the quasi-normality of  $Y$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq U$  and  $f(B) \subseteq V$ . Since  $f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are disjoint  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open sets such that  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$  and  $B \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal by Theorem 4.3.

THEOREM 4.5. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute  $m$ - $\pi$ -closed injection. If  $Y$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal, then  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal.

PROOF. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be disjoint  $\pi$ -closed sets of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $m$ - $\pi$ -closed injection,  $f(A)$  and  $f(B)$  are disjoint  $\pi$ -closed sets of  $Y$ . By quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normality of  $Y$ , there exist disjoint  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq U$  and  $f(B) \subseteq V$ . Since  $f$  is  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -irresolute, then  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are disjoint  $I_{\pi g\beta^*}$ -open sets such that  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$  and  $B \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal.

THEOREM 4.6. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space where  $I$  is codense. Then  $X$  is quasi- $\beta^*$ - $I$ -normal if and only if it is quasi- $\beta$ -normal.

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