



## A Decomposition of Some Types of Mixed Soft Continuity in Soft Topological Spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the concept of soft sets which is introduced by Molodtsov [5] and the notion of soft continuity is introduced by Zorlutuna et al. [8]. We give the definition of  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft ( resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft ) set via two soft topologies. We introduce mixed semi - soft ( resp. mixed pre - soft, mixed  $\alpha$  - soft, mixed  $\beta$  - soft ) continuity between two soft topological spaces  $(X, \tau_1, A)$ ,  $(X, \tau_2, A)$  and a soft topological space  $(Y, \tau, B)$ . Also we prove that a function is mixed  $\alpha$  - soft continuous if and only if it is both mixed pre - soft continuous and mixed semi - soft continuous.

### 1. Introduction

Some set theories can be dealt with unclear concepts such as rough sets theory, fuzzy sets theory etc. Unfortunately, these theories are not sufficient to deal with some difficulties and encounter some problems. In 1999, Molodtsov [5] has introduced the soft set theory as a general mathematical tool for dealing with these problems. He has accomplished that very significant applications of soft set theory such as solving some complications in economics, social science, medical science, engineering etc. There has been some important studies on the applications of soft sets theory. Some authors have studied soft sets theory and investigated some basic properties of this theory.

In 2003, Maji, Biswas and Roy [4] introduced the equality of two soft sets, subset of a soft set, null soft set, absolute soft set etc. In 2009, Ali, Feng, Liu, Min and Shabir [1] investigated several operations using soft sets and introduced some new notions such as the restricted intersection, the restricted union etc. In 2011, Shabir and Naz [6] defined some notions such as soft topological space, soft interior, soft closure etc. Also, Hussain and Ahmad [2] researched some properties of soft topological space.

The concept of continuity is an important concept in general topology, fuzzy topology, generalized topology etc. as well as in all branches of mathematics. Recently, we have seen the introduction of some types of continuity. Also decompositions of these continuities are investigated. In these days, continuity of functions is defined in soft topological spaces. In 2012, Zorlutuna, Akdag, Min and Atmaca [8] introduced the image and inverse image of a soft set under a function.

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We consider two soft topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  over  $X$  in the whole paper. The aim of this present paper is to introduce the notions of  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - semi open (resp.  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - pre open,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  -  $\alpha$  - open,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  -  $\beta$  - open) soft sets and mixed semi - soft (resp. mixed pre - soft, mixed  $\alpha$  - soft, mixed  $\beta$  - soft) continuity between two soft topological spaces  $(X, \tau_1, A)$ ,  $(X, \tau_2, A)$  and a soft topological space  $(Y, \tau, B)$ . We prove that a function mixed  $\alpha$  - continuous if and only if it is both mixed pre - soft continuous and mixed semi - soft continuous as a decomposition of mixed  $\alpha$  - continuity. Furthermore, we show that  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - semi open soft set and  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - pre open soft set are independent of each other giving some examples. Finally, we investigate relationships among  $\tau_1$  - soft continuity,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - semi - soft continuity,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - pre - soft continuity,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  -  $\alpha$  - soft continuity and  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  -  $\beta$  - soft continuity and these relations are shown in DIAGRAM - II.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some known definitions and theorems.

Let  $X$  be an initial universal set,  $E$  be a non-empty set of parameters and  $A, B \subseteq E$ .

### Soft Sets:

**Definition 2.1.** [5] A pair  $(F, A)$ , where  $F$  is a mapping from  $A$  to  $P(X)$ , is called a soft set over  $X$ . The family of all soft sets on  $X$  is denoted by  $SS(X)_E$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [4] Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be two soft sets over a common universe  $X$ . Then  $(F, A)$  is said to be a soft subset of  $(G, B)$  if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $F(e) \subseteq G(e)$ , for all  $e \in A$ . This relation is denoted by  $(F, A) \widetilde{\subseteq} (G, B)$ .

$(F, A)$  is said to be soft equal to  $(G, B)$  if  $(F, A) \widetilde{\subseteq} (G, B)$  and  $(G, B) \widetilde{\subseteq} (F, A)$ . This relation is denoted by  $(F, A) = (G, B)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [1] The complement of a soft set  $(F, A)$  is defined as

$$(F, A)^c = (F^c, A),$$

where  $F^c(e) = (F(e))^c = X - F(e)$  for all  $e \in A$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [6] The difference of two soft sets  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, A)$  is defined as

$$(F, A) - (G, A) = (F - G, A),$$

where  $(F - G)(e) = F(e) - G(e)$  for all  $e \in A$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [6] Let  $(F, A)$  be a soft set over  $X$  and  $x \in X$ .  $x$  is said to be in the soft set  $(F, A)$  and is denoted by  $x \in (F, A)$  if  $x \in F(e)$  for all  $e \in A$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [4] Let  $(F, A)$  be a soft set over  $X$ . Then

1.  $(F, A)$  is said to be a null soft set if  $F(e) = \emptyset$ , for all  $e \in A$ . This is denoted by  $\widetilde{\emptyset}$ .
2.  $(F, A)$  is said to be an absolute soft set if  $F(e) = X$ , for all  $e \in A$ . This is denoted by  $\widetilde{X}$ .

### Soft Topology:

**Definition 2.7.** [6] Let  $\tau$  be the collection of soft sets over  $X$ . Then  $\tau$  is said to be a soft topology on  $X$  if

1.  $\widetilde{\emptyset}, \widetilde{X} \in \tau$ ,
2. the intersection of any two soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ ,
3. the union of any number of soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

The triple  $(X, \tau, E)$  is called a soft topological space over  $X$ . The members of  $\tau$  are said to be  $\tau$ - soft open sets or soft open sets in  $X$ . A soft set over  $X$  is said to be closed soft in  $X$  if its complement belongs to  $\tau$ . The set of all open soft sets over  $X$  denoted by  $OS(X, \tau, E)$  or  $OS(X)$  and the set of all closed soft sets denoted by  $CS(X, \tau, E)$  or  $CS(X)$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [6] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space and  $(F, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The soft closure of  $(F, E)$ , denoted by  $cl(F, E)$  is the intersection of all closed soft super sets of  $(F, E)$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [8] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space and  $(F, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The soft interior of  $(F, E)$ , denoted by  $int(F, E)$  is the union of all open soft subsets of  $(F, E)$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** [2] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space over  $X$ ,  $(F, E)$  and  $(G, E)$  are two soft sets over  $X$ . Then

1.  $cl(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}$  and  $cl(\tilde{X}) = \tilde{X}$ .
2.  $(F, E) \subseteq cl(F, E)$ .
3.  $(F, E)$  is a closed soft set if and only if  $(F, E) = cl(F, E)$ .
4.  $cl(cl(F, E)) = cl(F, E)$ .
5.  $(F, E) \subseteq (G, E)$  implies  $cl(F, E) \subseteq cl(G, E)$ .
6.  $cl((F, E) \cup (G, E)) = cl(F, E) \cup cl(G, E)$ .
7.  $cl((F, E) \cap (G, E)) \subseteq cl(F, E) \cap cl(G, E)$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** [2] Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space over  $X$  and  $(F, E)$  and  $(G, E)$  are two soft sets over  $X$ . Then

1.  $int\tilde{\emptyset} = \tilde{\emptyset}$  and  $int\tilde{X} = \tilde{X}$ .
2.  $int(F, E) \subseteq (F, E)$ .
3.  $int(int(F, E)) = int(F, E)$ .
4.  $(F, E)$  is a soft open set if and only if  $int(F, E) = (F, E)$ .
5.  $(F, E) \subseteq (G, E)$  implies  $int(F, E) \subseteq int(G, E)$ .
6.  $int(F, E) \cap int(G, E) = int((F, E) \cap (G, E))$ .
7.  $int(F, E) \cup int(G, E) \subseteq int((F, E) \cup (G, E))$ .

**Definition 2.12.** [8] Let  $SS(X)_A$  and  $SS(Y)_B$  be two families of soft sets,  $u : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p : A \rightarrow B$  be mappings. Then the mapping  $f_{pu} : SS(X)_A \rightarrow SS(Y)_B$  is defined as:

1. Let  $(F, A) \in SS(X)_A$ . The image of  $(F, A)$  under  $f_{pu}$ , written as  $f_{pu}(F, A) = (f_{pu}(F), p(A))$ , is a soft set in  $SS(Y)_B$  such that

$$f_{pu}(F)(y) = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{x \in p^{-1}(y) \cap A} u(F(x)) & , p^{-1}(y) \cap A \neq \emptyset \\ \emptyset & , p^{-1}(y) \cap A = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

for all  $y \in B$ .

2. Let  $(G, B) \in SS(Y)_B$ . The inverse image of  $(G, B)$  under  $f_{pu}$ , written as  $f_{pu}^{-1}(G, B) = (f_{pu}^{-1}(G), p^{-1}(B))$ , is a soft set in  $SS(X)_A$  such that

$$f_{pu}^{-1}(G)(x) = \begin{cases} u^{-1}(G(p(x))) & , p(x) \in B \\ \emptyset & , p(x) \notin B \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 2.13.** [8] Let  $(X, \tau, A)$  and  $(Y, \tau^*, B)$  be soft topological spaces and  $f_{pu} : SS(X)_A \rightarrow SS(Y)_B$  be a function. Then

1. The function  $f_{pu}$  is called soft continuous (briefly, soft - cts or  $\tau$  - soft cts) if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(G, B) \in \tau$  for all  $(G, B) \in \tau^*$ .
2. The function  $f_{pu}$  is called open soft if  $f_{pu}(G, A) \in \tau^*$  for all  $(G, A) \in \tau$ .

### 3. Some Mixed Soft Operations

In this section we give the definitions of some mixed types of soft operations and investigate some relations between each other and soft open sets.

**Definition 3.1.** [7] Let  $X$  be an initial universe and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be two soft topologies on  $X$ . Then  $(F, E) \in SS(X)_E$  is said to be

1.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(int_1(F, E))$ ;
2.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} int_1(cl_2(F, E))$ ;
3.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} int_1(cl_2(int_1(F, E)))$ ;
4.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(int_1(cl_2(F, E)))$ .

The complement of  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open ( resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open ) soft set is called  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi closed ( resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - closed ) soft.

Let  $\tau = \tau_1 = \tau_2$  in Definition 3.1. Then we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2.** [3] Let  $X$  be an initial universe and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $\tau = \tau_1 = \tau_2$  be a soft topology on  $X$ . Then  $(F, E) \in SS(X)_E$  is said to be

1. semi - open soft set if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl(int(F, E))$ ;
2. pre - open soft set if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} int(cl(F, E))$ ;
3.  $\alpha$  - open soft set if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} int(cl(int(F, E)))$ ;
4.  $\beta$  - open soft set if  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl(int(cl(F, E)))$ .

Now we give some relationships between  $\tau_1$  - soft open sets and defined soft sets in Definition 3.1.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $X$  be an initial universe and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be two soft topologies on  $X$ . Then the following statements hold:

1. every  $\tau_1$  - soft open set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft.
2. every  $\tau_1$  - soft open set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft.
3. every  $\tau_1$  - soft open set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft.
4. every  $\tau_1$  - soft open set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft.

Similarly, every  $\tau_1$  - soft closed set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi closed ( resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - closed,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - closed ) soft set.

*Proof.* 1. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $\tau_1$  - soft open set. Then  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ . Since  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(F, E)$  and  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ , we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(int_1(F, E))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft.

2. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $\tau_1$  - soft open set. Then  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ . Since  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(F, E)$  and  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ , we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} int_1(cl_2(F, E))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft.

3. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $\tau_1$  - soft open set. Then  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ . Since  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(F, E)$  and  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ , we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} int_1(cl_2(F, E)) = int_1(cl_2(int_1(F, E)))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft.

4. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $\tau_1$  - soft open set. Then  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ . Since  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(F, E)$  and  $int_1(F, E) = (F, E)$ , we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(int_1(F, E)) \widetilde{\subseteq} cl_2(int_1(cl_2(F, E)))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft.

□

The converse of Theorem 3.3 is not always true as shown in the following examples.

**Example 3.4.** 1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}\}$  where  $(F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E)$  are soft sets over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F_1, E) = \{(e, \{a\})\}$ ,  $(F_2, E) = \{(e, \{b\})\}$ ,  $(F_3, E) = \{(e, \{a, b\})\}$ . Then the soft set  $(G, E) = \{(e, \{a, c\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set, but it is not  $\tau_1$  - soft open.

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (G, E)\}$  where  $(F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E), (G, E)$  are soft sets over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F_1, E) = \{(e, \{a\})\}$ ,  $(F_2, E) = \{(e, \{c\})\}$ ,  $(F_3, E) = \{(e, \{a, c\})\}$ ,  $(G, E) = \{(e, \{b, c\})\}$ .  
 Then the soft set  $(H, E) = \{(e, \{b\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set, but it is not  $\tau_1$  - soft open.
3. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}\}$  where  $(F, E)$  is soft set over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F, E) = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$ .  
 Then the soft set  $(G, E) = \{(e_1, \{a, c\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set, but it is not  $\tau_1$  - soft open.
4. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}\}$  where  $(F, E)$  is soft set over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F, E) = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{c\})\}$ .  
 Then the soft set  $(G, E) = \{(e_1, \{a, c\}), (e_2, X)\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft set, but it is not  $\tau_1$  - soft open.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $X$  be an initial universe and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be two soft topologies on  $X$ . Then the following statements hold:

1. every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft.
2. every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft.
3. every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft.
4. every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft.

Similarly, every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - closed soft set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi closed ( resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre closed ) soft and every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi closed ( resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre closed ) soft set is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - closed soft.

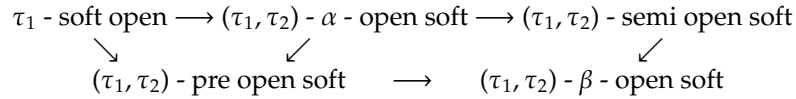
*Proof.* 1. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set. Then  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E))) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E))$ . Therefore, we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft.  
 2. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set. Then  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E)) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E)))$ . Therefore, we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E)))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft.  
 3. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set. Then  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E)) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E)))$ . Therefore, we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E)))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft.  
 4. Let  $(F, E)$  be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set. Then  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E))) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E))$ . Therefore, we have  $(F, E) \widetilde{\subseteq} \text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft.  
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The converse of Theorem 3.5 is not always true as shown in the following examples.

- Example 3.6.** 1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (G, E)\}$  where  $(F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E), (G, E)$  are soft sets over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F_1, E) = \{(e, \{a\})\}$ ,  $(F_2, E) = \{(e, \{b\})\}$ ,  $(F_3, E) = \{(e, \{a, b\})\}$ ,  $(G, E) = \{(e, \{a\})\}$ .  
 Then the soft set  $(H, E) = \{(e, \{b, c\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set, but it is not  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft.
2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}\}$  where  $(F, E)$  is soft set over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F, E) = \{(e, \{a\})\}$ .  
 Then the soft set  $(G, E) = \{(e, \{d\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft set, but it is not  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft.
  3. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (G_1, E), (G_2, E), (G_3, E), (G_4, E)\}$  where  $(F_1, E), (F_2, E), (F_3, E), (G_1, E), (G_2, E), (G_3, E), (G_4, E)$  are soft sets over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F_1, E) = (G_1, E) = \{(e, \{a\})\}$ ,  $(F_2, E) = (G_2, E) = \{(e, \{b\})\}$ ,  $(F_3, E) = (G_3, E) = \{(e, \{a, b\})\}$ ,  $(G_4, E) = \{(e, \{a, b, c\})\}$ .  
 Then the soft set  $(H, E) = \{(e, \{a, d\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft set, but it is not  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft.
  4. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (F, E)\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{\emptyset}, (G, E)\}$  where  $(F, E), (G, E)$  are soft sets over  $X$  defined as follows:  
 $(F, E) = \{(e, \{a\})\}$ ,  $(G, E) = \{(e, \{b, c\})\}$ .  
 Then the soft set  $(H, E) = \{(e, \{a, b\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set, but it is not  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft.

**Corollary 3.7.** We obtain the following diagram by combining Theorem 3.3 (3) and Theorem 3.5.

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$(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set and  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set are independent of each other as we have seen the following examples.

- Example 3.8.**
1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$  and  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be soft topological spaces defined as Example 3.6 (1). Then the soft set  $(H, E) = \{(e, \{b, c\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set, but it is not  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set.
  2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $E = \{e\}$  and  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be soft topological spaces defined as Example 3.6 (4). Then the soft set  $(H, E) = \{(e, \{a, b\})\}$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set, but it is not  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $X$  be an initial universe and  $E$  be a set of parameters. Let  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  be two soft topologies on  $X$ .  $(F, E)$  is a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set if and only if  $(F, E)$  is both  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft and  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set.

*Proof.* Let  $(F, E)$  be a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set. Then  $(F, E) \subseteq \widetilde{\text{int}}_1(\text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E)))$ . Therefore  $(F, E) \subseteq \widetilde{\text{int}}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E))$  and  $(F, E) \subseteq \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E))$ . Hence  $(F, E)$  is both  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft and  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft.

Conversely, let  $(F, E)$  be both  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft and  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft. Then  $(F, E) \subseteq \widetilde{\text{int}}_1(\text{cl}_2(F, E))$  and  $(F, E) \subseteq \text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E))$ . Hence  $(F, E) \subseteq \widetilde{\text{int}}_1(\text{cl}_2(\text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E)))) = \text{int}_1(\text{cl}_2(\text{int}_1(F, E)))$ . Consequently  $(F, E)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft.  $\square$

#### 4. Decomposition of Some Mixed Soft Continuities

In this section we introduce some mixed types of soft continuity and investigate some relations between them and soft continuity.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $X, Y$  be an initial universe,  $A, B \subseteq E$  be two sets of parameters,  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be two soft topologies over  $X$  and  $\tau$  be a soft topology over  $Y$ . Let  $u : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p : A \rightarrow B$  be mappings. Let  $f_{pu} : \text{SS}(X)_A \rightarrow \text{SS}(Y)_B$  be a function. Then  $f_{pu}$  is called

1. mixed semi - soft continuous ( briefly,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - semi - soft cts ) if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(G, B)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - semi open soft set for every  $(G, B) \in \tau$ .
2. mixed pre - soft continuous ( briefly,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  - pre - soft cts ) if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(G, B)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  - pre open soft set for every  $(G, B) \in \tau$ .
3. mixed  $\alpha$  - soft continuous ( briefly,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  -  $\alpha$  - soft cts ) if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(G, B)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\alpha$  - open soft set for every  $(G, B) \in \tau$ .
4. mixed  $\beta$  - soft continuous ( briefly,  $(\tau_1\tau_2, \tau)$  -  $\beta$  - soft cts ) if  $f_{pu}^{-1}(G, B)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  -  $\beta$  - open soft set for every  $(G, B) \in \tau$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $X, Y$  be an initial universe,  $A, B \subseteq E$  be two sets of parameters,  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be two soft topologies over  $X$  and  $\tau$  be a soft topology over  $Y$ . Let  $u : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p : A \rightarrow B$  be mappings. Let  $f_{pu} : \text{SS}(X)_A \rightarrow \text{SS}(Y)_B$  be a function. Then

1. every  $\tau_1$  - soft continuous function is mixed semi - soft continuous function.
2. every  $\tau_1$  - soft continuous function is mixed pre - soft continuous function.
3. every  $\tau_1$  - soft continuous function is mixed  $\alpha$  - soft continuous function.
4. every  $\tau_1$  - soft continuous function is mixed  $\beta$  - soft continuous function.

*Proof.* Obvious from Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

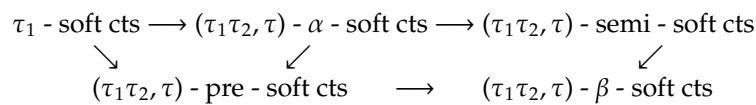
**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $X, Y$  be an initial universe,  $A, B \subseteq E$  be two sets of parameters,  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be two soft topologies over  $X$  and  $\tau$  be a soft topology over  $Y$ . Let  $u : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p : A \rightarrow B$  be mappings. Let  $f_{pu} : SS(X)_A \rightarrow SS(Y)_B$  be a function. Then

1. every mixed  $\alpha$  - soft continuous function is mixed semi - soft continuous function.
2. every mixed semi - soft continuous function is mixed  $\beta$  - soft continuous function.
3. every mixed pre - soft continuous function is mixed  $\beta$  - soft continuous function.
4. every mixed  $\alpha$  - soft continuous function is mixed pre - soft continuous function.

*Proof.* Obvious from Theorem 3.5.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.4.** We obtain the following diagram by combining Theorem 4.2 (3) and Theorem 4.3.

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**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $X, Y$  be an initial universe,  $A, B \subseteq E$  be two sets of parameters,  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be two soft topologies over  $X$  and  $\tau$  be a soft topology over  $Y$ . Let  $u : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p : A \rightarrow B$  be mappings. Let  $f_{pu} : SS(X)_A \rightarrow SS(Y)_B$  be a function. Then  $f_{pu}$  is a mixed  $\alpha$  - soft continuous function if and only if it is both mixed pre - soft continuous function and mixed semi - soft continuous function.

*Proof.* Obvious from Theorem 3.9.  $\square$

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