



## Semi- $B_c$ -Continuous Functions in Topological Spaces

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### ABSTRACT

The concept of semi- $B_c$ -continuous functions in topological spaces is introduced and studied. Some of their characteristic properties are considered. Also we investigate the relationships between these classes of functions and other classes of functions.

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## 1 Introduction

Functions and of course continuous functions stand among the most important and most researched points in the whole of the Mathematical Science. Many different forms of continuous functions have been introduced over the years. In 1980, Joseph and Kwack [11] introduced the notion of  $(\theta, s)$ -continuous functions. In 1999, Jafari [8] introduced the notion of  $(p, s)$ -continuous functions. In this paper, we introduce and study the semi- $B_c$ -continuous functions in topological spaces. Moreover we obtain basic properties and preservation theorem of semi- $B_c$ -continuous functions. Relations between these types of functions and other classes of functions are obtained.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  is said to be regular open (resp., regular closed) if  $Int(Cl(A)) = A$  (resp.,  $Cl(Int(A)) = A$ ). A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called  $b$ -open [3] if  $A \subset Int(Cl(A)) \cup Cl(Int(A))$ . A subset  $A$  is said to be semi-open [12] (resp.,  $\beta$ -open [2], preopen [13] and  $\alpha$ -open [14]) if  $A \subset Cl(Int(A))$  (resp.,  $A \subset Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ ,  $A \subset Int(Cl(A))$  and  $A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ ). The family of all semi-open (resp.,  $\beta$ -open, preopen,  $b$ -open and  $\alpha$ -open) sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SO(X, \tau)$  (resp.,  $\beta O(X, \tau)$ ,  $PO(X, \tau)$ ,  $BO(X, \tau)$  and  $\tau^\alpha$ ). The complement of a semi-open (resp., preopen,  $b$ -open and  $\alpha$ -open) set is said to be semi-closed (resp., preclosed,  $b$ -closed and  $\alpha$ -closed). A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called  $\theta$ -semi-open [11] if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a semi-open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G \subset Cl(G) \subset A$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called  $B_c$ -open [7] if for each  $x \in A \in BO(X)$ , there exists a closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subset A$ . The complement of a  $B_c$ -open set is called  $B_c$ -closed. The intersection of all preclosed (resp., semi-closed and  $B_c$ -closed) sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the preclosure [19] (resp., semi-closure [15] and  $B_c$ -closure [7]) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $pCl(A)$  (resp.,  $sCl(A)$  and  $B_cCl(A)$ ). The union of all semi-open (resp., preopen and  $B_c$ -open) sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the semi-interior (resp., preinterior and  $B_c$ -interior) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $sInt(A)$  (resp.,  $pInt(A)$  and  $B_cInt(A)$ ). A point  $x \in X$  is said to be in the semi-closure [15] (resp.,  $\theta$ -semi-closure [11]) of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , denoted by  $sCl(A)$  (resp.,  $\theta sCl(A)$ ), if  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  (resp.,  $A \cap Cl(U) \neq \emptyset$ ) for each  $U \in SO(X)$  containing  $x$ . A subset  $A$  is said to be semi-closed (resp.,  $\theta$ -semi-closed) if  $A = sCl(A)$  (resp.,  $A = \theta sCl(A)$ ).

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then:

1. If  $A \in SO(X)$ , then  $pCl(A) = Cl(A)$  [16].
2.  $A \in PO(X)$  if and only if  $sCl(A) = Int(Cl(A))$  [17].

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be:

1.  $b$ -irresolute [21] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ -open in  $X$  for every  $b$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
2. almost contra- $b$ -continuous [1] if  $f^{-1}(V) \in BC(X)$  for every  $V \in RO(X)$ .
3.  $(\theta, s)$ -continuous [11] if for each point  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists an open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ .
4.  $(p, s)$ -continuous [8] if for each point  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists a preopen set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ .
5.  $\alpha$ -quasi-irresolute [10] if for each point  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists an  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ .
6. weakly  $\theta$ -irresolute [10] if for each point  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists a semi-open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ .
7.  $(b, s)$ -continuous [18] if for each point  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists a  $b$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ .
8. quasi-irresolute [20] if for each  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a semi-open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset sCl(V)$ .
9.  $\beta$ -quasi-irresolute [9] if for each point  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists a  $\beta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ .

## 3 Semi- $B_c$ -continuous functions

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called semi- $B_c$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ . If  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous at every point  $x$  of  $X$ , then it is called semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.2.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that each regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ . Let  $V$  be a semi-open set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , so  $Cl(V) = F$  (say) is regular closed, then by hypothesis there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F = Cl(V)$ . Hence  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.



Conversely, let  $x \in X$  and let  $F$  be any regular closed set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous function, then there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset \text{Cl}(F) = F$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\theta$ -semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . So  $\text{Cl}(V)$  is a  $\theta$ -semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By hypothesis there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset \text{Cl}(V)$ . This shows that  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

Conversely, let  $V$  be any  $\theta$ -semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , then there exists a semi-open set  $G$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in G \subset \text{Cl}(G) \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, then there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset G \subset V$ .

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

1.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.
2. For each  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset \text{pCl}(V)$ .
3. For each  $x \in X$  and each regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .
4. For each  $x \in X$  and each  $\theta$ -semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Proof.**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $\text{Cl}(V) = \text{pCl}(V)$  for every  $V \in \text{SO}(Y, f(x))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be any  $\theta$ -semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then for each  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists a regular closed set  $F$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $F \subset V$ . By (3), there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F \subset V$ . This completes the proof.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It is already proved in Theorem 3.3.

**Theorem 3.5.** If a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is b-irresolute, then we have the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.
2. For each  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a closed set  $F$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subset \text{Cl}(V)$ .
3. For each  $x \in X$  and each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a closed set  $F$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subset \text{pCl}(V)$ .
4. For each  $x \in X$  and each regular closed set  $E$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a closed set  $F$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subset E$ .
5. For each  $x \in X$  and each  $\theta$ -semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a closed set  $F$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subset V$ .

**Proof.**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be any semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By (1), there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset \text{Cl}(V)$ . Since  $U$  is  $B_c$ -open set. Then for each  $x \in U$ , there exists a closed set  $F$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in F \subset U$ . Therefore, we have  $f(F) \subset \text{Cl}(V)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let  $x \in X$  and let  $E$  be any regular closed set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $E$  is a semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By (3), there exists a closed set  $F$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subset \text{pCl}(E) \subset \text{Cl}(E) = E$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be any  $\theta$ -semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then for each  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists a regular closed set  $E$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $E \subset V$ . By (4), there exists a closed set  $F$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subset E \subset V$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $V$  be any  $\theta$ -semi-open set of  $Y$ . We have to show that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is b-irresolute, then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is b-open set in  $X$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(x) \in V$ . By hypothesis, there exists a closed set  $F$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(F) \subset V$ . Which implies that  $x \in F \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence clearly  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subset V$  and by Theorem 3.3,  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.6.** For a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.



2.  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ , for each semi-open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
3.  $f^{-1}(Int(F))$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$ , for each semi-closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ .
4.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$ , for each regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
5.  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ , for each regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
6.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ , for each  $\theta$ -semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
7.  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$ , for each  $\theta$ -semi-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .
8.  $f(B_c Cl(A)) \subset \theta s Cl(f(A))$ , for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ .
9.  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\theta s Cl(B))$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
10.  $f^{-1}(\theta s Int(B)) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(B))$ , for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .
11.  $\theta s Int(f(A)) \subset f(B_c Int(A))$ , for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Proof.**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $V$  be any semi-open set in  $Y$ . We have to show that  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(Cl(V))$ . Then  $f(x) \in Cl(V)$  and  $Cl(V)$  is a regular closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous. Then by Theorem 3.2, there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ . Which implies that  $x \in U \subset f^{-1}(Cl(V))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $F$  be any semi-closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y \setminus F$  is a semi-open set of  $Y$ . By (2),  $f^{-1}(Cl(Y \setminus F))$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(Cl(Y \setminus F)) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus Int(F)) = X \setminus f^{-1}(Int(F))$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$  and hence  $f^{-1}(Int(F))$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let  $V$  be any regular open in  $Y$ . Then  $V$  is semi-closed in  $Y$  and  $Int(V) = V$ . By (3)  $f^{-1}(Int(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $F$  be any regular closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y \setminus F$  is regular open set of  $Y$ . By (4)  $f^{-1}(Y \setminus F)$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(Y \setminus F) = X \setminus f^{-1}(F)$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). This follows from the fact that any  $\theta$ -semi-open set is a union of regular closed sets.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). It is entirely analogous to part (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) and is thus omitted.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (8). Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$  and  $y \notin \theta s Cl(f(A))$ . Then, there exists  $V \in SO(Y, y)$  such that  $f(A) \cap Cl(V) = \emptyset$ . Since  $Cl(V)$  is  $\theta$ -semi-open,  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is  $B_c$ -open in  $X$  and  $A \cap f^{-1}(Cl(V)) = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $B_c Cl(A) \cap f^{-1}(Cl(V)) = \emptyset$  and  $(B_c Cl(A)) \cap Cl(V) = \emptyset$ . Consequently, we obtain  $y \notin f(B_c Cl(A))$  and hence  $f(B_c Cl(A)) \subset \theta s Cl(f(A))$ .

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a subset of  $X$ , by (8)  $f(B_c Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \theta s Cl(f(f^{-1}(B))) = \theta s Cl(B)$ . Therefore we obtain  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\theta s Cl(B))$ .

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10). Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then  $X \setminus B$  is also subset of  $Y$ . Applying (9) we obtain  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(Y \setminus B)) \subset f^{-1}(\theta s Cl(Y \setminus B)) \Leftrightarrow B_c Cl(X \setminus f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(Y \setminus \theta s Int(B)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus B_c Int(f^{-1}(B)) \subset X \setminus f^{-1}(\theta s Int(B)) \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(\theta s Int(B)) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(B))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(\theta s Int(B)) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(B))$ .

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (11). Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . Then  $f(A)$  is a subset of  $Y$ . By (10), we have  $f^{-1}(\theta s Int(f(A))) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(f(A))) = B_c Int(A)$ . Therefore,  $\theta s Int(f(A)) \subset f(B_c Int(A))$ .

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $x \in X$  and let  $V$  be any semi-open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  and  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is a subset of  $X$ . By (11), we have  $\theta s Int(f(f^{-1}(Cl(V)))) \subset f(B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(V))))$ . Then  $\theta s Int(Cl(V)) = Cl(V) \subset f(B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(V))))$ . Then  $Cl(V) \subset f(B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(V))))$  implies that  $f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(V)))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$  which contains  $x$  and clearly  $f(f^{-1}(Cl(V))) \subset Cl(V)$ . Hence  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.7.** For a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.
2.  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$ , for each pre-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
3.  $f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F))) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each pre-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof.**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $V$  be any pre-open set of  $Y$ . Then  $V \subset Int(Cl(V))$  and  $Int(Cl(V))$  is regular open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, by Theorem 3.6.(4),  $f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$  and hence we obtain that  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$ .

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). Let  $F$  be any pre-closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y \setminus F$  is pre-open set of  $Y$  and by (2), we have  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(Y \setminus F)) \subset f^{-1}(Int(Cl(Y \setminus F))) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus B_c Int(f^{-1}(F)) \subset f^{-1}(Y \setminus Cl(Int(F))) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus B_c Int(f^{-1}(F)) \subset X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F)))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F))) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(F))$ .



(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $V$  be any regular open set of  $Y$ . Then  $V$  is preopen set of  $Y$ . By hypothesis, we have  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))) = f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$  and hence by Theorem 3.6,(4),  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Corollary 3.8.** For a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.
2.  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(sCl(V))$ , for each pre-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
3.  $f^{-1}(sInt(F)) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each pre-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Follows from the above Theorem and the fact that  $sCl(V) = Int(Cl(V))$  for each  $V \in PO(Y)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(V)))$  for each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any semi-open set of  $Y$ . Then  $V \subset Cl(V)$  and  $Cl(V)$  is regular closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, by Theorem 3.6,(5),  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$  and hence we obtain that  $f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(Cl(V)) = B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(V)))$ .

Conversely, let  $V$  be any regular closed set of  $Y$ . Then  $V$  is semi-open set of  $Y$ . By hypothesis, we have  $f^{-1}(V) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(V))) = B_c Int(f^{-1}(V))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $B_c$ -open set in  $X$  and hence by Theorem 3.6,  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Corollary 3.10.** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subset B_c Int(f^{-1}(pCl(V)))$  for each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.11.** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous if and only if  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(Int(F))) \subset f^{-1}(F)$  for each semi-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.12.** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous if and only if  $B_c Cl(f^{-1}(pInt(F))) \subset f^{-1}(F)$  for each semi-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(V) \subset B_c Cl(f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))))$  for each pre-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any pre-open set of  $Y$ . Then  $V \subset Int(Cl(V))$  and  $Int(Cl(V))$  is regular open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, by Theorem 3.6,  $f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$  is  $B_c$ -closed set in  $X$  and hence we obtain that  $f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))) = B_c Cl(f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))))$ .

**Corollary 3.14.** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(V) \subset B_c Cl(f^{-1}(sCl(V)))$  for each pre-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.15.** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, then  $B_c Int(f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F)))) \subset f^{-1}(F)$  for each pre-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.16.** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, then  $B_c Int(f^{-1}(sInt(F))) \subset f^{-1}(F)$  for each pre-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

## 4 Comparison and Further Properties

In this section we study further properties of semi- $B_c$ -continuous and investigate their relationships to other types of functions between topological spaces.

**Remark 4.1.** Every semi- $B_c$ -continuous function is almost contra- $b$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.2.** Every semi- $B_c$ -continuous function is  $(b, s)$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.3.** The following properties are equivalent for a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , whenever  $X$  is  $T_1$ -space.

1.  $f$  is almost contra- $b$ -continuous.
2.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Proof.** This follows from Proposition 2.25 [7].

**Theorem 4.4.** The following properties are equivalent for a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , whenever  $X$  is  $T_1$ -space.

1.  $f$  is  $(b, s)$ -continuous.
2.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Proof.** This follows from Proposition 2.9 [7].

**Corollary 4.5.** If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is weakly  $\theta$ -irresolute and  $X$  is locally indiscrete space, then it is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Follows directly from Proposition 2.14 [7].



**Remark 4.6.** If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha$ -quasi-irresolute and  $X$  is locally indiscrete space, then it is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.7.** If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $(p, s)$ -continuous and  $X$  is  $T_1$ -space, then it is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.8.** If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $(\theta, s)$ -continuous and  $X$  is locally indiscrete or regular or  $T_1$ -space, then it is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.

We recall that a space  $X$  is called extremally disconnected [5] if the closure of each open set of  $X$  is open in  $X$ , equivalently if every semi-open set is  $\alpha$ -open. The space  $X$  is called submaximal [5] if every dense subset of  $X$  is open in  $X$ , equivalently if every preopen set is open.

**Lemma 4.9.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is a submaximal extremally disconnected space, then  $\tau = \tau^\alpha = SO(X, \tau) = PO(X, \tau) = BO(X, \tau) = \beta O(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 4.10.** If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, and  $X$  and  $Y$  are a submaximal extremally disconnected space, then it is quasi-irresolute.

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any semi-open in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $Y$  is submaximal extremally disconnected,  $Cl(V) = sCl(V)$  for every  $V \in SO(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, then there exists a  $B_c$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Cl(V)$ . But  $X$  is submaximal extremally disconnected, so by Lemma 4.9,  $U$  is semi-open. Therefore  $f(U) \subset Cl(V) = sCl(V)$ . This shows that  $f$  is quasi-irresolute.

**Theorem 4.11.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is a submaximal extremally disconnected  $T_1$ -space, then the following are equivalent for a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ :

1.  $f$  is  $(b, s)$ -continuous.
2.  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous.
3.  $f$  is  $(\theta, s)$ -continuous.
4.  $f$  is  $(p, s)$ -continuous.
5.  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -quasi-irresolute.
6.  $f$  is weakly  $\theta$ -irresolute.
7.  $f$  is  $\beta$ -quasi-irresolute.

**Proof.** It follows from Lemma 4.9 and Theorem 4.4.

**Definition 4.12.** A space  $X$  is said to be:

1.  $s$ -Urysohn [4] if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $U \in SO(X, x)$  and  $V \in SO(X, y)$  such that  $Cl(U) \cap Cl(V) = \emptyset$ .
2.  $b$ - $T_2$  [6] if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $U \in BO(X, x)$  and  $V \in BO(X, y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.13.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a semi- $B_c$ -continuous injection and  $Y$  is  $s$ -Uryson, then  $X$  is  $b$ - $T_2$  space.

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is injective, it follows that  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  for any two distinct points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Since  $Y$  is  $s$ -Uryson, there exist semi-open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(x_1) \in V_1$ ,  $f(x_2) \in V_2$ , and  $Cl(V_1) \cap Cl(V_2) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is semi- $B_c$ -continuous, there exist  $B_c$ -open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  of  $X$  containing  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively such that  $f(U_1) \subset Cl(V_1)$  and  $f(U_2) \subset Cl(V_2)$ . Hence  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$ . Since  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are  $B_c$ -open, then clearly  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are  $b$ -open. This shows that  $X$  is  $b$ - $T_2$ .

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