## **On Maximal α-Continuous Maps in Topological spaces Khaled Mohammed AL Hamadi\* and Ebtesam Qaid Mohammed\*\***

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### **Abstract**

In this paper, we introduce new types of maps called maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous, maximal  $\alpha$ -irresolute, minimal-maximal α-continuous and strongly maximal α-continuous maps in topological spaces, studying some of their fundamental properties and their relations with others. Also, we introduce a new class of topological spaces called  $\alpha T_{max}$  studying some of their fundamental properties.

**Keywords:** Minimal open set, maximal open set, maximal α-open and minimal α-closed sets*.*

#### **1-Introduction**

 The concepts of minimal open sets and maximal open sets in topological spaces are introduced and considered by F. Nakaoka and N. Oda in [5], [6] and [7]. More precisely, in 2001, Nakaoka and Oda [5] characterized minimal open sets and proved that any subset of a minimal open set is preopen . By the dual concepts of minimal ,open sets and maximal open sets, Nakaoka & Oda [7] introduced the concepts of minimal closed sets and maximal closed sets. Family of minimal open (minimal closed) sets and maximal open (maximal closed) sets are denoted by  $M_iO(X)$  ( $M_iC(X)$ ) and  $M<sub>a</sub>O(X)$  ( $M<sub>a</sub>C(X)$ ) respectively.

 Bechalli et al [1] introduced the class of maps called minimal continuous, maximal continuous, minimal irresolute, maximal irresolute, minimal-maximal continuous and maximal-minimal continuous maps in topological spaces and studied their relations with various types of continuous maps.

### **2-Preliminaries**

**Definition 2.1.**[8]. A subset A of a space X is said to be  $\alpha$ -open set if

 $A \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)))$ . The complement of  $\alpha$ -open set is said to be  $\alpha$ -closed. Family of  $\alpha$ -open sets is denoted by  $\alpha O(X)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be:

(i)α-continuous map[4] if the inverse image of every open set in Y is α-open set in X.

(ii)α-irresolute map[3](briefly α-irresolute)if the inverse image of every α-open set in Y is α-open set in X.

**Definition 2.3.**[5]. A proper nonempty open set U of X is said to be a minimal open set if any open set which contained in U is Ø or U.

**Definition 2.4.**[6]. A proper nonempty open set U of X is said to be a maximal open set if any open set which contains U is X or U.

**Definition 2.5.**[7]. A proper nonempty closed subset F of X is said to be a maximal closed set if any closed set which contains F is X or F.

**Definition 2.6.**[7]. A proper nonempty closed subset F of X is said to be a minimal closed set if any closed set which contained in F is Ø or F.

**Definition 2.7**.[1]. A mapping  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

(i) maximal continuous map (briefly max-continuous) if the inverse image of every maximal open (or minimal closed) set in Y is an open (or closed) set in X.

(ii) maximal irresolute (briefly max-irresolute) if  $f^{-1}$  (M) is maximal open set in X for every maximal open set M in Y .

(iii) minimal-maximal continuous (briefly min-max continuous) if  $f^{-1}(M)$  is maximal open set in X for every minimal open set M in Y .

(iv) maximal-minimal continuous (briefly max-min continuous) if  $f^{-1}(M)$  is minimal open set in X for every maximal open set M in Y .

(v) strongly maximal open map if the image of every maximal open (resp. maximal closed) set in X is maximal open set in Y.

**Definition 2.8.**[2]. A proper nonempty  $\alpha$ -open subset U of a topological space X is said to be a maximal α-open set if any α-open set which contains U is X or U.

**Definition 2.9.**[2]. A proper nonempty  $\alpha$ -closed subset F of a topological space X is said to be a minimal  $\alpha$ -closed set if any  $\alpha$ -closed set which is contained in F is  $\emptyset$  or F.

The family of all maximal  $\alpha$ -open (resp. minimal  $\alpha$ -closed) sets will be denoted by  $M_{\alpha} \omega(X)$  (resp.  $M_i \alpha C(X)$ ).

**Theorem 2.10.**[2]. Let A be a proper nonempty subset of X. Then A is a maximal  $\alpha$ -open set if  $X \setminus A$ is a minimal α-closed set.

### **3. Maximal α-continuous maps**

**Definition 3.1.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

(i) maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous (briefly max  $\alpha$ -continuous) map if the inverse image of every maximal open set in Y is α-open set in X.

(ii) maximal  $\alpha$ -irresolute (briefly max  $\alpha$ -irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a maximal  $\alpha$ -open set in X for every maximal α-open set A in Y.

(iii) Minimal-maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous (briefly min-max  $\alpha$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a maximal  $\alpha$ -open set in X for every minimal open set A in Y.

(v) strongly maximal α-continuous (briefly strongly max α-continuous) if the inverse image of every maximal open set in Y is maximal  $\alpha$ -open set in X.

**Theorem 3.2.** Every continuous map is maximal α-continuous map.

**Proof**: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous map and let A be maximal open in Y. As maximal open imply open set, A is open set in Y. Then X contains  $f^{-1}(A)$  as open set. Since every open imply α-open set. Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\alpha$ -open set in X every maximal open set A in Y. Hence f is maximal  $\alpha$ continuous.

**Remark 3.3.** The converse of above theorem is not true.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$  and  $f:(X,\square)\square(Y,\square)$  is the identity map, where

 $\square \square = \{\square \square, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\square \square = \{\square \square, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$  then f is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous but f is not continuous since  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not open set.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let X and Y be topological spaces, if  $f: X \square Y$  is an  $\alpha$ -continuous, then f is maximal α-continuous and not conversely.

**Proof:** Take U be a maximal open subset of Y. Then, U is open set in Y, Since f is α-continuous so  $f^{-1}$  (U) is α-open subset of X. Thus g is maximal α-continuous.

**Example 3.6.** From examples 3.4, we find f is maximal α-continuous since, but f is not α-continuous since  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $\alpha$ -open set.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let X and Y be the topological spaces. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of each a minimal closed set in Y is  $\alpha$ -closed set in X.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the definition and fact that the complement of  $\alpha$ -open set is  $\alpha$ -closed set, and the complement of maximal open set is minimal closed set.

**Theorem 3.8**. Every strongly maximal α-continuous map is maximal α-continuous.

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**Proof:** Let X and Y be topological spaces and the map  $f: X \square Y$  is strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous, to show that f is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous. Let U be a maximal open subset of Y, thus  $f^{-1}(U)$  is maximal  $\alpha$ -open subset of X. Since maximal  $\alpha$ -open set implies  $\alpha$ -open set, then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\alpha$ -open set in X. Hence f is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.9.** The converse of above theorem is not true in general as in the following examples.

**Example 3.10**. Let  $X = Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{0, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma =$ { $\emptyset$ , {1}, {2}, {1, 2}, Y}. Let f be an identity map which is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous but not strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous as {1, 2} is maximal open in Y, Then  $f^{-1}(\{1,2\}) = \{1,2\}$  is not maximal α-open set in X.

**Theorem 3.11.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is a-continuous map and  $g: Y \to Z$  is maximal continuous map, then g o f :  $X \rightarrow Z$  is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof**: Let N be any maximal open set in Z. Since  $g$  is maximal continuous,  $g^{-1}(N)$  is an open set in Y. Again since f is a-continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(N)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(N)$  is a-open set in X. Hence g o f is an α-continuous.

**Theorem 3.12.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous map and  $g: Y \to Z$  strongly maximal continuous map, then g o f:  $X \rightarrow Z$  is strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof**: Similar to that of Theorem 3.11.

**Remark 3.13. C**omposition of maximal α-continuous is not maximal α-continuous, which is shown below.

**Example 3.14.** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, X\}$ ,

 $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{Y\}, \text{and } \eta = \{\emptyset, \{2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2\}, \text{If } g: X \to Y \text{ and }$ 

h : Y  $\rightarrow$  Z be identity maps. Then g and h are maximal α-continuous maps but not

h o g is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous. Now {2} is Maximal open in Z, then  $(\text{h } \text{o } \text{g})^{-1}(\{2\}) = \{2\} \notin \alpha O(X)$ . **Remark 3.15.** Composition of strongly maximal α-continuous is not strongly maximal α-continuous, which is shown below.

**Example 3.16.** By Example 3.14, we have g and h are strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous functions but not h o g is strongly maximal α-continuous. Now

{2} ∈ M<sub>a</sub>O(Z), then (h o g)<sup>-1</sup>({2})= {2} ∉ M<sub>a</sub> $\alpha$ O(X).

**Theorem 3.17.** If g and h are maximal  $\alpha$ -irresolute. Then, hog is maximal  $\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.18.** If g is maximal α-continuous, then restriction map  $g_A : A \rightarrow Y$  is maximal  $\alpha$ continuous.

**Proof**: Consider a maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous map g and non-empty subset A of X. Let  $M \in M_aO(Y)$ . By hypothesis,  $g^{-1}(M) \in \alpha O(X)$ . Therefore, by definition of  $g_A: A \rightarrow Y$  it is evident that  $g_A^{-1}(A)$ M  $) = A \cap g^{-1}$  (M). Therefore, A  $\bigcap g_A^{-1}$  (M) is  $\alpha$ -open set in A. Therefore, by definition  $g_A$ :  $A \rightarrow Y$  is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.19.** A mapping g is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous iff for any  $p \in X$  and  $M \in M_aO(Y)$ containing  $g(p)$ ,  $\exists N \in \alpha O(X) \ni p \in N$  and  $g(N) \subset M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $M \in M_aO(Y)$  containing g (p) for  $p \in N$ , where  $N \in \alpha O(X)$ . As g is maximal  $\alpha$ continuous, we have  $g^{-1}(M) \in \alpha O(X)$ . Take  $N = g^{-1}(M)$  which implies  $g(N) = g(g^{-1}(M))$  $\subset M$ . Therefore,  $g(N) \subset M$ .

Conversely, let  $M \in M_aO(Y)$ . By hypothesis,  $N \in \alpha O(X)$ ,  $p \in N$  which implies

 $g(p) \in g(N) \subset M$  which implies  $p \in g^{-1}(g(N)) \in g^{-1}(M)$ . Thus  $g^{-1}(M) \in \alpha O(X)$ , M  $\in$  $M_2O(Y)$ . Therefore , g is maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous.

# **4.**  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space

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**Definition 4.1.** A topological space X is said to be  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space if every nonempty proper  $\alpha$ -open subset of X is maximal  $\alpha$ -open set.

**Theorem 4.2.** A topological space X is  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space if and only if any pair of two proper nonempty α-open sets are disjoint.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  be two proper nonempty  $\alpha$ -open sets in X. Assume

 $U_1 \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\emptyset \neq U_1 \cap U_2 \subseteq U_1 \subset X$ , that is,  $U_1 \cap U_2$  is a proper nonempty  $\alpha$ -open set and so  $U_1 \cap U_2$  is maximal  $\alpha$ -open. Since  $U_1 \cap U_2 \subseteq U_1 \subset X$  and  $U_1$  is  $\alpha$ -open, then  $U_1 = U_1$  $\cap U_2$ . Similarly,  $U_2 = U_1 \cap U_2$ . This implies that  $U_1 = U_2$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $U_1$  $\cap$   $U_2 = \phi$ .

 $\Leftarrow$  Let U be a proper nonempty  $\alpha$ -open set and W a nonempty  $\alpha$ -open set such that W  $\subseteq$  U, so W = U. [Otherwise,  $W \neq U$  and  $W \cap U = \phi$ ]. Hence U is a maximal  $\alpha$ -open, that is: X is  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space. **Theorem 4.3.** A topological space X is  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space if and only if every nonempty proper  $\alpha$ -closed subset of X is minimal  $\alpha$ -closed set in X.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Let F be a proper  $\alpha$ -closed subset of X, suppose F is not minimal  $\alpha$ -closed in X, So there is a proper  $\alpha$ -closed subset of X such that K ⊂ F. Thus X–F ⊂ X–K but X–K is proper  $\alpha$ -open in X so X−F is not maximal α-open in X. Contradiction to the fact X−F is maximal α-open.

⟸Let U be a proper α-open subset of X, then X−U is a proper α-closed subset of X and so it is minimal  $\alpha$ -closed set by the fact that the complement of maximal  $\alpha$ -open set is minimal  $\alpha$ -closed set, hence we get that U is maximal  $\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 4.4**. Union of every pair of different maximal  $\alpha$ -open sets in  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space is X.

**Proof:** Let U and V be maximal  $\alpha$ -open subsets of  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space X such that U  $\neq$ V to show that U ∪ V = X suppose not i.e. U ∪ V ≠ X. So U ⊂ U ∪ V and V ⊂ U ∪ V. Since U ⊂ U ∪ V and U is maximal  $\alpha$ -open, then U ∪ V = U or U ∪ V = X.

thus U ∪ V = U…(1). Now since V  $\subset U \cup V$  and V is maximal  $\alpha$ -open then U ∪ V =V or U∪V =X. thus U ∪ V = V... (2). Hence, from (1) and (2), we get that U = V this result contradicts the fact that U and V are different. Therefore,  $U \cup V = X$ .

**Theorem 4.5**. Let X and Y be topological spaces, if  $f: X \square Y$  is a maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous onto map and X is  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  space then f is strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is clear that the inverse image of  $\square$  and Y are  $\alpha$ -open subsets of X. So let U be a maximal open subset of Y. Since f is maximal α-continuous so  $f^{-1}(U)$  is proper α-open subset of X, but X is  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$  so f<sup>-1</sup> (U) maximal  $\alpha$ -open. Therefore, f is strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.6**. the converse is not true, in general, as in the following example.

**Example 4.7.** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$  and  $f:(X,\square)\square(Y,\square)$  is the identity map, where  $\square \square = \{\square \square, \{a\},\}$  $\{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\square \square = \{ \square \square, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ , then f is strongly maximal  $\alpha$ -continuous since the only maximal open subset of Y is {a, c} and  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) \square \{a, c\}$  is maximal  $\alpha$ -open in X. but X is not  $\alpha T_{\text{max}}$ 

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# حول الدوال الأعظمية آلفا المستمرة في الفراغات الطوبولوجية

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# الملخص

 في هذه الورقة البحثية نعرض أنوا ًعا جديدة من الدوال تسمى ,irresolute-α max ,Continuous-α max وندرس ،الطوبولوجية الفراغات في maximal strongly α-Continuous و minimal maximal-α-Continuous بعض خصائصها الأساسية وعلاقاتها ببعضها. بالإضافة الى دراسة نوع جديد من الفراغات الطوبولوجية يسمى ودر اسة بعض خصائصه الأساسية والمميزة.  $\alpha T_{\rm max}$ 

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