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## $\beta$ S-REGULAR SPACES AND $\beta$ S-NORMAL SPACES IN TOPOLOGY

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### ABSTRACT

*The aim of this paper is to introduce and study some forms of weak regular spaces and weak forms of normal spaces , viz.  $\beta$ s- regular spaces ,  $s\beta$ -regular spaces ,  $\beta$ s-normal spaces by using  $\beta$ -closed sets and semiopen sets . Also , we studied some related functions like  $\beta$ gs-closed functions ,  $\beta$ gs-continuous functions for preserving these regular spaces and normal spaces .*

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### 1.Introduction

In 1963, N.Levine [16] introduced and studied the concepts of semiopen sets and semi continuity in topological spaces and in 1983, M.E. Abd El-Monsef et al [1] have introduced the concepts of  $\beta$ -open sets and  $\beta$ -continuity in topology . Latter , these  $\beta$ -open sets are recalled as semipreopen sets , which were introduced by D. Andrejevic in [5]. Further these semi open sets and  $\beta$ -open sets ( = semipreopen sets ) have been studied by various authors in the literature see [2, 4,10,14,17,23]. In 1970 and 1990, respectively Levine [15] and S.P.Arya et al [6] have defined and studied the concept of  $g$ -closed sets and  $gs$ -closed sets in topology . The aim of this paper is to introduce and study some forms of weak regular spaces and weak forms of normal spaces , viz.  $\beta$ s- regular spaces ,  $s\beta$ -regular spaces ,  $\beta$ s-normal spaces by using  $\beta$ -closed sets and semiopen sets . Also , we studied some related functions like  $\beta$ gs-closed functions ,  $\beta$ gs-continuous functions for preserving these regular spaces and normal spaces .

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $X, Y$  will denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms assumed unless explicitly stated. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  represent a single valued function. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . The closure and interior of  $A$  are respectively denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ .

The following definitions and results are useful in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1:** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called

- (i) semiopen (in short , s-open) set [16] if  $A \subset ClInt(A)$  .
- (ii) preopen (in short , p-open) set [20] if  $A \subset IntCl(A)$ .
- (iii)  $\beta$ -open [1] (=semipreopen [5]) set if  $A \subset ClIntCl(A)$  .

The complement of a s-open (resp. p-open ,  $\beta$ -open ) set is called s-closed[7] (resp. p-closed [13] ,  $\beta$ -closed [1] ) set. The family of s-open (resp. p-open ,  $\beta$ -open ) sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $SO(X)$  (resp.  $PO(X)$  ,  $\beta O(X)$ ) .

**Definition 2.2 :** The intersection of all s-closed (resp.  $\beta$ -closed ) sets containing a subset  $A$  of space  $X$  is called the s-closure [7] (resp.  $\beta$ -closure[ 2] ) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $sCl(A)$  (resp.  $\beta Cl(A)$ ).

**Definition 2.3 :** The union of all s-open (resp.  $\beta$ -open ) sets which are contained in  $A$  is called the s-interior[7] ( resp. the  $\beta$ -interior [2]) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $sInt(A)$  (resp.  $\beta Int(A)$ ).

**Definition 2.4 [6]:** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called gs-closed if  $sCl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open set in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5[ 22]:** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\beta$ -regular if for each closed set  $F$  and for each  $x \in X-F$  , there exist two disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.6 [19 ]:** A space  $X$  is said to be s-regular if for each closed set  $F$  and for each  $x \in X-F$  , there exist two disjoint s-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.7 [12]:** A space  $X$  is said to be semi-regular if for each semiclosed set  $F$  and for each  $x \in X-F$  , there exist two disjoint s-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.8 [18]:** A space  $X$  is said to be s-normal if for any pair of disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  , there exist disjoint s-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.9 [11]:** A space  $X$  is said to be semi-normal if for any pair of disjoint semiclosed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  , there exist disjoint s-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.10 [25]:** A space  $X$  is said to be submaximal if every dense set of  $X$  is open in  $X$  (i.e., every preopen set of  $X$  is open in  $X$  ).

**Definition 2.11[14]:** A space  $X$  is said to be extremely disconnected (in brief, E.D.,) space if  $\text{Cl}(G)$  is open set for each open set  $G$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.12[4]:** PS- spaces. A space  $X$  is said to be  $s$ -regular [ ] if for each closed set  $F$  and for each  $x \in X - F$ , there exist two disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.13 [17]:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\beta$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ -open set in  $X$  for each  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.14[8]:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $s$ -open set in  $X$  for each  $s$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.15[9]:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be presemiopen if  $f(V)$  is semiopen set in  $Y$  for each semiopen set  $V$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.16[22]:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $M$ - $\beta$ -closed if the image of each  $\beta$ -closed set of  $X$  is  $\beta$ -closed in  $Y$ .

### 3. Properties of $\beta$ s-regular spaces

We, define the following.

**Definition 3.1:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\beta$ s-regular if for each  $\beta$ -closed set  $F$  of  $X$  and each point  $x \in X - F$ , there exist disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

Clearly, every  $\beta$ s-regular space is  $s$ -regular as well as semi-regular, since every closed set as well as  $s$ -closed set is  $\beta$ -closed set.

**Definition 3.2:** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\beta^*$ -regular if for each  $\beta$ -closed set  $F$  and for each  $x \in X - F$ , there exist  $\beta$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $F \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Every  $\beta^*$ -regular space is  $\beta$ -regular.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be  $\beta^*$ -regular space and  $F$  be a closed set not containing  $x$  implies  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -closed set not containing  $x$ . As  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -regular space, there exist disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $F \subset U$ . Therefore  $X$  is  $\beta$ -regular.

**Lemma 3.4:** If  $A$  is subset of  $X$  and  $B \in \beta\mathcal{O}(X)$  such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $\beta\text{Cl}(A) \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Let us assume that  $\beta\text{Cl}(A) \cap B \neq \emptyset$  implies there exists  $x$  such that  $x \in \beta\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $x \in B$ . Now  $x \in \beta\text{Cl}(A) \Rightarrow A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for each  $\beta$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  which is contradiction to hypothesis  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  for  $B \in \beta\mathcal{O}(X, x)$ . Hence  $\beta\text{Cl}(A) \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.5:** Every  $\beta$ s-regular space is  $\beta^*$ -regular space.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be  $\beta$ s-regular space and  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -closed set not containing  $x$ . As  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-regular space, there exist disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $F \subset U$ . But, every  $s$ -open set is  $\beta$ -open set and thus  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -regular.

Converse of Lemma-3.5 is not true . For example,

**Example 3.6 :** Let  $X = \{ a,b,c \}$ ,  $\tau = \{ X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b,c\} \}$

$\beta O(X) = \{ X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\} \}$

$SO(X) = \{ X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b,c\} \}$

Clearly  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -regular space but not  $\beta s$ -regular . Since for  $\beta$ -closed set  $\{a,b\}$  and  $c \notin \{a,b\}$  there donot exist disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $c \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.7:** For a topological space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent ;

- (a)  $X$  is  $\beta s$ -regular
- (b) For each  $x \in X$  and for each  $\beta$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  there exists a  $s$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in V \subset sCl(V) \subset U$ .
- (c) For each  $\beta$ -closed set  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $\cap \{ sCl(V)/F \subset V \text{ and } V \in SO(X) \} = F$
- (d) For each nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  and each  $U \in \beta O(X)$  if  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  then there exists  $V \in SO(X)$  such that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $sCl(V) \subset U$
- (e) For each nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  and each  $F \in \beta F(X)$  if  $A \cap F = \emptyset$  then there exists  $V, W \in SO(X)$  such that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ,  $F \subset W$  and  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ .

**Proof :** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Let  $X$  be  $\beta s$ - regular space. Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be  $\beta$ -open set containing  $x$  implies  $X - U$  is  $\beta$ -closed such that  $x \notin X - U$ . Therefore by (a) there exists two  $s$ -open sets  $V$  and  $W$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $X - U \subset W \Rightarrow X - W \subset U$ . Since  $V \cap W = \emptyset \Rightarrow sCl(V) \cap W = \emptyset \Rightarrow sCl(V) \subset X - W \subset U$ . Therefore ,  $x \in V \subset sCl(V) \subset U$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -closed subset of  $X$  and  $x \notin F$ , then  $X - F$  is  $\beta$ -open set containing  $x$ . By (b) there exists  $s$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset sCl(U) \subset X - F$  implies  $F \subset X - sCl(U) \subset X - U$  i.e  $F \subset V \subset X - U$  where  $V = X - sCl(U) \in SO(X)$  and  $x \notin V$  that implies  $x \notin sCl(V)$  implies  $x \notin \cap \{ sCl(V) / F \subset V \in SO(X) \}$ . Hence ,  $\cap \{ sCl(V) / F \subset V \in SO(X) \} = F$

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d)  $A$  be a subset of  $X$  and  $U \in \beta O(X)$  such that  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ .

$\Rightarrow$  there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that.  $x_0 \in A \cap U$ . Therefore  $X - U$  is  $\beta$ -closed set not containing  $x_0 \Rightarrow x_0 \notin \beta Cl(X - U)$ . By (c), there exists  $W \in SO(X)$  such that  $X - U \subset W \Rightarrow x_0 \notin sCl(W)$ . Put  $V = X - sCl(W)$ , then  $V$  is  $s$ -open set containing  $x_0 \Rightarrow A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $sCl(V) \subset sCl(X - sCl(W)) \subset sCl(X - W)$ . Therefore ,  $sCl(V) \subset sCl(X - W) \subset U$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e) Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$  and  $F$  be  $\beta$ -closed set such that  $A \cap F = \emptyset$ . Then  $X - F$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$  and  $A \cap (X - F) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore by (d), there exist  $V \in SO(X)$  such that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $sCl(V) \subset X - F$ . Put  $W = X - sCl(V)$  then  $W \in SO(X)$  such that  $F \subset W$  and  $W \cap V = \emptyset$ .

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Let  $x \in X$  be arbitrary and  $F$  be  $\beta$ -closed set not containing  $x$ . Let  $A = X \setminus F$  be a nonempty  $\beta$ -open set containing  $x$  then by (e), there exist disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $V$  and  $W$  such that  $F \subset W$  and  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in V$ . Thus  $X$  is a  $\beta s$ -regular.

**Theorem 3.8 :** In a topological space X following statements are equivalent;

- (a) X is  $\beta$ s-regular
- (b) for each  $\beta$ -open set U of X containing x there exists s-open set V such that  $x \in V \subset sCl(V) \subset U$

**Proof :** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Let  $x \in X$  and U be  $\beta$ -open set of X containing x  $\Rightarrow X - U$  is  $\beta$ -closed set not containing x. As X is  $\beta$ s-regular, there exist disjoint s-open sets V and W such that  $x \in V$  and  $X - U \subset W \Rightarrow X - W \subset U$ . As  $V \cap W = \emptyset \Rightarrow sCl(V) \cap W = \emptyset \Rightarrow sCl(V) \subset X - W \subset U$ . Hence  $x \in V \subset sCl(V) \subset U$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Let for each  $x \in X$ , F be  $\beta$ -closed set not containing x, therefore  $X - F$  is  $\beta$ -open set containing x hence from (b) there exists s-open set V such that  $x \in V \subset sCl(V) \subset X - F$ . Let  $U = X - sCl(V)$  then U is s-open set such that  $F \subset U$ ,  $x \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Thus there exists disjoint s-open sets U and V such that  $x \in V$  and  $F \subset U$ . Therefore X is  $\beta$ s-regular.

We, define the following.

**Definition 3.9:** A space X is said to be strongly  $\beta^*$ -regular if for each  $\beta$ -closed set F and for each  $x \in X - F$ , there exists disjoint open sets U and V such that  $F \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** Every strongly  $\beta^*$ -regular space is  $\beta^*$ -regular space.

**Proof :** Let X be strongly  $\beta^*$ -regular space and F be any  $\beta$ -closed set and  $x \notin F$ . Then there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ . Since every open set is  $\beta$ -open and hence U and V are  $\beta$ -open sets such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subset V$ . This shows that X is  $\beta^*$ -regular.

Converse of the theorem 3.10 and other statements are not true in general. For,

**Example 3.11 :** Let  $X = \{ a, b, c \}$ ,  $\tau = \{ X, \emptyset, \{ a \}, \{ b \}, \{ a, b \} \}$

$\beta O(X) = \{ X, \emptyset, \{ a \}, \{ b \}, \{ a, b \}, \{ a, c \}, \{ b, c \} \}$

Clearly X is  $\beta^*$ -regular but not strongly  $\beta^*$ -regular.

**Theorem 3.12 :** For a topological space X the following statements are equivalent ;

- (a) X is strongly  $\beta^*$ -regular
- (b) For each  $x \in X$  and for each  $\beta$ -open set U of X containing a point x, there exists an open set V such that  $x \in V \subset Cl(V) \subset U$ .
- (c) For each  $\beta$ -closed set F of X,  $\bigcap \{ Cl(V) / F \subset V \in \tau \} = F$ .
- (d) For each nonempty subset A of X and each  $U \in \beta O(X)$  if  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  then there exists open set V such that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and  $Cl(V) \subset U$ .
- (e) For each nonempty subset A of X and each closed set F of X such that  $A \cap F = \emptyset$ , there exist  $V, W \in \beta O(X)$ , such that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ,  $F \subset W$  and  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ .

The routine proof of the theorem is omitted.

Next , we prove some preservation theorems in the following.

**Theorem 3.13 :** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a pre-semiopen ,  $\beta$ -irresolute bijection and  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-regular space , then  $Y$  is  $\beta$ s-regular .

**Proof :** Let  $F$  be any  $\beta$ -closed subset of  $Y$  and  $y \in Y$  with  $y \notin F$  . Since  $f$  is  $\beta$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $X$ . Again,  $f$  is bijective, let  $f(x) = y$  , then  $x \notin f^{-1}(F)$ . Since  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-regular , there exist disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f^{-1}(F) \subset V$  . Since  $f$  is , presemiopen bijection , we have  $y \in f(U)$  and  $F \subset f(V)$  and  $f(U) \cap f(V) = f(U \cap V) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $Y$  is  $\beta$ s-regular space.

We , define the following.

**Definition 3.14 :** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be always- $\beta$ -closed if the image of each  $\beta$ -closed subset of  $X$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$ .

Now, we prove the following.

**Theorem 3.15 :** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an always  $\beta$ -closed , irresolute injection and  $Y$  is  $\beta$ s-regular space , then  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-regular .

**Proof :** Let  $F$  be any  $\beta$ -closed set of  $X$  and  $x \notin F$ . Since  $f$  is an always  $\beta$ -closed injection,  $f(F)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$  and  $f(x) \notin f(F)$  . Since  $Y$  is  $\beta$ s-regular space and so there exist disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in U$  and  $f(F) \subset V$  . By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are  $s$ -open sets in  $X$  with  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  ,  $F \subset f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-regular space.

We, define the following.

**Definition 3.16 :** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\beta$ s-continuous if the inverse image of each  $\beta$ -open set of  $Y$  is  $s$ -open set in  $X$ .

Next, we give the following.

**Theorem 3.17 :** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an always  $\beta$ -closed ,  $\beta$ s-continuous injection and  $Y$  is  $\beta$ -regular space , then  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-regular .

#### 4. $\beta$ s-normal spaces.

We , define the following.

**Definition 4.1 :** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\beta$ gs-continuous if for each  $\beta$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is gs-closed set in  $X$ .

It is obvious that a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\beta$ gs-continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gs-open in  $X$  for each  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition 4.2:** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\beta$ gs-closed if for each  $\beta$ -closed set  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $f(F)$  is gs-closed set in  $Y$ .

We, recall the following .

**Definition 4.3[ 23] :** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be :

(i)pre-gs-continuous if the inverse image of each s-closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  is gs-closed in  $X$ .

(ii)pre-gs-closed if the image of each s-closed set of  $X$  is gs-closed in  $Y$ .

Clearly, (i) every pre- $\beta$ gs-continuous function is pre-gs-continuous ,

(ii) every pre- $\beta$ gs-closed function is pre-gs-closed , since in both cases every s-closed set is  $\beta$ -closed set.

We ,prove the following.

**Theorem 4.4 :** A surjective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed if and only if for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$  and each  $\beta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(B)$  , there exists a gs-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $B \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

**Proof :** Suppose  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function. Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  be any  $\beta$ -open set in  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(B)$  . Put  $V = Y - f(X-U)$ . Then ,  $V$  is gs-open set in  $Y$  such that  $B \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

Conversely, let  $F$  be any  $\beta$ -closed set of  $X$  . Put  $B = Y - f(F)$  , then we have  $f^{-1}(B) \subset X - F$  and  $X - F$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ . There exists a gs-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $B = Y - f(F) \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset X - F$  .Therefore , we obtain that  $f(F) = Y - V$  and hence  $f(F)$  is gs-closed set in  $Y$  .This shows that  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function.

We,define the following.

**Definition 4.5 :** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be strongly  $\beta$ -closed if the image of each  $\beta$ -closed set of  $X$  is closed in  $Y$ .

**Definition 4.5 :** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be always gs-closed if the image of each gs-closed set of  $X$  is gs-closed in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 4.6:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be two functions . Then the composition function  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed if  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy one of the following conditions :

- (i)  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed and  $g$  is always gs-closed .
- (ii)  $f$  is strongly  $\beta$ -closed and  $g$  is gs-closed .

**Proof :** (i) Let  $H$  be any  $\beta$ -closed set in  $X$  and  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed , then  $f(H)$  is gs-closed set in  $Y$ . Again ,  $g$  is always gs-closed function and  $f(H)$  is gs-closed set in  $Y$  , then  $gof(H)$  is gs-closed set in  $Z$  . This shows that  $gof$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function.

(ii) Let  $F$  be any  $\beta$ -closed set in  $X$  and  $f$  is strongly  $\beta$ -closed function, then  $f(F)$  is closed set in  $Y$ . Again,  $g$  is gs-closed function and  $f(F)$  is closed set in  $Y$ , then  $gof(F)$  is gs-closed set in  $Z$ . This shows that  $gof$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function.

We, define the following.

**Definition 4.7 :** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $gs\beta$ -closed if for each gs-closed set  $F$  of  $X$  ,  $f(F)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 4.8 :** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be two functions . Then ,

- (i) if  $f$  is  $\beta$ -losed and  $g$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed , then  $gof$  is gs-closed .
- (ii) if  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed and  $g$  is strongly gs- closed , then  $gof$  is strongly  $\beta$ -closed.
- (iii) if  $f$  is  $M$ - $\beta$ -closed and  $g$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed , then  $gof$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed .
- (iv) if  $f$  is alays gs-closed and  $g$  is  $gs\beta$ -closed , then  $gof$  is  $gs\beta$ -closed.

**Proof : (i).** Let  $H$  be a closed set in  $X$  , then  $f(H)$  be  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$  since  $f$  is  $\beta$ -closed function. Again ,  $g$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed and  $f(H)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$  then  $g(f(H))= gof(H)$  is gs-closed set in  $Z$  . Thus,  $gof$  is gs-closed function.

(ii) Let  $F$  be any  $\beta$ -closed set in  $X$  and  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function, then  $f(F)$  is gs-closed set in  $Y$ . Again ,  $g$  is strongly gs-closed and  $f(F)$  is gs-closed set in  $Y$  , then  $gof(F)$  is closed set in  $Z$  . This shows that  $gof$  is strongly  $\beta$ -closed function.

(iii) Let  $H$  be any  $\beta$ -closed set in  $X$  and  $f$  is  $M$ - $\beta$ -closed function then  $f(H)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Again,  $g$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function and  $f(H)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$  , then  $gof(H)$  is gs-closed set in  $Z$ . Therefore ,  $gof$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function.

(iv) Let  $H$  be any gs-closed set in  $X$  and  $f$  is always gs-closed function , then  $f(H)$  be gs-closed set in  $Y$  . Again ,  $g$  is  $gs\beta$ -closed function and  $f(H)$  is gs-closed set in  $Y$ , then  $gof(H)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Z$  . This shows that  $gof$  is  $gs\beta$ -closed function.

**Theorem 4.9 :** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be two functions and let the composition function  $gof : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed. Then, the following hold :

- (i) if  $f$  is  $\beta$ -irresolute surjection , then  $g$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed.
- (ii) if  $g$  is  $gs$ -irresolute injection , then  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed .

**Proof :** (i) Let  $F$  be a  $\beta$ -closed set in  $Y$  . Since  $f$  is  $\beta$ -irresolute surjective ,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $X$  and  $(gof)(f^{-1}(B)) = g(F)$  is gs-closed set in  $Z$  . This shows that  $g$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function.



(ii) Let  $H$  be a  $\beta$ -closed set in  $X$ . Then,  $\text{gof}(H)$  is  $gs$ -closed set in  $Z$ . Again,  $g$  is  $gs$ -irresolute injective,  $g^{-1}(\text{gof}(H)) = f(H)$  is  $gs$ -closed set in  $Y$ . This shows that  $f$  is  $\beta$ gs-closed function.

We, define the following.

**Definition 4.10:** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\beta$ s-normal if for any pair of disjoint  $\beta$ -closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $s$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

Clearly, every  $\beta$ s-normal space is  $s$ -normal as well as semi-normal, since every closed set as well as  $s$ -closed set is  $\beta$ -closed set.

**Definition 4.11 :** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\beta^*$ -normal if for any pair of disjoint  $\beta$ -closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

Clearly, every  $\beta^*$ -normal space is  $\beta$ s-normal space.

We, recall the following.

**Lemma 4.12 [6] :** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $gs$ -open iff  $F \subset s\text{Int}(A)$  whenever  $F \subset A$  and  $F$  is closed set in  $X$ .

**Lemma 4.13 [3] :** If  $X$  is submaximal and E.D. space, then every  $\beta$ -open set in  $X$  is open set.

We, characterize the  $\beta$ s-normal spaces in the following.

**Theorem 4.14 :** The following statements are equivalent for a submaximal and E.D., space  $X$  :

- (i)  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-normal space,
- (ii) For any pair of disjoint  $\beta$ -closed sets  $A, B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $gs$ -open sets  $U, V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ ,
- (iii) For any  $\beta$ -closed set  $A$  and any  $\beta$ -open set  $V$  containing  $A$ , there exists a  $gs$ -open set  $U$  such that  $A \subset U \subset s\text{Cl}(U) \subset V$ .

Proof : (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) . Obvious, since every  $s$ -open set is  $gs$ -open set.

(ii) $\rightarrow$ (iii) . Let  $A$  be any  $\beta$ -closed set and  $V$  be any  $\beta$ -open set containing  $A$ . Since  $A$  and  $X-V$  are disjoint  $\beta$ -closed sets of  $X$ , there exist  $gs$ -open sets  $U$  and  $W$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $X-V \subset W$  and  $U \cap W = \emptyset$ . By Lemmas- 4.12 and 4.13, we have  $X-V \subset s\text{Int}(W)$ . Since  $U \cap s\text{Int}(W) = \emptyset$ , we have  $s\text{Cl}(U) \cap s\text{Int}(W) = \emptyset$  and hence  $s\text{Cl}(U) \subset X-s\text{Int}(W) \subset V$ . Thus, we obtain that  $A \subset U \subset s\text{Cl}(U) \subset V$ .

(iii) $\rightarrow$  (i). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any disjoint  $\beta$ -closed sets of  $X$ . Since  $X-B$  is  $\beta$ -open set containing  $A$ , there exists a  $gs$ -open set  $G$  such that  $A \subset G \subset s\text{Cl}(G) \subset X-B$ . Then by Lemmas-4.12 and 13,  $A \subset s\text{Int}(G)$ . Put  $U = s\text{Int}(G)$  and  $V = X-s\text{Cl}(G)$ . Then,  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint  $s$ -open sets such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ . Therefore,  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-normal space.

**Theorem 4.15 :** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\beta$ -irresolute,  $\beta$ gs-closed surjection and  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-normal, then  $Y$  is  $\beta$ s-normal space.

**Proof :** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any disjoint  $\beta$ -closed sets of  $Y$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint  $\beta$ -closed sets of  $X$  since  $f$  is  $\beta$ -irresolute function . Since  $X$  is  $\beta$ s-normal , there exist disjoint s-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subset U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subset V$  . By Th.4.4 , there exist gs-open sets  $G$  and  $H$  of  $Y$  such that  $A \subset G$  ,  $B \subset H$  ,  $f^{-1}(G) \subset U$  and  $f^{-1}(H) \subset V$  . Then , we have

$f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = \emptyset$  and hence  $G \cap H = \emptyset$  . It follows from Th.4.14 that space  $Y$  is  $\beta$ s-normal.

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