

Soft pre^* -Generalized Continuous Functions in Soft Topological Spaces

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to define a new class of generalized continuous functions called soft pre^* -generalized continuous functions and soft pre^* -generalized irresolute functions in soft topological spaces. We discuss several characterizations of soft pre^* -generalized continuous and irresolute functions and also investigate their relationship with other soft continuous functions.

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1. Introduction

In 1999 Molostsov [6] initiated the study of soft set theory as a new mathematical tool to deal with uncertainties. Muhammad Shabir [7] and Munazza Naz (2011) introduced soft topological spaces which are defined over an initial universe with a fixed set of parameters. Athar Kharal [2] and Ahmad introduced the concept of soft mapping. Aras [1] and Sonmez discussed the properties of soft continuous mappings. Akdag M [5] and Ozkan introduced soft pre-continuity in soft topological space. The authors [8] of this paper introduced a new class of generalized closed set called soft pre^* -generalized closed sets in soft topological spaces. In this paper, we introduce soft pre^* -generalized continuous and soft pre^* -generalized irresolute functions in soft topological spaces. We investigate its fundamental properties and find its relation with other soft continuous functions.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$, $(Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ and $(Z, \tilde{\mu}, C)$ are soft topological spaces. Let (F, A) be a subset of a soft topological space. Then $S_{\tilde{\tau}cl}(F, A)$, $S_{\tilde{\tau}int}(F, A)$, $S_{\tilde{\tau}cl^*}(F, A)$ and $S_{\tilde{\tau}int^*}(F, A)$ denote the soft closure, soft interior, soft generalized closure and soft generalized interior respectively.

Definition 2.1: [6] Let X be an initial universe, E be a set of parameters, $P(X)$ denote the power set of X and A be a non-empty set of E . A pair (F, A) is called **soft set** over X , where F is a mapping given by $F: A \rightarrow P(X)$.

Definition 2.2: [7] Let $\tilde{\tau}$ be a collection of soft sets over X . Then $\tilde{\tau}$ is called a **soft topology** on X if

- i. $\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}$ belongs to $\tilde{\tau}$.
- ii. The union of any number of soft sets in $\tilde{\tau}$ belongs to $\tilde{\tau}$.
- iii. The intersection of any two soft sets in $\tilde{\tau}$ belongs to $\tilde{\tau}$.

The triplet $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$ is called soft topological space over X . The members of $\tilde{\tau}$ are called **soft open** and their complements are called **soft closed**.

Definition 2.3. A function $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is said to be **soft continuous** [1] (respectively **soft semi continuous** [4], **soft $semi^*$ continuous**, **soft α continuous** [5], **soft regular continuous** [3], **soft generalized continuous** [9], **soft generalized α continuous** and **soft generalized pre continuous**) if inverse image of every soft closed set in $(Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft closed (respectively soft semi-closed, soft $semi^*$ -closed, soft α closed, soft regular closed, soft generalized closed, soft generalized α closed and soft generalized pre closed) in $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$.

Definition 2.4. [8] A subset (F, A) of a soft topological space $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$ is said to be soft **pre^* -generalized closed** if $S_{\tilde{\tau}pcl}(F, A) \subseteq (U, A)$ whenever $(F, A) \subseteq (U, A)$ and (U, A)

is soft *pre**-open. The complement of soft *pre**-generalized closed is called **soft *pre**-generalized open**.

Theorem 2.5. [8] In any topological space $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$,

- i. Every soft closed set is soft *pre**-generalized closed.
- ii. Every soft regular-closed set is soft *pre**-generalized closed.
- iii. Every soft α -closed set is soft *pre**-generalized closed.
- iv. Every soft generalized α -closed set is soft *pre**-generalized closed.
- v. Every soft generalized pre-closed set is soft *pre**-generalized closed.

Remark 2.6: The above theorem is true for soft *pre**-generalized open.

3. Soft *PRE**-Generalized Continuous Functions

Definition 3.1. Let $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$ and $(Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be soft topological spaces. Let $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ be mappings. The function $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is said to be soft *pre**-generalized continuous function if the inverse image of every soft closed set in $(Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft *pre**-generalized closed in $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$.

The following soft sets are used in all the examples:

Let $X = \{a, b\}$ and $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$. Then the soft sets are

$F_1 = \{(e_1, \{\emptyset\}), (e_2, \{\emptyset\})\} = \tilde{\emptyset}$	$F_2 = \{(e_1, \{\emptyset\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$
$F_3 = \{(e_1, \{\emptyset\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$	$F_4 = \{(e_1, \{\emptyset\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$
$F_5 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{\emptyset\})\}$	$F_6 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$
$F_7 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$	$F_8 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$
$F_9 = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{\emptyset\})\}$	$F_{10} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$
$F_{11} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$	$F_{12} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$
$F_{13} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{\emptyset\})\}$	$F_{14} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$
$F_{15} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$	$F_{16} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\} = \tilde{X}$

Similarly, let $Y = \{x, y\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$ then the soft sets G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{16} are obtained by replacing a, b, e_1 and e_2 by x, y, k_1 and k_2 respectively in the above sets.

Example 3.2. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_1$ and $p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^c = \{F_1, F_2, F_8, F_{10}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^c = \{G_1, G_4, G_8, G_{12}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_4) = F_4$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_8) = F_8$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{12}) = F_{12}$ are soft *pre**-generalized closed, \tilde{f} is soft *pre**-generalized continuous.

Theorem 3.3. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft continuous function. Then \tilde{f} is soft *pre**-generalized continuous.

Proof: Let (G, B) be a soft closed set in Y . Since \tilde{f} is soft continuous, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ is soft closed. Then by theorem 2.5(i), $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ is soft *pre**-generalized closed. Hence \tilde{f} is soft *pre**-generalized continuous.

Remark 3.4. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as shown in the following example.

Example 3.5. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_1$ and $p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_5, F_8, F_{13}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_9, G_{12}, G_{13}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_9) = F_5$, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{12}) = F_8$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{13}) = F_{13}$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not soft continuous.

Theorem 3.6. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft function.

- i. If \tilde{f} is soft regular continuous, then \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.
- ii. If \tilde{f} is soft α continuous, then \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.
- iii. If \tilde{f} is soft generalized α continuous, then \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.
- iv. If \tilde{f} is soft generalized pre continuous, then \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Proof: The proofs are similar to theorem 3.3.

Remark 3.7. The converse of each of the statements in above theorem need not be true.

Example 3.8. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_2$ and $p(e_2) = k_1$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_5, F_9, F_{13}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_3, G_8, G_{11}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_3) = F_9$, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_8) = F_{14}$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{11}) = F_{11}$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft regular closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not regular continuous.

Example 3.9. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_2$ and $p(e_2) = k_1$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_6, F_8, F_{14}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_3, G_{11}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_3) = F_9$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{11}) = F_{11}$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft α -closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not soft α continuous.

Example 3.10. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_2$ and $p(e_2) = k_1$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_9, F_{10}, F_{12}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_5, G_9, G_{13}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_5) = F_2$, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_9) = F_3$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{13}) = F_4$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft generalized α -closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not soft generalized α continuous.

Example 3.11. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = y$, $u(b) = x$, $p(e_1) = k_1$ and $p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_4, F_8, F_{12}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_{14}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{14}) = F_{15}$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft generalized pre-closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not soft generalized pre continuous.

Remark 3.12. The concept of soft pre^* -generalized continuity and soft generalized continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

Example 3.13. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_1$, $p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_5, G_6, G_8, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_5) = F_5$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_6) = F_6$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft generalized closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not soft generalized continuous.

Example 3.14. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_2$, $p(e_2) = k_1$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_3, F_{11}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_{14}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{14}) = F_8$ is soft generalized closed but not soft pre^* -generalized closed, \tilde{f} is soft generalized continuous but not soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Remark 3.15. The concept of soft pre^* -generalized continuity and soft $semi^*$ -continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

Example 3.16. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = x$, $u(b) = y$, $p(e_1) = k_2$, $p(e_2) = k_1$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_5, F_9, F_{13}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_4, G_8, G_{12}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_8) = F_{14}$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{12}) = F_{15}$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft $semi^*$ -closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not soft $semi^*$ -continuous.

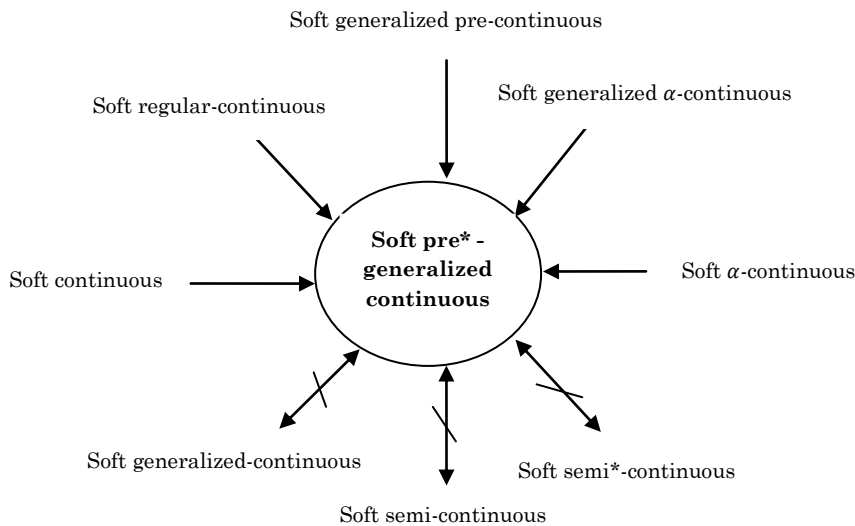
Example 3.17. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = y$, $u(b) = x$, $p(e_1) = k_1$, $p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^{\tilde{c}} = \{F_1, F_5, F_8, F_{13}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^{\tilde{c}} = \{G_1, G_4, G_9, G_{12}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_4) = F_4$ is soft $semi^*$ -generalized closed but not soft pre^* -generalized closed, \tilde{f} is soft $semi^*$ -generalized continuous but not soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Remark 3.18. The concept of soft pre^* -generalized continuity and soft $semi$ continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

Example 3.19. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = y, u(b) = x, p(e_1) = k_1, p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^c = \{F_1, F_3, F_8, F_{11}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^c = \{G_1, G_2, G_9, G_{10}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_9) = F_5$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{10}) = F_7$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed but not soft semi closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous but not soft semi continuous.

Example 3.20. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = y, u(b) = x, p(e_1) = k_1, p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^c = \{F_1, F_6, F_8, F_{14}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^c = \{G_1, G_9, G_{10}, G_{12}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{10}) = F_7$ is semi-closed but not soft pre^* -generalized closed, \tilde{f} is soft semi continuous but not soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

From the above discussion we have the following diagram:



Theorem 3.21. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a function. Then the following are equivalent.

- i. \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.
- ii. The inverse image of every soft open set in $(Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$.
- iii. For every subset (G, B) of Y , $S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)) \cong \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t cl(G, B))$.
- iv. For every subset (F, A) of X , $\tilde{f}(S_t p^* gcl(F, A)) \cong S_t cl(\tilde{f}(F, A))$.

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be soft pre^* -generalized continuous and (G, B) be a soft open set in Y . Then $Y \setminus (G, B)$ is soft closed in Y . Since \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -

generalized continuous $\tilde{f}^{-1}(Y \setminus (G, B))$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . But $\tilde{f}^{-1}(Y \setminus (G, B)) = X \setminus \tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$. Hence $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized open in X .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Suppose the inverse image of every soft open set in Y is soft pre^* -generalized open in X . Let (G, B) be soft closed in Y . Then $Y \setminus (G, B)$ is open in Y . By assumption $\tilde{f}^{-1}(Y \setminus (G, B))$ is soft pre^* -generalized open. $\tilde{f}^{-1}(Y \setminus (G, B)) = X \setminus \tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$. Therefore $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . Hence \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

(i) \Rightarrow (iii): Let (G, B) be a subset of Y . Since \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(G, B))$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . Then $S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(G, B))) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(G, B))$.

Now $S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)) \cong S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(G, B))) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(G, B))$. This proves (ii).

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv): Let (F, A) be a subset of X . Then $\tilde{f}(F, A)$ is a subset of Y . By our assumption, $S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(\tilde{f}(F, A))) \cong \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(\tilde{f}(F, A)))$. But

$$(S_t p^* gcl(F, A)) \cong S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(\tilde{f}(F, A))).$$

Thus $S_t p^* gcl(F, A) \cong \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(\tilde{f}(F, A)))$. Hence $\tilde{f}(S_t p^* gcl(F, A)) \cong S_tcl(F, A)$. This proves (iii).

(iv) \Rightarrow (i): Let (F, A) be soft subset of X . Then $\tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_tcl(F, A))$. By (iii) $\tilde{f}(S_t p^* gcl(F, A)) \cong S_tcl(\tilde{f}(F, A)) \cong S_tcl(F, A) = (F, A)$. That

implies $S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A)) \cong \tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A)$. But $\tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A) \cong S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A))$.

Thus $S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A)) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A)$ and so $\tilde{f}^{-1}(F, A)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed. Hence \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Remark 3.22. The composition of two soft pre^* -generalized continuous functions need not be soft pre^* -generalized continuous as shown in the following example.

Example 3.23. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $Z = \{m, n\}$, $\tilde{\tau}^c = \{F_1, F_5, F_6, F_{15}, F_{16}\}$, $\tilde{\sigma}^c = \{G_1, G_3, G_8, G_{11}, G_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\mu}^c = \{H_1, H_4, H_{16}\}$ where $H_4 = \{(l_1, \emptyset), (l_2, (m, n))\}$. Define $u_1: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p_1: A \rightarrow B$ as $u_1(a) = y$, $u_2(b) = x$, $p_1(e_1) = k_2$, $p_2(e_2) = k_1$. Then the soft mapping $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized continuous. Also, define $u_2: Y \rightarrow Z$ and $p_2: B \rightarrow C$ as $u_1(x) = m$, $u_2(y) = n$, $p_1(k_1) = l_2$, $p_2(k_2) = l_1$. Then the soft mapping $\tilde{g}: (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B) \rightarrow (Z, \tilde{\mu}, L)$ is soft pre^* -generalized continuous. Now let $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Z, \tilde{\mu}, L)$ be the composition of two soft pre^* -generalized continuous functions. Since $(\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f})^{-1}(H_4) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(\tilde{g}^{-1}(H_4)) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{13}) = F_4$ is not soft pre^* -generalized closed, $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}$ is not soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Theorem 3.24. If $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized continuous and $\tilde{g}: (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B) \rightarrow (Z, \tilde{\mu}, C)$ is soft continuous then their composition $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Z, \tilde{\mu}, C)$ is also soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Proof: Let (H, C) be soft closed set in Z . Since g is soft continuous, $\tilde{g}^{-1}(H, C)$ is closed in Y and since \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(\tilde{g}^{-1}(H, C))$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . This implies $(\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f})^{-1}(H, C)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . Thus $(\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f})^{-1}$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X for every soft closed subset (H, C) of Z . Hence $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}$ is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

4. Soft Pre^* -Generalized Irresolute Functions

Definition 4.1. A function $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is said to be soft pre^* -generalized irresolute if $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$ for every soft pre^* -generalized closed set in $(Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$.

Example 4.2. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $Y = \{x, y\}$, $A = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $B = \{k_1, k_2\}$. Define $u: X \rightarrow Y$ and $p: A \rightarrow B$ as $u(a) = y$, $u(b) = x$, $p(e_1) = k_1$ and $p(e_2) = k_2$. Consider the soft topologies $\tilde{\tau}^c = \{F_1, F_2, F_3, F_{10}, F_{16}\}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^c = \{G_1, G_4, G_8, G_{12}, G_{16}\}$. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a soft mapping. Since $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_4) = F_4$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_8) = F_{12}$ and $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G_{12}) = F_8$ are soft pre^* -generalized closed, \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute.

Theorem 4.3. If $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is a soft pre^* -generalized irresolute function then \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Proof: Let (G, B) be soft closed in Y . By theorem 2.10(i), (G, B) is soft pre^* -generalized closed. Since \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute function, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . Hence \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Theorem 4.4. If $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ and $\tilde{g}: (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B) \rightarrow (Z, \tilde{\mu}, C)$ are soft pre^* -generalized irresolute functions then $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}$ is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute.

Proof: Let (H, C) be soft pre^* -generalized closed in Z . Since \tilde{g} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute, $\tilde{g}^{-1}(H, C)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in Y . Also, since \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(\tilde{g}^{-1}(H, C)) = (\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f})^{-1}(H, C)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . Hence $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}$ is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute.

Theorem 4.5. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute and $\tilde{g}: (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B) \rightarrow (Z, \tilde{\mu}, C)$ is soft pre^* -generalized continuous. Then $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Z, \tilde{\mu}, C)$ is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Proof: Let (H, C) be soft closed set in Z . Since \tilde{g} is soft pre^* -generalized continuous, $\tilde{g}^{-1}(H, C)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in Y . Also, since \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(\tilde{g}^{-1}(H, C)) = (\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f})^{-1}(H, C)$ is soft pre^* -generalized closed in X . Hence $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}$ is soft pre^* -generalized continuous.

Theorem 4.6. Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be a function. Then the following are equivalent.

- i. \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute.
- ii. The inverse image of every soft pre^* -generalized open set in $(Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized open in $(X, \tilde{\tau}, A)$.
- iii. $S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)) \cong \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t p^* gcl(G, B))$ for every subset (G, B) of Y .
- iv. $\tilde{f}(S_t p^* gcl(F, A)) \cong S_t p^* gcl(\tilde{f}(F, A))$ for every subset (F, A) of X .

Proof: The proof is similar to theorem 3.21.

Theorem 4.7. A function $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute if and only if $\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t p^* gint(G, B)) \cong S_t p^* gint(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B))$ for every subset (G, B) of Y .

Proof: Let $\tilde{f}: (X, \tilde{\tau}, A) \rightarrow (Y, \tilde{\sigma}, B)$ be soft pre^* -generalized irresolute. Let (G, B) be a subset of Y . Then $S_t p^* gint(G, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized open in Y . Since \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute, $\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t p^* gint(G, B))$ is soft pre^* -generalized open in X . Then

$$\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t p^* gint(G, B)) = S_t p^* gint(\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t p^* gint(G, B))) \cong S_t p^* gint(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)).$$

Thus $\tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t p^* gint(G, B)) \cong S_t p^* gint(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B))$.

Conversely, let (G, B) be soft pre^* -generalized open in Y . Then by (iv), $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(S_t p^* gint(G, B)) \cong S_t p^* gint(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B))$. But $S_t p^* gint(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)) \cong \tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$.

Therefore $S_t p^* gint(\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)) = \tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ and so $\tilde{f}^{-1}(G, B)$ is soft pre^* -generalized open. Hence \tilde{f} is soft pre^* -generalized irresolute.

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