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Abstract The main purpose of the present paper is to introduce a new class of functions called almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous functions which is contained in the class of almost  $\beta$ -continuous functions and contains the class of  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous functions.

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## 1 Introduction

Kasahara [10] defined an operation  $\alpha$  on a topological space to introduce  $\alpha$ -closed graphs. Following the same technique, Ogata [16] defined an operation  $\gamma$  on a topological space and introduced  $\gamma$ -open sets. Hariwan [7] introduced a type of continuity called  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous function. Nasef and Noiri [13] introduced the notion of almost  $\beta$ -continuity.

In this paper, we introduce a new class of functions called almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous functions which is contained in the class of almost  $\beta$ -continuous functions and contains the class of  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous functions. We obtain basic properties of almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous functions.

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  stand for topological spaces with no separation axioms assumed unless otherwise stated. For a subset A of X, the closure of A and the interior of A will be denoted by Cl(A) and Int(A), respectively. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space and A a subset of X. An operation  $\gamma$  [10] on a topology  $\tau$  is a mapping from  $\tau$  into power set P(X) of X such that  $V \subseteq \gamma(V)$  for each  $V \in \tau$ , where  $\gamma(V)$  denotes the value of  $\gamma$  at V. A subset A of X with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is called  $\gamma$ -open [16] if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists an open set U such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subseteq A$ . Then,  $\tau_{\gamma}$  denotes the set of all  $\gamma$ -open set in X. Clearly  $\tau_{\gamma} \subseteq \tau$ . Complements of  $\gamma$ -open sets are called  $\gamma$ -closed. The  $\tau_{\gamma}$ -interior [18] of A is denoted by  $\tau_{\gamma}$ -Int(A) and defined to be the union of all  $\gamma$ -open sets of X contained in A. A subset A of a space X is said to be  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open [8] if  $A \subseteq Cl(\tau_{\gamma}$ -Int(Cl(A))). A subset A of X is called  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed [7] if and only if its complement is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset A of a space X is said to be

- 1.  $\alpha$ -open [14] if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ .
- 2. semi-open [11] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$ .
- 3. preopen [12] if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$ .
- 4.  $\beta$ -open [1] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The intersection of all preclosed (resp., semi-closed,  $\alpha$ -closed) sets of X containing A is called the preclosure [6] (resp., semi-closure [4],  $\alpha$ -closure [17]) of A.

**Definition 2.3.** [19] The  $\delta$ -interior of a subset A of X is the union of all regular open sets of X contained in A. The subset A is called  $\delta$ -open if  $A = Int_{\delta}(A)$ , i.e. a set is  $\delta$ -open if it is the union of regular open sets. The complement of a  $\delta$ -open set is called  $\delta$ -closed. Alternatively, a set  $A \subseteq X$  is called  $\delta$ -closed if  $A = Cl_{\delta}(A)$ , where  $Cl_{\delta}(A) = \{x \in X : Int(Cl(U)) \cap A \neq \phi, U \in \tau \text{ and } x \in U\}$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** [2] A subset A of a space X is  $\beta$ -open if and only if Cl(A) is regular closed.

**Theorem 2.5.** [1] Let A be any subset of a space X. Then  $A \in \beta O(X)$  if and only if Cl(A) = Cl(Int(Cl(A))).

**Theorem 2.6.** Let A be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then:

1. If  $A \in SO(X)$ , then pCl(A) = Cl(A) [5].

2. If  $A \in \beta O(X)$ , then  $\alpha Cl(A) = Cl(A)$  [3].

3. If  $A \in \beta O(X)$ , then  $Cl_{\delta}(A) = Cl(A)$  [20].

**Lemma 2.7.** [9] Let A be a subset of a space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A \in PO(X, \tau)$  if and only if sCl(A) = Int(Cl(A)).

**Definition 2.8.** Let A be any subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\gamma$  be an operation on  $\tau$ . Then:

- 1. The union of all  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open sets contained in A is called the  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -interior of A and is denoted by  $\beta$ - $\gamma Int(A)$ .
- 2. The intersection of all  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed sets containing A is called the  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closure of A and is denoted by  $\beta$ - $\gamma Cl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.9.** [7] A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous if for every open set V of  $Y, f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open in X.

**Definition 2.10.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set V of Y containing f(x), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Definition 2.11.** [13] A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called almost  $\beta$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for every open set V in Y containing f(x), there exists a  $\beta$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . If f is almost  $\beta$ -continuous at every point of X, then it is called almost  $\beta$ -continuous.

**Definition 2.12.** [15] A space X is said to be semi-regular if for any open set U of X and each point  $x \in U$ , there exists a regular open set V of X such that  $x \in V \subseteq U$ .

## 3 Almost $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -Continuous

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set V of Y containing f(x), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . If f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous at every point of X, then it is called almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

**Example 3.2.** Consider  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with the discrete topology  $\tau$  on X. Define an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  by

$$\gamma(A) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } A = \{1, 3\} \\ X & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

And define a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$  as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

Then, f is not  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

**Remark 3.3.** It easily follows that  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuity implies almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuity and almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuity implies almost  $\beta$ -continuity. However, the converses are not true as the following example shows.

**Example 3.4.** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  by  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$  as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } x = a \\ b & \text{if } x = b \\ a & \text{if } x = c \end{cases}$$

Then f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous but not  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous, because  $\{a\}$  is an open set in  $(X, \sigma)$  containing f(c) = a, but there exists no  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U in  $(X, \tau)$  containing c such that  $f(U) \subseteq \{a\}$ .

And we define an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  by  $\gamma(A) = X$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Then f is almost  $\beta$ -continuous but is not almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.5.** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.
- 2. For each  $x \in X$  and each open set V of Y containing f(x), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq sCl(V)$ .
- 3. For each  $x \in X$  and each regular open set V of Y containing f(x), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .
- 4. For each  $x \in X$  and each  $\delta$ -open set V of Y containing f(x), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $x \in X$  and let V be any open set of Y containing f(x). By (1), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . Since V is open and hence V is preopen set. By Lemma 2.7, Int(Cl(V)) = sCl(V). Therefore,  $f(U) \subseteq sCl(V)$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Let  $x \in X$  and Let V be any regular open set of Y containing f(x). Then V is an open set of Y containing f(x). By (2), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq sCl(V)$ . Since V is regular open and hence is preopen set. By Lemma 2.7, sCl(V) = Int(Cl(V)). Therefore,  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . Since V is regular open, then  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let  $x \in X$  and Let V be any  $\delta$ -open set of Y containing f(x). Then for each  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists an open set G containing f(x) such that  $G \subseteq Int(Cl(G)) \subseteq V$ . Since Int(Cl(G)) is regular open set of Y containing f(x). By (3), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(G)) \subseteq V$ . This completes the proof.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $x \in X$  and Let V be any open set of Y containing f(x). Then Int(Cl(V)) is  $\delta$ -open set of Y containing f(x). By (4), there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . Therefore, f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.6.** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.
- 2.  $f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X, for each open set V in Y.
- 3.  $f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F)))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X, for each closed set F in Y.
- 4.  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X, for each regular closed set F of Y.
- 5.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X, for each regular open set V of Y.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let V be any open set in Y. We have to show that  $f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X. Let  $x \in f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$ . Then  $f(x) \in Int(Cl(V))$  and Int(Cl(V)) is a regular open set in Y. Since f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous. Then by Theorem 3.5, there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$ . Which implies that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X.

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let F be any regular closed set of Y. Then F is a closed set of Y. By (3),  $f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F)))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X. Since F is regular closed set. Then  $f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F))) = f^{-1}(F)$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let V be any regular open set of Y. Then  $Y \setminus V$  is regular closed set of Y and by (4), we have  $f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X and hence  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $x \in X$  and let V be any regular open set of Y containing f(x). Then  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . By (5), we have  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X. Therefore, we obtain  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$ . Hence by Theorem 3.5, f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.7.** For a bijection function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.
- 2.  $f(\beta \gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl_{\delta}(f(A))$ , for each subset A of X.
- 3.  $\beta \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\delta}(B))$ , for each subset B of Y.
- 4.  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X, for each  $\delta$ -closed set F of Y.
- 5.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X, for each  $\delta$ -open set V of Y.
- 6.  $f^{-1}(Int_{\delta}(B)) \subseteq \beta \gamma Int(f^{-1}(B))$ , for each subset B of Y.
- 7.  $Int_{\delta}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\beta \gamma Int(A))$ , for each subset A of X.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let A be a subset of X. Since  $Cl_{\delta}(f(A))$  is  $\delta$ -closed set in Y, it is denoted by  $\cap \{F_{\alpha}: F_{\alpha} \in RC(Y), \alpha \in \Delta\}$ , where  $\Delta$  is an index set. Then, we have  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\delta}(f(A))) = f^{-1}(\cap \{F_{\alpha}: f(A)\})$  $\alpha \in \Delta$ }) =  $\cap \{f^{-1}(F_{\alpha}) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ . By (1) and Theorem 3.6,  $f^{-1}(Cl_{\delta}(f(A)))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set of X. Hence  $\beta - \gamma Cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\delta}(f(A)))$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(\beta - \gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl_{\delta}(f(A))$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3). \text{ Let } B \text{ be any subset of } Y. \text{ Then } f^{-1}(B) \text{ is a subset of } X. \text{ By } (2), \text{ we have } f(\beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq Cl_{\delta}(f(f^{-1}(B))) = Cl_{\delta}(B). \text{ Hence } \beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\delta}(B)).$ (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let F be any  $\delta$ -closed set of Y. By (3), we have  $\beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\delta}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$ 

and hence  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let V be any  $\delta$ -open set of Y. Then  $Y \setminus V$  is  $\delta$ -closed set of Y and by (4), we have  $f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X. Hence  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). For each subset B of Y. We have  $Int_{\delta}(B) \subseteq B$ . Then  $f^{-1}(Int_{\delta}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ . By (5),  $f^{-1}(Int_{\delta}(B))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X. Then  $f^{-1}(Int_{\delta}(B)) \subseteq \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(B))$ .

 $(6) \Rightarrow (7)$ . Let A be any subset of X. Then f(A) is a subset of Y. By (6), we obtain that  $f^{-1}(Int_{\delta}(f(A))) \subseteq$  $\beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(f(A)))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(Int_{\delta}(f(A))) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(A)$ , which implies that  $Int_{\delta}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\beta - \gamma Int(A))$ .  $(7) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let  $x \in X$  and V be any regular open set of Y containing f(x). Then  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$ is a subset of X. By (7), we get  $Int_{\delta}(f(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq f(\beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(V)))$  which implies that  $Int_{\delta}(V) \subseteq f(\beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(V)))$  $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(V))$ ). Since V is regular open set and hence is  $\delta$ -open set, then  $V \subseteq f(\beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(V)))$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(V))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta - \gamma$ -open set in X which contains x and clearly  $f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.5, f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous. 

**Theorem 3.8.** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- 1. f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.
- 2.  $\beta \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(V))$ , for each  $\beta$ -open set V of Y.
- 3.  $f^{-1}(Int(F)) \subseteq \beta \gamma Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each  $\beta$ -closed set F of Y.
- 4.  $f^{-1}(Int(F)) \subseteq \beta \gamma Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each semi-closed set F of Y.
- 5.  $\beta \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(V))$ , for each semi-open set V of Y.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let V be any  $\beta$ -open set of Y. It follows from Proposition 2.4, that Cl(V) is regular closed set in Y. Since f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous. Then by Theorem 3.6,  $f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -closed set in X. Therefore, we obtain  $\beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(V))$ .

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). Let F be any  $\beta$ -closed set of Y. Then  $Y \setminus F$  is  $\beta$ -open set of Y and by (2), we have  $\beta$ - $\begin{array}{l} \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(Y \setminus F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(Y \setminus F)) \Leftrightarrow \beta - \gamma Cl(X \setminus f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y \setminus Int(F)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus \beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq X \setminus f^{-1}(Int(F)). \end{array}$ 

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . This is obvious since every semi-closed set is  $\beta$ -closed set.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let V be any semi-open set of Y. Then  $Y \setminus V$  is semi-closed set and by (4), we have  $f^{-1}(Int(Y \setminus V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(Y \setminus V)) \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(Y \setminus Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus f^{-1}(Cl(V)) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(X \setminus f^{-1}(V))$  $X \setminus \beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V))$ . Therefore,  $\beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(V))$ .

 $(5) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let F be any regular closed set of Y. Then F is semi-open set of Y. By (5), we have  $\beta$ - $\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$ . This shows that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\beta - \gamma$ -closed set in X. Therefore, by Theorem 3.6, f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.9.** For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.
- 2.  $\beta$ - $\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha Cl(V))$ , for each  $\beta$ -open set V of Y.
- 3.  $\beta \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl_{\delta}(V))$ , for each  $\beta$ -open set V of Y.

4.  $\beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(V))$ , for each semi-open set V of Y. 5.  $\beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(pCl(V))$ , for each semi-open set V of Y.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Follows from Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 2.6 (2). (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). This is obvious since  $\alpha Cl(V) \subseteq Cl_{\delta}(V)$  in general. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Follows from Theorem 2.6. (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Follows from Theorem 3.8 and Theorem 2.6 (1).

**Corollary 3.10.** For a function  $f: X \to Y$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1. f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous. 2.  $f^{-1}(\alpha Int(F)) \subseteq \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each  $\beta$ -closed set F of Y. 3.  $f^{-1}(Int_{\delta}(F)) \subseteq \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each  $\beta$ -closed set F of Y. 4.  $f^{-1}(Int(F)) \subseteq \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each semi-closed set F of Y. 5.  $f^{-1}(pInt(F)) \subseteq \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(F))$ , for each semi-closed set F of Y.

**Theorem 3.11.** A function  $f : X \to Y$  is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))))$  for each preopen set V of Y.

*Proof.* Necessity. Let V be any preopen set of Y. Then  $V \subseteq Int(Cl(V))$  and Int(Cl(V)) is regular open set in Y. Since f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous, by Theorem 3.6,  $f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))$  is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set in X and hence we obtain that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))) = \beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))))$ .

**Sufficiency.** Let V be any regular open set of Y. Then V is preopen set of Y. By hypothesis, we have  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V)))) = \beta - \gamma Int(f^{-1}(V))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta - \gamma$ -open set in X and hence by Theorem 3.6, f is almost  $\beta - \gamma$ -continuous.

**Corollary 3.12.** A function  $f : X \to Y$  is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(sCl(V)))$  for each preopen set V of Y.

**Corollary 3.13.** A function  $f: X \to Y$  is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous if and only if  $\beta$ - $\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(Cl(Int(F)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each preclosed set F of Y.

**Corollary 3.14.** A function  $f : X \to Y$  is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous if and only if  $\beta$ - $\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(sInt(F)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each preclosed set F of Y.

**Theorem 3.15.** For a function  $f: X \to Y$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.
- 2. For each neighborhood V of f(x),  $x \in \beta$ - $\gamma Int(f^{-1}(sCl(V)))$ .
- 3. For each neighborhood V of f(x),  $x \in \beta -\gamma Int(f^{-1}(Int(Cl(V))))$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 3.11 and Corollary 3.12.

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  is an almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous function and let V be any open subset of Y. If  $x \in \beta$ - $\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ , then  $f(x) \in \beta$ - $\gamma Cl(V)$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in \beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  and suppose  $f(x) \notin \beta - \gamma Cl(V)$ . Then there exists a  $\beta - \gamma$ -open set H containing f(x) such that  $H \cap V = \phi$ . Then  $Cl(H) \cap V = \phi$  which implies  $Int(Cl(H)) \cap V = \phi$  and Int(Cl(H)) is regular open set. Since f is almost  $\beta - \gamma$ -continuous, by Theorem 3.5, there exists a  $\beta - \gamma$ -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(H))$ . Therefore,  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ . However, since  $x \in \beta - \gamma Cl(f^{-1}(V)), U \cap f^{-1}(V) \neq \phi$  for every  $\beta - \gamma$ -open set U in X containing x, so that  $f(U) \cap V \neq \phi$ . We have a contradiction. It follows that  $f(x) \in \beta - \gamma Cl(V)$ .

**Theorem 3.17.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous and  $g: Y \to Z$  is continuous and open. Then the composition function  $gof: X \to Z$  is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

Proof. Let  $x \in X$  and W be an open set of Z containing g(f(x)). Since g is continuous,  $g^{-1}(W)$  is an open set of Y containing f(x). Since f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous, there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set Uof X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(g^{-1}(W)))$ . Also, since g is continuous, then we obtain  $(gof)(U) \subseteq g(Int(g^{-1}(Cl(W))))$ . Since g is open, we obtain  $(gof)(U) \subseteq Int(Cl(W))$ . Therefore, gof is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.18.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is an almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous function and Y is semi-regular, then f is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and Let V be any open set of Y containing f(x). By the semi-regularity of Y, there exists a regular open set G of Y such that  $f(x) \in G \subseteq V$ . Since f is almost  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous. By Theorem 3.5, there exists a  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq G \subseteq V$ . Therefore, f is  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.

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