



# Supra $\alpha$ -Locally Closed Sets and Supra $\alpha$ -Locally Continuous Functions in Supra Topological Spaces

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to introduce a new type of sets called supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed sets and new type of functions called supra  $\alpha$ -locally continuous functions. Furthermore, we obtain some of their properties.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1965,  $\alpha$ -sets and  $\beta$ -sets were defined and studied in topological spaces by Njastad [7]. In topological spaces, Gnanambalet. al. [3] introduced  $\alpha$ -locally closed sets and discussed its properties. Gnanambal and Balachandran [4] defined the notion of  $\beta$ -locally closed sets in topological spaces. The supra topological spaces, S-continuous functions and S\*-continuous functions were introduced by Mashhouret. al. [6]. In 2008, Devi et. al. [2] defined and investigated the concept of supra  $\alpha$ -open sets and  $\alpha$ -continuous maps in supra topological spaces. Ravi et.al. [8] introduced and studied supra  $\beta$ -open sets and supra  $\beta$ -continuous maps. Dayana Mary and Nagaveni [1] defined and discussed supra  $\beta$ -locally closed sets and their functions. In this paper we introduce the concept of supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed sets and study its basic properties. Also we introduce the concepts of supra  $\alpha$ -locally continuous maps and investigate several properties for these classes of maps.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  (or simply, X, Y and Z) represent topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless explicitly stated. For a subset A of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{cl}(A)$  and  $\text{int}(A)$  represent the closure of A with respect to  $\tau$  and the interior of A with respect to  $\tau$ , respectively. Let  $P(X)$  be the power set of X. The complement of A is denoted by  $X-A$  or  $A^c$ . Now we recall some Definitions and results which are useful in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1** ([6, 9]). Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. The subfamily  $\mu \subseteq P(X)$  is said to a supra topology on  $X$  if  $X \in \mu$  and  $\mu$  is closed under arbitrary unions. The pair  $(X, \mu)$  is called a supra topological space. The elements of  $\mu$  are said to be supra open in  $(X, \mu)$ . Complement of supra open sets are called supra closed sets.

**Definition 2.2** ([9]). Let  $A$  be a subset  $(X, \mu)$ . Then

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(1). The supra closure of a set  $A$  is, denoted by  $cl^\mu(A)$ , defined as  $cl^\mu(A) = \cap\{B : B \text{ is a supra closed and } A \subseteq B\}$ .

(2). The supra interior of a set  $A$  is, denoted by  $int^\mu(A)$ , defined as  $int^\mu(A) = \cup\{B : B \text{ is a supra open and } B \subseteq A\}$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([6]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\mu$  be a supra topology of  $X$ . We call  $\mu$  is a supra topology associated with  $\tau$  if  $\tau \subseteq \mu$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([2]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\tau \subseteq \mu$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called supra continuous, if the inverse image of each open set of  $Y$  is a supra open set in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([6, 9]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  be supra topologies associated with  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  respectively. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be supra irresolute, if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is supra open set of  $X$  for every supra open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([2]). Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called supra  $\alpha$ -open if  $A \subseteq int^\mu(cl^\mu(int^\mu(A)))$ . The complement of supra  $\alpha$ -open set is called supra  $\alpha$ -closed. The class of all supra  $\alpha$ -open sets is denoted by  $S\text{-}\alpha O(X)$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([2]). Let  $A$  be a subset  $(X, \mu)$ . Then

(1). The supra  $\alpha$ -closure of a set  $A$  is, denoted by  $cl_\alpha^\mu(A)$ , defined as  $cl_\alpha^\mu(A) = \cap\{B : B \text{ is a supra } \alpha\text{-closed and } A \subseteq B\}$ .

(2). The supra  $\alpha$ -interior of a set  $A$  is, denoted by  $int_\alpha^\mu(A)$ , defined as  $int_\alpha^\mu(A) = \cup\{B : B \text{ is a supra } \alpha\text{-open and } B \subseteq A\}$ .

**Definition 2.8** ([8]). Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called supra  $\beta$ -open if  $A \subseteq cl^\mu(int(cl^\mu(A)))$ . The complement of supra  $\beta$ -open set is called supra  $\beta$ -closed. The class of all supra  $\beta$ -open sets is denoted by  $S\text{-}\beta O(X)$ .

**Definition 2.9** ([8]). Let  $A$  be a subset  $(X, \mu)$ . Then

(1). The supra  $\beta$ -closure of a set  $A$  is, denoted by  $cl_\beta^\mu(A)$ , defined as  $cl_\beta^\mu(A) = \cap\{B : B \text{ is a supra } \beta\text{-closed and } A \subseteq B\}$ .

(2). The supra  $\beta$ -interior of a set  $A$  is, denoted by  $int_\beta^\mu(A)$ , defined as  $int_\beta^\mu(A) = \cup\{B : B \text{ is a supra } \beta\text{-open and } B \subseteq A\}$ .

**Definition 2.10** ([1]). Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra  $\beta$ -locally closed set (briefly supra  $\beta$ -LC set), if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is supra  $\beta$ -open in  $(X, \mu)$  and  $V$  is supra  $\beta$ -closed in  $(X, \mu)$ . The collection of all supra  $\beta$ -locally closed sets of  $X$  will be denoted by  $S\text{-}\beta\text{-LC}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.11** ([1]). Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra  $\beta$ -dense, if  $cl_\beta^\mu(A) = X$ .

**Definition 2.12** ([1]). A supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra  $\beta$ -submaximal space, if every supra dense subset is supra  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ .

### 3. Supra $\alpha$ -Locally Closed Sets

In this section, we introduce the notions of supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed sets and discuss some of their properties.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed set (briefly supra  $\alpha$ -LC set), if  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \mu)$  and  $V$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \mu)$ . The collection of all supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed sets of  $X$  will be denoted by  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Every supra  $\alpha$ -closed set (resp. supra  $\alpha$ -open set) is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. The collection of all subsets  $A$  in  $(X, \mu)$  given by  $A=U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is a supra  $\alpha$ -open set and  $V$  is a supra closed set of  $(X, \mu)$ , is denoted by  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. The collection of all subsets  $A$  in  $(X, \mu)$  given by  $A=U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is a supra open set and  $V$  is a supra  $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \mu)$ , is denoted by  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $A, B \subseteq (X, \mu)$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be supra  $\alpha$ -separated if  $A \cap cl_\alpha^\mu(B) = B \cap cl_\alpha^\mu(A) = \phi$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \mu)$ . If  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ , then  $A$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ , then  $A=U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open set and  $V$  is supra closed. Since every supra closed set is supra  $\alpha$ -closed,  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \mu)$ . If  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$ , then  $A$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from the fact that, every supra open set is supra  $\alpha$ -open set.  $\square$

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . Then  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu) = S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu) = P(X) - \{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}\}$ .  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu) = P(X) - \{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ .
- (ii)  $A = U \cap cl^\mu(A)$ , for some supra  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$ .
- (iii)  $cl^\mu(A) - A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed.
- (iv)  $A \cup [X - cl^\mu(A)]$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Given  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ . Then there exist a supra  $\alpha$ -open subset  $U$  and a supra closed subset  $V$  such that  $A=U \cap V$ . Since  $A \subset U$  and  $A \subset cl^\mu(A)$ ,  $A \subset U \cap cl^\mu(A)$ .

Conversely,  $cl^\mu(A) \subset V$  and hence  $A = U \cap V \supset U \cap (cl^\mu(A))$ . Therefore,  $A = U \cap cl^\mu(A)$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $A = U \cap cl^\mu(A)$ , for some supra  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$ . Then,  $cl^\mu(A)$  is supra closed and hence  $A = U \cap cl^\mu(A) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $A = U \cap cl^\mu(A)$ , for some supra  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$ . Then  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ . This implies  $U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open and  $cl^\mu(A)$  is supra closed. Therefore,  $cl^\mu(A) - A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $U = X - [cl^\mu(A) - A]$ . By (iii),  $U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Then  $A = U \cap cl^\mu(A)$  holds.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $P = cl^\mu(A) - A$  be supra  $\alpha$ -closed. Then  $X - P = X - [cl^\mu(A) - A] = A \cup [(X - cl^\mu(A))]$ . Since  $X - P$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open,  $A \cup [X - cl^\mu(A)]$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $U = A \cup [(X - cl^\mu(A))]$ . Since  $X - U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed and  $X - U = cl^\mu(A) - A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i).  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu)$ .
- (ii).  $A = U \cap cl_\alpha^\mu(A)$ , for some supra  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$ .
- (iii).  $cl_\alpha^\mu(A) - A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed.
- (iv).  $A \cup [X - cl_\alpha^\mu(A)]$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open.

(v).  $A \subseteq \text{int}_\alpha^\mu(A \cup [X - \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)])$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Given  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu)$ . Then there exist a supra  $\alpha$ -open subset  $U$  and a supra  $\alpha$ -closed subset  $V$  such that  $A = U \cap V$ . Since  $A \subset U$  and  $A \subset \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ ,  $A \subset U \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ .

Conversely,  $\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) \subset V$  and hence  $A = U \cap V \supset U \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ . Therefore  $A = U \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $A = U \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ , for some supra  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$ . Then,  $\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed and hence  $A = U \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $A = U \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ , for some supra  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$ . Then  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu)$ . This implies  $U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open and  $\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed. Therefore,  $\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) - A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $U = X - [\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) - A]$ . By (iii),  $U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Then  $A = U \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$  holds.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $P = \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) - A$  be supra  $\alpha$ -closed. Then  $X - P = X - [\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) - A] = A \cup [X - \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)]$ . Since  $X - P$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open,  $A \cup [X - \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)]$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open.

(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $U = A \cup [X - \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)]$ . Since  $X - U$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed and  $X - U = \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) - A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed.

(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (v): Since  $U = A \cup [X - \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)]$  is supra- $\alpha$ -open,  $A \subseteq \text{int}_\alpha^\mu(A \cup [X - \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)])$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): It is obvious. □

**Theorem 3.11.** *If  $P \subset Q \subset X$  and  $Q$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ , then there exists a  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}$  set  $R$  such that  $P \subset R \subset Q$ .*

**Theorem 3.12.** *For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$ , if  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$ , then there exist a supra open set  $P$  such that  $A = P \cap \text{cl}^\mu(A)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$ . Then  $A = P \cap V$ , where  $P$  is supra open set and  $V$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed set. Then  $A = P \cap V \Rightarrow A \subset P$ . Obviously,  $A \subset \text{cl}^\mu(A)$ . Therefore

$$A \subset P \cap \text{cl}^\mu(A) \tag{1}$$

Also we have  $\text{cl}^\mu(A) \subset V$ . This implies

$$A = P \cap V \supset P \cap \text{cl}^\mu(A) \Rightarrow A \supset P \cap \text{cl}^\mu(A) \tag{2}$$

From (1) and (2), we have  $A = P \cap \text{cl}^\mu(A)$ . □

**Theorem 3.13.** *For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$ , if  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$ , then there exist an supra open set  $P$  such that  $A = P \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$ . Then  $A = P \cap V$ , where  $P$  is supra open set and  $V$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed set. Then  $A = P \cap V \Rightarrow A \subset P$ . Then  $A \subset \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ . Therefore,

$$A \subset P \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) \tag{3}$$

Also we have  $\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) \subset V$ . This implies,

$$A = P \cap V \supset P \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) \Rightarrow A \supset P \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) \tag{4}$$

From (3) and (4), we get  $A = P \cap \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)$ . □

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \mu)$ . If  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$ , then  $\text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A) - A$  supra  $\alpha$ -closed and  $A \cup [X - \text{cl}_\alpha^\mu(A)]$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open.*

**Remark 3.15.** *The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.*

**Example 3.16.** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ . Then  $\{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{c, d\}\}$  is the set of all supra  $\alpha$ -closed sets in  $X$  and  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^{**}(X, \mu) = P(X) - \{\{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . If  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , then  $cl_{\alpha}^{\mu}(A) - A = \{d\}$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed and  $A \cup [(X - cl_{\alpha}^{\mu}(A))] = \{a, b, c\}$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open but  $A \notin S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^{**}(X, \mu)$ .*

**Remark 3.17.** *Let  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X, \mu)$  and  $B \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X, \mu)$*

(i). *Even if  $A$  and  $B$  are supra  $\alpha$ -separated,  $A \cup B \notin S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X, \mu)$ .*

(ii). *Even if  $A$  and  $B$  are supra  $\alpha$ -separated,  $A \cup B \notin S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^*(X, \mu)$ .*

(iii). *Even if  $A$  and  $B$  are supra  $\alpha$ -separated,  $A \cup B \notin S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^{**}(X, \mu)$ .*

**Example 3.18.** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with supra topological space  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\} \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X, \mu)$  (respectively,  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^*(X, \mu)$  and  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^{**}(X, \mu)$ ) and  $B = \{d\} \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X, \mu)$  (respectively,  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^*(X, \mu)$  and  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^{**}(X, \mu)$ ). Here  $A$  and  $B$  are supra  $\alpha$ -separated, because  $A \cap cl_{\alpha}^{\mu}(B) = B \cap cl_{\alpha}^{\mu}(A) = \phi$ . Then  $A \cup B = \{a, d\} \notin S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X, \mu)$  (respectively,  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^*(X, \mu)$  and  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC^{**}(X, \mu)$ ).*

**Definition 3.19.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra dense, if  $cl^{\mu}(A) = X$ .*

**Definition 3.20.** *A supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra submaximal, if every supra dense subset is supra open in  $X$ .*

**Definition 3.21.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supra topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra  $\alpha$ -dense, if  $cl_{\alpha}^{\mu}(A) = X$ .*

**Definition 3.22.** *A supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is called supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal, if every supra  $\alpha$ -dense subset is supra  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .*

**Example 3.23.** *Consider the supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  with  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . Here  $X$  and  $\{a, b, c\}$  are the supra  $\alpha$ -dense sets and also supra  $\alpha$ -open sets in  $X$ . Therefore  $X$  is supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal.*

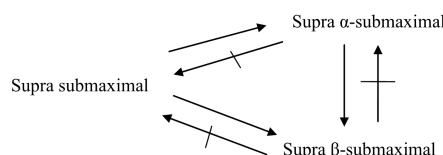
**Remark 3.24.**

(1). *Every supra submaximal space is supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal.*

(2). *Every supra submaximal space is supra  $\beta$ -submaximal.*

(3). *Every supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal space is supra  $\beta$ -submaximal.*

**Remark 3.25.** *The converses of the above statements are not true. The following diagram and examples illustrates this fact.*



**Example 3.26.** Consider the supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  with  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . In this supra topological space, the subsets  $X$  and  $\{a, b, c\}$  are supra dense (resp., supra  $\alpha$ -dense and resp., supra  $\beta$ -dense). Thus the supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is supra submaximal (resp., supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal space and resp., supra  $\beta$ -submaximal).

**Example 3.27.** Consider the supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  with  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . In this supra topological space, the supra  $\alpha$ -open sets are  $\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\{a, b, d\}$ . The supra  $\beta$ -open sets are  $\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}$  and  $\{a, c, d\}$ . Since all supra  $\beta$ -dense sets are supra  $\beta$ -open sets,  $(X, \mu)$  is supra  $\beta$ -submaximal space. Here the subset  $\{a, c\}$  is supra  $\alpha$ -dense and not supra  $\alpha$ -open set. Thus the supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is not supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal space. Also the subset  $\{a, b, d\}$  is supra dense and not supra open set. Therefore the supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is not supra submaximal space.

**Theorem 3.28.** A supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal if and only if  $P(X) = S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X)$  holds.

*Proof.* **Necessity:** Let  $A \in P(X)$  and  $G = A \cup [X - cl_\alpha^\mu(A)]$ . Then  $cl_\alpha^\mu(G) = X$  and so  $G$  is supra  $\alpha$ -dense and hence supra  $\alpha$ -open by assumption. By Theorem 3.10,  $A \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X)$ . Hence  $P(X) = S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X)$ .

**Sufficiency:** Let every subset of  $X$  be supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed. Let  $A$  be supra  $\alpha$ -dense in  $X$ . Then  $cl_\alpha^\mu(A) = X$ . Now  $A = A \cup [X - cl_\alpha^\mu(A)]$ . By Theorem: 3.10,  $A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open. Hence  $X$  is supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.29.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \lambda)$  be the supra topological spaces.

(1) If  $M \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu)$  and  $N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(Y, \lambda)$ , then  $M \times N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X \times Y, \mu \times \lambda)$ .

(2) If  $M \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \mu)$  and  $N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(Y, \lambda)$ , then  $M \times N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X \times Y, \mu \times \lambda)$ .

(3) If  $M \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \mu)$  and  $N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(Y, \lambda)$ , then  $M \times N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X \times Y, \mu \times \lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu)$  and  $N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(Y, \lambda)$ . Then there exist a supra  $\alpha$ -open sets  $P$  and  $P'$  of  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \lambda)$  and supra semi-closed sets  $Q$  and  $Q'$  of  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \lambda)$  respectively such that  $M = P \cap Q$  and  $N = P' \cap Q'$ . Then  $M \times N = (P \times P') \cap (Q \times Q')$  holds. Hence  $M \times N \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X \times Y, \mu \times \lambda)$ .

The proofs of (2) and (3) are similar to that of (1).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.30.** If  $A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed set in  $(X, \mu)$ , Then  $A$  is supra  $\beta$ -locally closed set in  $(X, \mu)$ .

*Proof.* Since every supra  $\alpha$ -open set is supra  $\beta$ -open,  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \mu) \subseteq S\text{-}\beta\text{-LC}(X, \mu)$ , for any supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.31.** A supra  $\beta$ -locally closed set need not be a supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed set. The following example supports this fact.

**Example 3.32.** Consider the supra topological space in Example 3.8, the subset  $\{a, b\}$  is a supra  $\beta$ -locally closed set and not a supra  $\alpha$ -locally closed set.

## 4. Supra $\alpha$ -Locally Continuous Functions

In this section we define a new type of functions called Supra  $\alpha$ -locally continuous functions ( $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-L}$ -continuous functions), supra  $\alpha$ -locally irresolute functions ( $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-L}$ -irresolute functions) and study some of their properties.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\tau \subseteq \mu$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous (resp.,  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^*$ -continuous, resp.,  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -continuous), if  $f^{-1}(A) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(X, \mu)$ , (resp.,  $f^{-1}(A) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC^*(X, \mu)$ , resp.,  $f^{-1}(A) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC^{**}(X, \mu)$ ) for each  $A \in \sigma$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  be the supra topologies associated with  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  respectively. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -irresolute (resp.,  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^*$ -irresolute, resp.,  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(A) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(X, \mu)$ , (resp.,  $f^{-1}(A) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC^*(X, \mu)$ , resp.,  $f^{-1}(A) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC^{**}(X, \mu)$ ) for each  $A \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(Y, \lambda)$  (resp.,  $A \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC^*(Y, \lambda)$ , resp.,  $A \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC^{**}(Y, \lambda)$ ).

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\mu$  be a supra topology associated with  $\tau$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. If  $f$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^*$ -continuous or  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -continuous, then it is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  be the supra topologies associated with  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  respectively. Let  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. If  $f$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -irresolute (respectively  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^*$ -irresolute, respectively  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -irresolute), then it is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous. (respectively  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^*$ -continuous, respectively  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -continuous).

**Remark 4.5.** Converse of Theorem 4.3 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a, c, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\{\phi, Y, \{b, c, d\}\}\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is identity function. Here  $f$  is not  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -continuous, but it is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous and  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 4.7.** The following example provides a function which is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -continuous function but not  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -irresolute function.

**Example 4.8.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}\}\}$ ,  $\mu = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$  and  $\lambda = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = a$ ,  $f(c) = d$  and  $f(d) = c$ . Here  $f$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -continuous and it is not  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L^{**}$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be supra  $\alpha$ - $LC$ -continuous and  $A$  be supra  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Then the restriction  $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be supra open in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(U)$  in supra  $\alpha$ - $LC$  in  $X$ . So  $f^{-1}(U) = G \cap H$  where  $G$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open and  $H$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ . Now  $(f|_A)^{-1}(U) = (G \cap H) \cap A = G \cap (H \cap A)$  (resp.  $(G \cap A) \cap H$ ) where  $H \cap A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -closed (resp.  $G \cap A$  is supra  $\alpha$ -open) in  $X$ . Therefore  $(f|_A)^{-1}(U)$  is supra  $\alpha$ - $LC$  in  $X$ . Hence  $f|_A$  is supra  $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** A supra topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal if and only if every function having  $(X, \mu)$  as domain is supra  $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous.

*Proof.* **Necessity:** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal. Then  $\alpha$ - $LC(X) = P(X)$  by Theorem: 3.28. Let  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \lambda)$  be a function and  $A \in \sigma$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(X)$  and so  $f$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous.

**Sufficiency:** Let every function having  $(X, \mu)$  as domain be supra  $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous. Let  $Y = \{0, 1\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{0\}\}$ . Let  $A \subset (X, \mu)$  and  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \lambda)$  be defined by  $f(x) = 0$  if  $x \in A$  and  $f(x) = 1$  if  $x \notin A$ . Since  $f$  is supra  $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous,  $A \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(X, \mu)$ . Hence  $P(X) = S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(X)$ . Therefore  $X$  is supra  $\alpha$ -submaximal by Theorem: 3.28.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11.** If  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous and  $h : Y \rightarrow Z$  is supra continuous, then  $h \circ g : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous and  $h : Y \rightarrow Z$  is supra continuous. By the Definitions,  $g^{-1}(V) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(X)$ ,  $V \in Y$  and  $h^{-1}(W) \in Y$ ,  $W \in Z$ . Let  $W \in Z$ . Then  $(h \circ g)^{-1}(W) = (g^{-1}h^{-1})(W) = g^{-1}(h^{-1}(W)) = g^{-1}(V)$ , for  $V \in Y$ . From this,  $(h \circ g)^{-1}(W) = g^{-1}(V) \in S$ - $\alpha$ - $LC(X)$ ,  $W \in Z$ . Therefore  $h \circ g$  is  $S$ - $\alpha$ - $L$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Remark 4.12.** If  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-irresolute}$  and  $h: Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-continuous}$ , then  $h \circ g: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-continuous}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-irresolute}$  and  $h: Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-continuous}$ . By the Definitions,  $g^{-1}(V) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X)$ , for  $V \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Y)$  and  $h^{-1}(W) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Y)$ , for  $W \in Z$ . Let  $W \in Z$ . Then  $(h \circ g)^{-1}(W) = (g^{-1}h^{-1})(W) = g^{-1}(h^{-1}(W)) = g^{-1}(V)$ , for  $V \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Y)$ . This implies,  $(h \circ g)^{-1}(W) = g^{-1}(V) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X)$ ,  $W \in Z$ . Hence  $h \circ g$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-continuous}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.13.** If  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $h: Y \rightarrow Z$  are  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-irresolute}$ , then  $h \circ g: X \rightarrow Z$  is also  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-irresolute}$ .

*Proof.* By the hypothesis and the Definitions, we have  $g^{-1}(V) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X)$ , for  $V \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Y)$  and  $h^{-1}(W) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Y)$ , for  $W \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Z)$ . Let  $W \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Z)$ . Then  $(h \circ g)^{-1}(W) = (g^{-1}h^{-1})(W) = g^{-1}(h^{-1}(W)) = g^{-1}(V)$ , for  $V \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Y)$ . Therefore,  $(h \circ g)^{-1}(W) = g^{-1}(V) \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(X)$ ,  $W \in S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}LC(Z)$ . Thus  $h \circ g$  is  $S\text{-}\alpha\text{-}L\text{-irresolute}$ .  $\square$

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