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**Abstract:** The purpose of this paper is to study the concept of quotient maps in ideal topological spaces and study some of its stronger forms.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space with no separation axioms assumed. For any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $\text{cl}(A)$  and  $\text{int}(A)$  will denote the closure and interior of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$ , respectively. Njastad [9] introduced the concept of an  $\alpha$ -sets and Mashhour et al. [8] introduced  $\alpha$ -continuous maps in topological spaces. The topological notions of semi-open sets and semi-continuity, and preopen sets and precontinuity were introduced by Levine [6] and Mashhour et al. [7] respectively. After advent of these notions, Reilly [11] and Lellis Thivagar [5] obtained many interesting and important results on  $\alpha$ -continuity and  $\alpha$ -irresolute maps in topological spaces. Lellis Thivagar [5] introduced the concepts of  $\alpha$ -quotient maps and  $\alpha^*$ -quotient maps in topological spaces.

A nonempty collection  $\mathcal{I}$  of subsets of a set  $X$  is said to be an ideal on  $X$  if it satisfies the following two properties:

- (1).  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \subseteq A$  imply  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ ;
- (2).  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  imply  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ . [4]

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $X$  is called an ideal topological space (an ideal space) and is denoted by  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . For an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  and a subset  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A^*(\mathcal{I}) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$ , is local function [4] of  $A$  with respect to  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\tau$ . It is well known that  $\text{cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^*$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator for a topology  $\tau^*$  finer than  $\tau$  [12].  $\text{int}^*(A)$  will denote the interior of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau^*, \mathcal{I})$ .

Quite recently, Viswanathan and Jayasudha [13] introduced and studied the notion of  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open or  $\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open [10] sets. Ekici and Noiri [2] introduced and studied the notion of semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets. In [3], they studied further properties of semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets. Ekici [1] introduced and studied the notion of  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open sets.

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In this paper, we introduce new classes of ideal topological maps called  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient maps and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient maps in ideal topological spaces. At every places the new notions have been substantiated with suitable examples.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** ([10, 13]). A subset  $A$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open or  $\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open if  $A \subseteq \text{int}^*(\text{cl}(\text{int}^*(A)))$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([2, 3]). A subset  $K$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be

- (1).  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open if  $K \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}^*(K))$ ,
- (2).  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if its complement is  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

**Definition 2.3** ([1]). A subset  $G$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be

- (1).  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open if  $G \subseteq \text{int}^*(\text{cl}(G))$ .
- (2).  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -closed if  $X \setminus G$  is  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open.

The family of all  $\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open [resp.  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open] sets of  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is denoted by  $\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$  [resp.  $\text{semi}^*-\mathcal{I}O(X)$ ,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$ ].

**Theorem 2.4** ([13]). Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal topological space. Then,  $\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X) = \text{semi}^*-\mathcal{I}O(X) \cap \text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$ .

**Remark 2.5** ([13]). For a subset of an ideal topological space, the following holds.

*Every open set is  $\alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open but not conversely.*

## 3. $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute Maps

**Definition 3.1** ([13]). Let  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map. Then  $f$  is said to be  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous [resp.  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -continuous] if the inverse image of each open set of  $Y$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open [resp.  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open] in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$  is called  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open [resp.  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open, open] if the image of each open set in  $X$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open [resp.  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open, open] set of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.3.**

- (1). A map  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous if and only if it is  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -continuous.
- (2). A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open if and only if it is  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open and  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  be a map. Then  $f$  is said to be  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute (resp.  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute,  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -preirresolute) if the inverse image of every  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open [resp.  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{J}}^*$ -open] set in  $Y$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open [resp.  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open,  $\text{pre}_{\mathcal{I}}^*$ -open] set in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** A map  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute if and only if for every  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -closed subset  $A$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\text{semi}^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X$ .

*Proof.* If  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute, then for every semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$ . If  $A$  is any semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -closed subset of  $Y$ , then  $Y-A$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open. Thus  $f^{-1}(Y-A)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open but  $f^{-1}(Y-A)=X-f^{-1}(A)$  so that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X$ .

Conversely, if, for all semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -closed subsets  $A$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X$  and if  $B$  is any semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open subset of  $Y$ , then  $Y-B$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -closed. Also  $f^{-1}(Y-B)=X-f^{-1}(B)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two maps. If  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute and  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ -semi-irresolute then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ -semi-irresolute.*

*Proof.* If  $A \subseteq Z$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{K}$ -open, then  $g^{-1}(A)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$  because  $g$  is  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ -semi-irresolute. Consequently since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A))=(g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ -semi-irresolute.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *If  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute.*

**Corollary 3.8.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute and the map  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

**Corollary 3.9.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  be two maps. Then*

- (1). *if  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute and  $g$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -continuous, then  $g \circ f$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*
- (2). *if  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -preirresolute and  $g$  is  $pre^*_{\mathcal{J}}$ -continuous, then  $g \circ f$  is  $pre^*_{\mathcal{I}}$ -continuous.*

**Theorem 3.10.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -preirresolute then  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute.*

## 4. $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient Maps

**Definition 4.1.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a surjective map. Then  $f$  is said to be quotient provided a subset  $S$  of  $Y$  is open in  $Y$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(S)$  is open in  $X$ .*

**Definition 4.2.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  be a surjective map. Then  $f$  is said to be*

- (1). *an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient if  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  implies  $V$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$ .*
- (2). *a  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-quotient if  $f$  is semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  implies  $V$  is a semi $^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$ .*
- (3). *a  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -prequotient if  $f$  is  $pre^*_{\mathcal{I}}$ -continuous and  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  implies  $V$  is a  $pre^*_{\mathcal{J}}$ -open set in  $Y$ .*

**Example 4.3.** *Let  $X=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{I}=\{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . We have  $\alpha^*_X O(X) = semi^*_{\mathcal{I}} O(X) = pre^*_{\mathcal{I}} O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ ,  $\sigma=\{\emptyset, Y, \{r\}, \{p, r\}, \{q, r\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{J}=\{\emptyset, \{p\}\}$ . We have  $\alpha^*_Y O(Y) = semi^*_{\mathcal{J}} O(Y) = pre^*_{\mathcal{J}} O(Y) = \{\emptyset, Y, \{r\}, \{p, r\}, \{q, r\}\}$ .*

*Define  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  by  $f(a) = p; f(c) = q; f(b) = r$ . Since the inverse image of each open in  $Y$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$ , clearly  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.*

**Theorem 4.4.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is surjective,  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open then  $f$  is an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $f^{-1}(V)$  is any open set in  $X$ . Then  $f(f^{-1}(V))$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$  as  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open. Since  $f$  is surjective,  $f(f^{-1}(V))=V$ . Thus  $V$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is open surjective and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute, and the map  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is an  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Also suppose  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is open set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is open,  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)))$  is open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$  and since  $g$  is  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient,  $V \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{K}O(Z)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is open surjective and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi- $[(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -pre] irresolute and the map  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ -semi- $[(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ -pre] quotient then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ -semi- $[(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ -pre] quotient map.*

**Theorem 4.7.** *A map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient if and only if it is both  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -prequotient.*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X) = \text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X) \cap \text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Thus  $f$  is both  $\text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $\text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Also suppose  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient,  $V \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y) = \text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{J}O(Y) \cap \text{pre}^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y)$ . Thus  $V$  is both  $\text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{J}$ -open set and  $\text{pre}^*_\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is both  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -prequotient.

Conversely, since  $f$  is both  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -prequotient,  $f$  is both  $\text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $\text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Also suppose  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open set in  $X$ . By Definition 4.2,  $V \in \text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{J}O(Y) \cap \text{pre}^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y) = \alpha^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y)$ . Thus  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.  $\square$

**Definition 4.8.**

- (1). *Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a surjective and  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous map. Then  $f$  is said to be strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient provided a subset  $S$  of  $Y$  is open set in  $Y$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(S)$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$ .*
- (2). *Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a surjective and  $\text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous map. Then  $f$  is said to be strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-quotient provided a subset  $S$  of  $Y$  is open set in  $Y$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(S)$  is  $\text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$ .*
- (3). *Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a surjective and  $\text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}$ -continuous map. Then  $f$  is said to be strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ -prequotient provided a subset  $S$  of  $Y$  is open set in  $Y$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(S)$  is  $\text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$ .*

**Theorem 4.9.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-quotient and strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ -prequotient then  $f$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.*

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is both  $\text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $\text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, by Theorem 3.3,  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Also let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$ . By Definition 4.8,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X) \cap \text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}O(X) = \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ .

Conversely, let  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Then  $\alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X) = \text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X) \cap \text{pre}^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Since  $f$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-quotient and strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ -prequotient,  $V$  is open set in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.  $\square$

## 5. $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient maps

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  be a surjective map. Then  $f$  is said to be

- (1).  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient if  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $f^{-1}(S)$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$  implies  $S$  is open set in  $Y$ .
- (2).  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi- $\alpha^*$ -quotient if  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute and  $f^{-1}(S)$  is semi $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$  implies  $S$  is open set in  $Y$ .
- (3).  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -pre- $\alpha^*$ -quotient if  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -preirresolute and  $f^{-1}(S)$  is pre $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$  implies  $S$  is open set in  $Y$ .

**Definition 5.2.** Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  be a map. Then  $f$  is said to be strongly  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -open if the image of every  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$ .

**Example 5.3.** Consider the Example 4.3. Clearly  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient.

**Example 5.4.** Consider the Example 4.3. Clearly  $f$  is strongly  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 5.5.** Let the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  be surjective strongly  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -open and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute, and the map  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  be an  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient. Then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient map.

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{K}$ -open set in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$  as  $g$  is an  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient map. Then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$  as  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute. This shows that  $g \circ f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute. Also suppose  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is strongly  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -open,  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)))$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$  is an  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $g$  is an  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient map,  $V$  is open in  $Z$ . Hence the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6.** If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is both  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi- $\alpha^*$ -quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -pre- $\alpha^*$ -quotient then  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient.

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is both  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi- $\alpha^*$ -quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -pre- $\alpha^*$ -quotient,  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -preirresolute. By Theorem 3.10,  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute. Also suppose  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Then  $\alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X) = \text{semi}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X) \cap \text{pre}^*\text{-}\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi- $\alpha^*$ -quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -pre- $\alpha^*$ -quotient, by Definition 5.1,  $V$  is open set in  $Y$ . Thus  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.7.** Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  be a strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute map and  $g : (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  be an  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient map then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Z, \mu, \mathcal{K})$  is an  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{K}O(Z)$ . Since  $g$  is  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute. Also suppose  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Since  $f$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open set in  $Y$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y)$ . Since  $g$  is  $(\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient,  $V$  is open set in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{K})$ - $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -quotient.  $\square$

## 6. Comparison

**Theorem 6.1.** Let  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  be a surjective map. Then  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient if and only if it is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$ . Then  $V \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{J}O(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Conversely, let  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha^*_\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient,  $V$  is open set in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.

Conversely, let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$ . Then  $V \in \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}^*O(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$ . Thus  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute. Also since  $f$  is strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$  implies  $V$  is open set in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient map.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is quotient then it is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is quotient,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open set in  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Suppose  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open set in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is quotient,  $V$  is open set in  $Y$ . Then  $V \in \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}^*O(Y)$ . Hence  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.3.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute then it is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be open set in  $Y$ . Then  $A \in \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}^*O(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(A) \in \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$ . It shows that  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous map.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.4.** *If the map  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient then it is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.*

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient. Then  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute. We have  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Also suppose  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an open in  $X$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V) \in \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$ . By assumption,  $V$  is open set in  $Y$ . Therefore  $V \in \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}^*O(Y)$ . Hence  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.5.** *Every  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient map is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute.*

*Proof.* We obtain it from Definition 5.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.6.** *Every  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* We obtain it from Definition 4.2.  $\square$

**Remark 6.7.** *The converses of Theorems 4.9 and 5.6 are not true as per the following example.*

**Example 6.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{r\}, \{p, r\}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  by  $f(a) = p$ ;  $f(b) = q$  and  $f(c) = r$ . Clearly  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient. Since  $f^{-1}(\{q, r\}) = \{b, c\} \in \text{semi}^*\mathcal{I}O(X)$  and  $\{q, r\}$  is not open set in  $Y$ ,  $f$  is not strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-quotient. Moreover  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute,  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ -semi-irresolute. Since  $f^{-1}(\{q, r\}) = \{b, c\} \in \text{semi}^*\mathcal{I}O(X)$  and  $\{q, r\}$  is not open set in  $Y$ ,  $f$  is not  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient.

**Remark 6.9.** *The converses of Theorems 6.4 and 6.5 are not true as per the following example.*

**Example 6.10.** Consider the Example 6.8. Clearly  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute and  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient maps. Since  $f^{-1}(\{q, r\}) = \{b, c\} \in \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^*O(X)$  and  $\{p, q\}$  is not open set in  $Y$ ,  $f$  is neither strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient nor  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient.

**Remark 6.11.** *The converse of Theorem 6.2 is not true and a strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map need not be quotient as per the following example.*

**Example 6.12.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{p\}, \{p, q\}, \{p, r\}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  by  $f(a) = p$ ,  $f(b) = q$  and  $f(c) = r$ . Clearly  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient and strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map. Since  $f^{-1}(\{p, q\}) = \{a, b\}$  is not open in  $X$  where  $\{p, q\}$  is open in  $Y$ ,  $f$  is not quotient map.

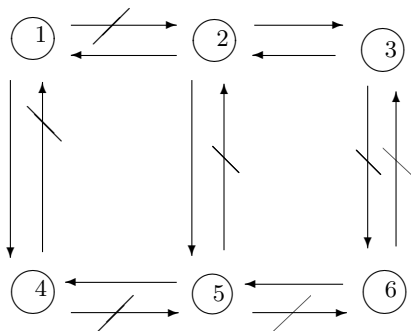
**Remark 6.13.** *A quotient map need not be strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient as per the following example.*

**Example 6.14.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{p\}, \{p, q\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = p$ ;  $f(b) = q$  and  $f(c) = r$ . Clearly  $f$  is quotient but not strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.

**Remark 6.15.** *The converses of Theorems 6.3 and 6.6 are not true as per the following example.*

**Example 6.16.** *Let  $X=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $Y=\{p, q, r\}$ ,  $\sigma=\{\emptyset, Y, \{r\}, \{p, r\}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}=\{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  by  $f(a)=p$ ;  $f(b)=q$  and  $f(c)=r$ . Clearly  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. Since  $f^{-1}(\{q, r\})=\{b, c\} \notin \alpha_{\mathcal{I}}^* O(X)$  where  $\{q, r\} \in \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}^* O(Y)$ ,  $f$  is not  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute. Also, since  $f^{-1}(\{q\})=\{b\}$  is open in  $X$  where  $\{q\} \notin \alpha_{\mathcal{J}}^* O(Y)$ ,  $f$  is not  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.*

**Remark 6.17.** *We obtain the following diagram from the above discussions.*



Where  $A \rightarrow B$  means that A does not necessarily imply B and, moreover,

- (1) =  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute map.
- (2) =  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha^*$ -quotient map.
- (3) = strongly  $\mathcal{I}$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.
- (4) =  $\alpha^*$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous map.
- (5) =  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$ - $\alpha$ -quotient map.
- (6) = quotient map.

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