

# DECOMPOSITIONS OF $n^*$ -CONTINUITY VIA NANO IDEALS

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce and investigate the notions of  $NI\omega$ -continuous maps and  $NI\omega$ -irresolute maps in nano ideal topological spaces. Also we introduce some nano generalized locally closed sets namely  $NI-LC^*$ -sets, weakly  $NI-LC^*$ -sets,  $NI-slc$  sets, their continuous maps and obtained decompositions of  $n^*$ -continuity.

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## I. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Ideals in topological spaces have been considered since 1930. This topic gained its importance by the paper of Vaidyanathaswamy [20]. Hamlett and Jankovic [6] investigated further properties of ideal topological spaces. This initiated the generalization of some important properties in general topology via topological ideals. Later several authors have introduced and studied numerous generalized open sets in ideal topological spaces and also have obtained several decompositions of continuous maps and generalized continuous maps via ideals.

The notions of  $\omega$ -closed sets and  $\omega$ -continuity in topological spaces was introduced and studied by Sheik John [19]. Noiri et al. [14] introduced the notion of  $\omega$ -closed sets in ideal topological spaces. Jafari et al. have obtained some decompositions of  $*$ -continuity via ideals in [4] and [5]. In 2013, Lellis Thivagar [10], [11] introduced the concept of nano topological spaces which was defined in terms of lower, upper approximations and boundary region of a subset of an universe using an equivalence relation on it. In 2016, Lellis Thivagar et al. [12] defined a nano local function for each subset with respect to  $I$  and  $\tau_R(X)$  and thereby explored the field of nano ideal topological spaces. The notions of nano-I-open set and nano-I-continuous function was introduced by Parimala et al. in [15].

**Definition 1.1** [10] Let  $U$  be a non-empty finite set of objects called the universe and  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $U$  named as the indiscernibility relation. Then  $U$  is divided into disjoint equivalence classes. Elements belonging to the same equivalence class are said to be indiscernible with one another. The pair  $(U, R)$  is said to be the approximation space. Let  $X \subseteq U$ . Then,

1. The lower approximation of  $X$  with respect to  $R$  is the set of all objects, which can be for certain classified as  $X$  with respect to  $R$  and is denoted by  $L_R(X)$ . That is,  $L_R(X) = \cup \{R(a) : R(a) \subseteq X, a \in U\}$ , where  $R(a)$  denotes the equivalence class determined by  $a \in U$ .
2. The upper approximation of  $X$  with respect to  $R$  is the set of all objects, which can be possibly classified as  $X$  with respect to  $R$  and is denoted by  $U_R(X)$ . That is,  $U_R(X) = \cup \{R(a) : R(a) \cap X \neq \emptyset, a \in U\}$ .
3. The boundary region of  $X$  with respect to  $R$  is the set of all objects, which can be classified neither as  $X$  nor as not  $X$  with respect to  $R$  and it is denoted by  $B_R(X)$ . That is,  $B_R(X) = U_R(X) - L_R(X)$ .

**Property 1.1** [10] If  $(U, R)$  is an approximation space and  $X, Y \subseteq U$ , then

1.  $L_R(X) \subseteq X \subseteq L_R(X)$ .
2.  $L_R(X) = U_R(X) = \emptyset$  and  $L_R(U) = U_R(U) = U$ .
3.  $U_R(X \cup Y) = U_R(X) \cup U_R(Y)$ .
4.  $U_R(X \cap Y) \subseteq U_R(X) \cap U_R(Y)$ .
5.  $L_R(X \cup Y) \supseteq L_R(X) \cup L_R(Y)$ .
6.  $L_R(X \cap Y) = L_R(X) \cap L_R(Y)$ .
7.  $L_R(X) \subseteq L_R(Y)$  and  $U_R(X) \subseteq U_R(Y)$  whenever  $X \subseteq Y$ .
8.  $U_R(X^c) = [L_R(X)]^c$  and  $L_R(X^c) = [U_R(X)]^c$ .
9.  $U_R[U_R(X)] = L_R[U_R(X)] = U_R(X)$ .
10.  $L_R[L_R(X)] = U_R[L_R(X)] = L_R(X)$ .

**Definition 1.2** [10] Let  $U$  be the universe,  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $U$  and  $\tau_R(X) = \{\phi, L_R(X), U_R(X), B_R(X), U\}$  where  $X \subseteq U$ . Then by Property 1.1,  $\tau_R(X)$  satisfies the following axioms:

1.  $U$  and  $\phi \in \tau_R(X)$
2. The union of the elements of any sub-collection of  $\tau_R(X)$  is in  $\tau_R(X)$ .
3. The intersection of the elements of any finite sub-collection of  $\tau_R(X)$  is in  $\tau_R(X)$ .

This means that  $\tau_R(X)$  is a topology on  $U$  called the nano topology on  $U$  with respect to  $X$  and we call  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  as a nano topological space. The elements of  $\tau_R(X)$  are called nano open sets and the complement of a nano open set is a nano-closed set.

If  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  is a nano topological space with respect to  $X$ , where  $X \subseteq U$  and if  $A \subseteq U$ , then

- (i) The nano interior of the set  $A$  is defined as the union of all nano open subsets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $Nint(A)$ .
- (ii) The nano closure of the set  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all nano-closed subsets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $Ncl(A)$ .

**Definition 1.3** [9] An ideal  $I$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a non-empty collection of subsets of  $X$  satisfying the following properties:

1.  $A \in I$  and  $B \in A$  imply  $B \in I$  (heredity),
2.  $A \in I$  and  $B \in I$  imply  $A \cup B \in I$  (finite additivity).

**Definition 1.4** [12] A nano topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  with an ideal  $I$  on  $U$  is called a nano ideal topological space or nano ideal space and denoted by  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ .

**Definition 1.5** [12] Let  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  be a nano ideal topological space. A subset  $A \subseteq U$ , the set operator  $\Lambda_n^*: P(U) \rightarrow P(U)$ , is called the nano local function of  $A$  with respect to  $I$  and  $\tau_R(X)$  and is defined as  $\Lambda_n^* = \{x \in U : U \cap A \notin I\}$  for every  $U \in \tau_R(X)$ . The nano closure operator is defined as  $Ncl^*(A) = A \cup (\Lambda_n^*A)$ .

**Definition 1.6** A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  is said to be

1. nano semi-open [10] if  $A \subset Ncl(Nint(A))$ .
2. Ng-closed [1] if  $Ncl(A) \subset G$  whenever  $G$  and  $G$  is nano-open.
3. No-closed [7] if  $Ncl(A) \subset G$  whenever  $A \subset G$  and  $G$  is nano semi-open in  $U$ .

**Definition 1.7** Let  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  and  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$  be nano topological spaces. Then a mapping  $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is said to be

1. nano continuous [11] if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a nano closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  of  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ .
2. Ng-continuous [2] if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is Ng-closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  of  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ .

**Definition 1.8** [3] A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  is said to be Nano locally closed (briefly NLC) if  $A = G \cap F$ , where  $G$  is nano-open and  $F$  is nano-closed.

**Definition 1.9** [16] A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is said to be nano  $n^*$ -closed (briefly  $n^*$ -closed) if  $\Lambda_n^*A \subset A$ .

**Definition 1.10** [16] A subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is said to be Nlg-closed if  $\Lambda_n^*A \subset G$  whenever  $A \subset G$  and  $G$  is nano-open.

**Definition 1.11** [18] A subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is said to be NI $\omega$ -closed (or NI $\omega^*$ -closed) if  $\Lambda_n^*A \subset G$  whenever  $A \subset G$  and  $G$  is nano semi-open.

**Definition 1.12** [8] A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is said to be  $n^*$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $n^*$ -closed in  $U$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  in  $V$ .

**Theorem 1.1** [18] Let  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  be a nano topological space with an ideal  $I$  on  $U$ , and  $A$  is a subset of  $U$ . Then,

1. Every  $n^*$ -closed is NI $\omega$ -closed,
2. Every NI $\omega$ -closed set is Nlg-closed,
3. Every No-closed set is NI $\omega$ -closed

## II. NANO $I\omega$ -CONTINUITY AND NANO $I\omega$ -IRRESOLUTENESS

**Definition 2.1** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is said to be NI $\omega$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is NI $\omega$ -closed in  $U$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  in  $V$ .

**Remark 2.1** If  $I = \{\phi\}$  in the above definition, then the notion of NI $\omega$ -continuity coincides with the notion of No-continuity.

**Definition 2.2** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  is said to be NI $\omega$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is NI $\omega$ -closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  for every NI $\omega$ -closed set  $A$  in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$ .



**Definition 2.3** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is said to be *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $U$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  in  $V$ .

**Definition 2.4** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is said to be *N<sub>Ig</sub>-continuous* if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>Ig</sub>-closed* in  $U$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  in  $V$ .

**Theorem 2.2** For a function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$ , the following hold

1. Every nano continuous function is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.
2. Every *n\**-continuous function is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.
3. Every *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* function is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.
4. Every *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* function is *N<sub>Ig</sub>-continuous*.

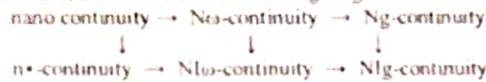
**Proof.** 1. Let  $f$  be a nano continuous function and  $A$  be a nano-closed set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is nano-closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Since every nano-closed set is *n\**-closed and hence *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed*,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Therefore,  $f$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

2. Let  $f$  be a *n\**-continuous function and  $A$  be a nano-closed set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *n\**-closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Since every *n\**-closed set is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* [Theorem 1.1(1)],  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Therefore,  $f$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

3. Let  $f$  be a *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* function. Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ . Since every *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* set is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* [Theorem 1.1(3)],  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Therefore,  $f$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

4. Let  $f$  be a *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* function and  $A$  be a nano-closed set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Since every *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* set is *N<sub>Ig</sub>-closed* [Theorem 1.1(2)],  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>Ig</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Therefore,  $f$  is *N<sub>Ig</sub>-continuous*.

**Remark 2.7** The relationships defined above, are shown in the following diagram.



None of these implications is reversible as shown by the following examples.

**Example 2.8** Let  $U = \{a, b, c\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq U$  with  $UR = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$  and let  $V = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{a\} \subseteq V$ ,  $VR' = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\psi_R(Y) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, V\}$ . Define  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  as  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = a$ ,  $f(c) = c$ . Then  $f$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* but not nano continuous.

**Example 2.9** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, d\} \subseteq U$  with  $UR = \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$  and let  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Y = \{a, b\} \subseteq V$ ,  $VR' = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}\}$  and  $\psi_R(Y) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, V\}$ . Define  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  as  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = d$ ,  $f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* but not *n\**-continuous.

**Example 2.10** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, d\} \subseteq U$  with  $UR = \{\{b, c\}, \{a\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a, d\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$  and let  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Y = \{b, d\} \subseteq V$ ,  $VR' = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c, d\}\}$  and  $\psi_R(Y) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, V\}$ . Then the identity map  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is *N<sub>Ig</sub>-continuous* but not *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

**Theorem 2.4** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* if and only if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-open* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$  for every nano-open set  $A$  in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a nano-open set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$  and  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  be *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*. Then  $A^c$  is nano-closed in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$  and  $f^{-1}(A^c)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . But  $f^{-1}(A^c) = (f^{-1}(A))^c$  and so  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-open* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-open* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$  for each nano-open set  $A$  in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ . Let  $F$  be a nano-closed set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ . Then  $F^c$  is nano-open in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$  and by hypothesis  $f^{-1}(F^c)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-open* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Since  $f^{-1}(F^c) = (f^{-1}(F))^c$ , we have  $f^{-1}(F)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$  and so  $f$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

**Remark 2.5** The composition of two *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* maps need not be *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* as seen from the following example.

**Example 2.11** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, c\} \subseteq U$  with  $UR = \{\{b, c\}, \{a\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$  and let  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Y = \{a, d\} \subseteq V$  with  $VR' = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}\}$  and  $\psi_R(Y) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, V\}$  and  $W = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Z = \{a\} \subseteq W$ ,  $WR' = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_R(Z) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, W\}$ . Define  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  and  $g: (V, \psi_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z))$  to be the identity maps. Then  $f$  and  $g$  are *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* but  $g \circ f$  is not *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  be *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* and  $g: (V, \psi_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z))$  be nano continuous. Then  $g \circ f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z))$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a nano-closed in  $(W, \sigma_R(Z))$ . Suppose that  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  be *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous* and

$g: (V, \psi_R(Y)) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z))$  be nano continuous. Then  $g^{-1}(A)$  is nano-closed in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ .

Since  $f: (U, \tau_R(X, I)) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-closed* in  $(U, \tau_R(X, I))$ . Thus  $g \circ f$  is *N<sub>lo</sub>-continuous*.

**Theorem 2.7** A function  $f : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  is  $NI\omega$ -irresolute if and only if the inverse image of every  $NI\omega$ -open set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  is  $NI\omega$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be a  $NI\omega$ -open set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$ . Suppose that  $f : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  is a  $NI\omega$ -irresolute map. Then  $B^c$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  and  $f^{-1}(B^c)$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ . But  $f^{-1}(B^c) = (f^{-1}(B))^c$  and so  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $NI\omega$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $NI\omega$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  for each  $NI\omega$ -open set  $B$  in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$ . Let  $D$  be a  $NI\omega$ -closed set in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$ . Then  $D^c$  is  $NI\omega$ -open in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  and by hypothesis  $f^{-1}(D^c)$  is  $NI\omega$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ . Since  $f^{-1}(D^c) = (f^{-1}(D))^c$ , we have  $f^{-1}(D)$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  and so  $f$  is  $NI\omega$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $f : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  and  $g : (V, \psi_R(Y), J) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$  be  $NI\omega$ -irresolute. Then  $(g \circ f) : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$  is  $NI\omega$ -irresolute.

**Proof.** Let  $g : (V, \psi_R(Y), J) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$  be  $NI\omega$ -irresolute and  $A$  be any  $NI\omega$ -open set in  $(W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$ . Then  $g^{-1}(A)$  is  $NI\omega$ -open in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$ . Since  $f : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  is  $NI\omega$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$  is  $NI\omega$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $NI\omega$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 2.9** If  $f : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  is  $NI\omega$ -irresolute and  $g : (V, \psi_R(Y), J) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$  is  $n^*$ -continuous. Then  $(g \circ f) : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$  is  $NI$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $f : (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y), J)$  be  $NI\omega$ -irresolute,  $g : (V, \psi_R(Y), J) \rightarrow (W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$  be  $n^*$ -continuous and let  $A$  be any nano-closed set of  $(W, \sigma_R(Z), K)$ . Then  $g^{-1}(A)$  is  $n^*$ -closed in  $(V, \psi_R(Y), J)$ . Since every  $n^*$ -closed set is  $NI\omega$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $NI\omega$ -continuous.

### III. NI-slc SETS

**Definition 3.1** A subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is called

1. NI-LC\*-set if  $A = G \cap F$  where  $G$  is nano regular open and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed.
2. weakly NI-LC\*-set if  $A = G \cap F$  where  $G$  is nano-open and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed.
3. NI-slc-set if  $A = G \cap F$  where  $G$  is nano semi-open and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.2** Let  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  be a nano ideal topological space and  $A \subseteq U$ . Then the following hold.

1. If  $A$  is  $n^*$ -closed, then  $A$  is a NI-LC\*-set.
2. If  $A$  is  $n^*$ -closed, then  $A$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set.
3. If  $A$  is a NI-LC\*-set, then  $A$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set.

**Proof.** 1. Follows from Definition 3.1 (1).

2. Follows from Definition 3.1 (2).

3. Let  $A$  be a NI-LC\*-set. Then  $A = G \cap F$ , where  $G$  is nano regular open and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed. Since every nano regular open set is nano-open [13],  $A$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set.

The converse of Proposition 3.2 is not true in general.

**Example 3.3** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq U$  with  $\cup R = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then

1.  $A = \{b, d\}$  is a NI-LC\*-set but not a  $n^*$ -closed set.
2.  $A = \{b, d\}$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set but not a  $n^*$ -closed set.
3.  $A = \{a, b, d\}$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set but not a NI-LC\*-set.

**Proposition 3.4** For a subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  the following hold.

1. If  $A$  is  $n^*$ -closed then  $A$  is NI-slc-set.
2. If  $A$  is nano semi-open then  $A$  is NI-slc-set.
3. If  $A$  is weakly NI-LC\*-set then  $A$  is NI-slc-set.

**Proof.** 1. Follows from Definition 3.1 (3).

2. Follows from Definition 3.1 (3).

3. Let  $A$  be weakly NI-LC\*-set. Then  $A = G \cap F$ , where  $G$  is nano-open and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed. Since every nano-open set is nano semi-open [17],  $A$  is NI-slc-set.

The converse of proposition 3.4 is not true in general as shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.5** Let  $U = \{a, b, c\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq U$  with  $\cup R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{c\}$  is a NI-slc-set but not nano semi-open.

**Example 3.6** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, d\} \subseteq U$  with  $\cup R = \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{a, c\}$  is a NI-slc-set but not  $n^*$ -closed.



**Example 3.7** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, c\} \subseteq U$  with  $\cup R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\phi, \{d\}\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{a, d\}$  is a NI-slc-set but not a weakly NI-LC\*-set.

**Remark 3.1** From Proposition 3.2 and Proposition 3.4, we have the following implications.  
 $n^*$ -closed  $\rightarrow$  NI-LC\*-set  $\rightarrow$  weakly NI-LC\*-set  $\rightarrow$  NI-slc-set

**Remark 3.2**

1. The notions of NI $\omega$ -closed sets and NI-LC\*-sets are independent.
2. The notions of NI $\omega$ -closed sets and weakly NI-LC\*-sets are independent.
3. The notions of NI $\omega$ -closed sets and NI-slc-sets are independent.

**Example 3.8** Let  $U = \{p, q, r, s, t\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{p, s\} \subseteq U$  with  $\cup R = \{\{p, q\}, \{r, t\}, \{s\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\phi, \{p, q\}, \{s\}, \{p, q, s\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\phi, \{p\}\}$ . Then

1.  $A = \{s\}$  is a NI-LC\*-set but not a NI $\omega$ -closed set.
2.  $A = \{q, r, t\}$  is a NI $\omega$ -closed set but not a NI-LC\*-set.
3.  $A = \{s\}$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set but not a NI $\omega$ -closed set.
4.  $A = \{q, r, s, t\}$  is a NI $\omega$ -closed set but not a weakly NI-LC\*-set.

**Example 3.9** Let  $U = \{a, b, c\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq U$  with  $\cup R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\phi, \{c\}\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{b\}$  is a NI $\omega$ -closed set but not NI-slc-set.

**Example 3.10** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq U$  with  $\cup R = \{\{b, d\}, \{a\}, \{c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then  $\{b, d\}$  is NI-slc-set but not a NI $\omega$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.3** A subset of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is  $n^*$ -closed if and only if it is both NI $\omega$ -closed and a NI-slc-set.

**Proof.** Necessity follows from Theorem 1.1(1) and Proposition 3.4(1). To prove the sufficiency, assume that  $A$  is both NI $\omega$ -closed and a NI-slc-set. Then  $A = G \cap F$ , where  $G$  is nano semi-open and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed. Therefore,  $A \subset G$  and  $A \subset F$  and so by hypothesis,  $A_n^* \subset G$  and  $A_n^* \subset F$ . Thus  $A_n^* \subset G \cap F = A$ . Hence  $A$  is  $n^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.4** For a subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ , the following are equivalent.

1.  $A$  is a  $n^*$ -closed set.
2.  $A$  is a NI-LC\*-set and NI $\omega$ -closed set.
3.  $A$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set and NI $\omega$ -closed set.
4.  $A$  is a NI-slc-set and NI $\omega$ -closed set.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A$  be a  $n^*$ -closed set. Then by Proposition 3.2 (1), it follows that  $A$  is a NI-LC\*-set. Also, we know that every  $n^*$ -closed set is NI $\omega$ -closed. Hence  $A$  is a NI-LC\*-set and NI $\omega$ -closed set.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Follows from Proposition 3.2 (3).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Follows from Proposition 3.4 (3).

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): This is obvious from Theorem 3.3.

**Theorem 3.5** For a subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ , the following are equivalent.

1.  $A$  is a  $n^*$ -closed set.
2.  $A$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set and NI $\omega$ -closed set.
3.  $A$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set and NIg-closed set.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A$  be a  $n^*$ -closed set. We know that every  $n^*$ -closed set is NI $\omega$ -closed [Theorem 1.1 (1)]. Hence  $A$  is a NI $\omega$ -closed set. On the other hand,  $A$  can be written as  $A = U \cap A$ , where  $U$  is nano-open and  $A$  is  $n^*$ -closed. Hence  $A$  is a weakly NI-LC\*-set.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): This is obvious from Theorem 1.1 (2).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $A$  be a weakly NI-LC\*-set and a NIg-closed set. Since  $A$  is weakly NI-LC\*-set,  $A = G \cap F$ , where  $G$  is nano-open and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed. Now,  $A \subset G$  and  $A$  is NIg-closed set implies  $A_n^* \subset G$ . Also,  $A \subset F$  and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed implies  $A_n^* \subset F$ . Thus  $A_n^* \subset G \cap F = A$ . Hence  $A$  is  $n^*$ -closed.

## IV. A NEW SUBSET OF A NANO TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

**Definition 4.1** Let  $A$  be a subset of a nano topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ . Then the nano s-kernel of the set  $A$ , denoted by  $Ns\text{-ker}(A)$  is the intersection of all nano semi-open supersets of  $A$ .

**Definition 4.2** A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  is called  $\wedge Ns$ -set if  $A = Ns\text{-ker}(A)$ .

**Definition 4.3** A subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is called  $N\lambda s$ -I-closed if  $A = G \cap F$  where  $G$  is a  $\wedge Ns$ -set and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed.



**Proposition 4.4** In a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ , every  $n^*$ -closed set is  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed.  
**Proof.** It is obvious from Definition 4.3.

The converse of Proposition 4.4 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.5** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, d\} \subseteq U$  with  $U \setminus R = \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed but not  $n^*$ -closed.

**Lemma 4.1** For a subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$ , the following are equivalent.

1.  $A$  is  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed.
2.  $A = P \cap Ncl^*(A)$  where  $P$  is a  $\wedge Ns$ -set.
3.  $A = Ns\text{-ker}(A) \cap Ncl^*(A)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A$  be a  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed set. Then  $A = P \cap Q$ , where  $P$  is a  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -set and  $Q$  is  $n^*$ -closed. Clearly,  $A \subseteq P \cap Ncl^*(A)$ . Since  $Q$  is  $n^*$ -closed,  $Ncl^*(A) \subseteq Ncl^*(Q) = Q$  and so  $P \cap Ncl^*(A) \subseteq P \cap Q = A$ . Therefore,  $A = P \cap Ncl^*(A)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $A = P \cap Ncl^*(A)$ , where  $P$  is a  $\wedge Ns$ -set. Since  $P$  is a  $\wedge Ns$ -set, we have  $A = Ns\text{-ker}(A) \cap Ncl^*(A)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $A = Ns\text{-ker}(A) \cap Ncl^*(A)$ . By Definition 4.2 and the notion of  $n^*$ -closed set, we get  $A$  is  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed.

**Lemma 4.2** A subset  $A$  of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed if and only if  $Ncl^*(A) \subseteq Ns\text{-ker}(A)$ .

**Proof.** Necessity follows from Definition 4.2. To prove the sufficiency, let  $Ncl^*(A) \subseteq Ns\text{-ker}(A)$ . If  $P$  is any nano semi-open set containing  $A$ , then  $Ncl^*(A) \subseteq Ns\text{-ker}(A) \subseteq P$ . Therefore,  $A$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed.

**Remark 4.3** The notions of  $NI\omega$ -closed sets and  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed sets are independent.

**Example 4.6** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, d\} \subseteq U$  with  $U \setminus R = \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$  and the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$ . Then

1. The set  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed but not  $NI\omega$ -closed.
2. The set  $A = \{b, c\}$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed but not  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.4** A subset of a nano ideal topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  is  $n^*$ -closed if and only if it is both  $NI\omega$ -closed and  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed.

**Proof.** Necessity is obvious from every  $n^*$ -closed set is  $NI\omega$ -closed and Proposition 4.4. We shall prove sufficiency. Let  $A$  be a  $NI\omega$ -closed set and a  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed set. As  $A$  is a  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed set  $A = G \cap F$ , where  $G$  is a  $\wedge Ns$ -set and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed. Now  $A \subseteq G$  and  $A$  is  $NI\omega$ -closed set implies  $A_n^* \subseteq G$ . Also  $A \subseteq F$  and  $F$  is  $n^*$ -closed set implies  $A_n^* \subseteq F$ . Thus  $A_n^* \subseteq G \cap F = A$ . Hence  $A$  is  $n^*$ -closed.

## V. DECOMPOSITIONS OF $n^*$ -CONTINUITY

**Definition 5.1** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is said to be  $NI\text{-}LC^*$ -continuous (resp. weakly  $NI\text{-}LC^*$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a  $NI\text{-}LC^*$ -set (resp. weakly  $NI\text{-}LC^*$ -set) in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ .

**Definition 5.2** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is said to be  $NI\text{-}slc$ -continuous (resp.  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a  $NI\text{-}slc$ -set (resp.  $N\lambda s$ - $I$ -closed set) in  $(U, \tau_R(X), I)$  for every nano-closed set  $A$  in  $(V, \psi_R(Y))$ .

**Example 5.3** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, c\} \subseteq U$ , with  $U \setminus R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$ , and let  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Y = \{a, d\} \subseteq V$ , with  $V \setminus R' = \{\{a\}, \{d\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\psi_R(Y) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, V\}$ . Define a function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  to be the identity map. Then the map  $f$  is  $NI\text{-}slc$ -continuous.

**Remark 5.1** Every  $n^*$ -continuous map is  $NI\text{-}slc$ -continuous, but the converse is not true.

**Example 5.4** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, c\} \subseteq U$ , with  $U \setminus R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$  and let  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Y = \{a, d\} \subseteq V$ , with  $V \setminus R' = \{\{a\}, \{d\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\psi_R(Y) = \{\emptyset, \{a, d\}, V\}$ . Then the identity map  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is  $NI\text{-}slc$ -continuous but not  $n^*$ -continuous.

**Remark 5.2** The concepts of  $NI\omega$ -continuity and  $NI\text{-}slc$ -continuity are independent as seen from the following examples.

**Example 5.5** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, c\} \subseteq U$ , with  $U \setminus R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\emptyset, \{d\}\}$  and let  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Y = \{a, d\} \subseteq V$ , with  $V \setminus R' = \{\{a\}, \{d\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\psi_R(Y) = \{\emptyset, \{a, d\}, V\}$ . Then the identity map  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_R(Y))$  is  $NI\text{-}slc$ -continuous but not  $NI\omega$ -continuous.



**Example 5.6** Let  $U = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq U$ , with  $U \setminus R = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}\}$ ,  $\tau_R(X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, U\}$ , the ideal  $I = \{\phi, \{a\}\}$  and let  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the universe,  $Y = \{a, d\} \subseteq V$ , with  $V \setminus R' = \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$  and  $\psi_{R'}(Y) = \{\phi, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, V\}$ . Then the map  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_{R'}(Y))$  defined by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = c$ ,  $f(c) = b$ ,  $f(d) = d$  is  $NI\omega$ -continuous but not  $NI$ -slc-continuous.

**Theorem 5.3** For a function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_{R'}(Y))$ , the following are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is  $n^*$ -continuous.
2.  $f$  is  $NI$ - $LC^*$ -continuous and  $NI\omega$ -continuous.
3.  $f$  is weakly  $NI$ - $LC^*$ -continuous and  $NI\omega$ -continuous.
4.  $f$  is  $NI$ -slc-continuous and  $NI\omega$ -continuous.

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 5.4** For a function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_{R'}(Y))$ , the following are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is  $n^*$ -continuous.
2.  $f$  is weakly  $NI$ - $LC^*$ -continuous and  $NI\omega$ -continuous.
3.  $f$  is weakly  $NI$ - $LC^*$ -continuous and  $NIg$ -continuous.

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.5.

**Theorem 5.5A** A function  $f: (U, \tau_R(X), I) \rightarrow (V, \psi_{R'}(Y))$  is  $n^*$ -continuous if and only if it is both  $NI\omega$ -continuous and  $NI$ -sl-continuous.

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.4.

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