# A Note on weakly ω -I -Continuous Functions

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#### Abstract

In [9], Vadivel et al. introduced and investigated the notions of weakly  $\omega - I$ -continuous and weak<sup>\*</sup> -  $\omega - I$ -continuous functions in ideal topological spaces. In this paper, we investigate their relationships with continuous and  $\theta$ -continuous functions.

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#### 1. Introduction

In a topological space  $(X,\tau)$ , the closure and the interior of any subset A of X will be denoted by ClA and IntA, respectively. An ideal is defined as a collection I of subsets of X satisfing the following two conditions: (1) If  $A \in I$  and  $B \subset A$ , then  $B \in I$ ; (2) If  $A \in I$  and  $B \in I$ , then  $A \cup B \in I$ . Let  $(X,\tau)$  be a topological space and I an ideal of subsets of X. An ideal topological space is a topological space  $(X,\tau)$  with an ideal I on X and is denoted by  $(X,\tau,I)$ . For a subset  $A \subset X$ ,  $A^*(I) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin I \text{ for each open neighbourhood } U$  of x} is called the local function of A with respect to I and  $\tau$  [5]. We simply write  $A^*$  instead of  $A^*(I)$  in case there is no chance for confusion. For every ideal topological space  $(X,\tau,I)$ , there exists a topology  $\tau^*(I)$  (briefly,  $\tau^*$ ), finer than  $\tau$ , generated by  $\beta(I,\tau) = \{U - A : U \in \tau \text{ and } A \in I\}$ , but in general  $\beta(I,\tau)$  is not always a topology [3] Additionally,  $Cl^*A = A \cup A^*$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator for  $\tau^*(I)$ .

The following Lemma is useful in the sequel.

**Lemma 1.1** [3] Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space and A, B subsets of X. Then the following properites hold.

- (a) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $A^* \subset B^*$ .
- (b)  $A^* = Cl(A^*) \subseteq Cl(A)$ .
- (c)  $(A^*)^* \subseteq A^*$ .
- (d) If  $U \in \tau$ , then  $U \cap A^* \subseteq (U \cap A)^*$ .

Vadivel et al. [9] introduced the notions of weakly  $\omega$ -*I*-continuous and weakly<sup>\*</sup>-*I*-continuous functions in ideal topological spaces. Also  $\omega$ -*I*-continuous functions were studied by Jeyanthi et al. [4]. In Theorem 2.8 (below), we obtain an improvement of Theorems 2.5 and 2.8 of [4].

**Definition 1.1** A function  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\varphi,I)$  is said to be weakly- $\omega$ -I-continuous (briefly weakly  $\omega$ -I-c) if for each  $x \in X$  and each open neighbourhood V of f(x), there exists a  $\omega$ -open neighbourhood U of x such that  $f(U) \subset Cl^*V$ .

Let A be a subset of an ideal topological space. The \*-frontier of A is defined by  $A^* - intA$  and is denoted by  $fr^*A$ .

**Definition 1.2** A function  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\varphi,I)$  is said to be weak<sup>\*</sup>-*I*-continuous (breifly weak<sup>\*</sup>- $\omega$ -*I*-*c*) [9] if for each open set *V* in *Y*,  $f^{-1}(fr^*V)$  is closed in *X*.

We will use the following Theorem.

**Theorem 1.1** [9] A function  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\varphi,I)$  is continuous if and only if it is both weakly  $\omega$ -I-continuous and weak<sup>\*</sup> -  $\omega$ -I-continuous.

## **2.** Weakly $\omega$ -*I*-Continuouity and $\theta$ -continuity

In some cases weakly  $\omega - I$  -continuity or weak<sup>\*</sup> -  $\omega - I$  -continuity implies continuity or  $\theta$ -continuity. Now we can give related results.

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $(Y, \varphi, I_f)$  be an ideal topological space such that U is infinite for every  $U \in \varphi$  and if  $U, V \in \varphi$  such that  $U \cap V = \phi$  then  $U = \phi$  or  $V = \phi$  and  $I_f$ denotes the ideal of finite subsets of Y. Then a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \varphi, I_f)$  is continuous if and only if it is weak<sup>\*</sup>- $\varphi$ - $I_f$ -c.

**Proof** The necessity is clear by Theorem 1.1.

Sufficiency. We first show that  $V^* = Y$  for each non empty open set V in Y. Let  $y \in Y$  and  $y \in U \in \varphi$ . Then  $U, V \in \varphi$  and  $U \cap V \neq \phi$  by hypothesis. Thus  $U \cap V$  is infinite by hypothesis. Therefore  $U \cap V \notin I_f$ . Then  $y \in V^*$ . Hence  $V^* = Y$ . Therefore, f is weakly  $\omega - I_f - c$  and by Theorem 1.1, f is continuous.

**Example 2.1** Let  $(Y, \varphi, I_f) = (R, \varphi, I_f)$ , where  $\varphi$  is the left ray or right ray or cofinite topology. Then, for  $(R, \varphi)$ , the conditions in Theorem 2.1 are satisfied. Hence a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (R, \varphi, I_f)$  is continuous if and only if it is weak<sup>\*</sup> -  $\omega$  -  $I_f$  - c.

**Definition 2.1** A function  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\varphi)$  is said to be  $\theta$ -continuous [1] (resp. weakly continuous [6]) at  $x_0$  if for each open neighbourhood V of  $f(x_0)$ , there is an open neighbourhood U of  $x_0$  such that  $f(ClU) \subseteq ClV$  (resp.  $f(U) \subseteq Cl(V)$ ). f is said to be  $\theta$ -continuous (resp. weakly continuous) if it is  $\theta$ -continuous (resp. weakly continuous) at each point of X.

It is well known that continuity implies  $\theta$ -continuity and  $\theta$ -continuity implies weak continuity. Vadivel et al. [9]showed that weak- $\omega$ -I-continuity strictly lies between continuity and weak continuity. Therefore, we have the following diagram:

 $\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{continuity} \ \Rightarrow \ \theta\operatorname{-continuity} \\ \ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ \operatorname{weak-} \omega\operatorname{-} I \operatorname{-continuity} \ \Rightarrow \ \operatorname{weak} \operatorname{continuity} \end{array}$ 

**Remark 2.1** By the two examples stated below, we show that  $\theta$ -continuity and weak- $\omega$ -*I*-continuity are independent of each other.

**Example 2.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and I = P(X). Define the function  $f: X \to X$  as  $f = \{(a, e), (b, d), (c, c), (d, b), (e, d)\}$ . Then f is  $\theta$ -continuous but not weak- $\omega$ -I-continuous.

(i) Let x = a, b or  $e \in X$  and  $V = X \in \tau$  such that  $f(x) \in V$ . Then, there exists  $U = X \in \omega(\tau)$  such that  $x \in X = U$  and  $f(ClU) \subseteq X \subseteq ClX = X$ .

(ii) Let  $c \in X$  and  $V = \{c\}$ ,  $V = \{a, c\}$ , or  $V = \{a, b, c\} \in \tau$  such that  $f(c) = c \in V$ . Then there exists a  $\omega$  -open set  $U = \{c\} \subseteq X$  such that  $c \in U$  and  $f(ClU) = f(\{b, c, d, e\}) = \{d, c, b\} \subseteq Cl(\{c\}) = \{b, c, d, e\} \subseteq Cl(\{a, c\}) = X = Cl(\{a, b, c\})$ .

(iii) Let  $d \in X$  and V = X or  $V = \{a, b, c\} \in \tau$  such that  $f(d) = b \in V$ . Then there exists a  $\omega$  -open set  $U = X \subseteq X$  such that  $d \in U$  and  $f(ClU) = f(X) \subseteq X \subseteq Cl(\{a, b, c\}) = X = ClX$ .

By (i), (ii), (iii), f is  $\theta$ -continuous. On the other hand, for  $V = \{a, b, c\} \in \tau$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(\{a, b, c\}) = \{c, d\} \notin \tau$ . Therefore f is not continuous. Then f is not weak- $\omega$ -I-continuous.

**Example 2.3** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{3\}, \{3, 4\}\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a, b\}, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$  and  $I = \{\phi\}$ , Then  $\beta(I, \sigma) = \sigma = \sigma^*$ . Therefore  $CIV = CI^*V$  for every  $V \in \sigma$ . Define the function  $f : X \to Y$  as  $f = \{(1, a), (2, b), (3, c), (4, d)\}$ . Then f is weak- $\omega$ -I-continuous but not  $\theta$ -continuous.

First we show that  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma,I)$  is weak- $\omega$ -I-continuous

(i) Let  $\{1\} \in X$  and  $V = \{a,b\}, V = \{a,b,d\}$  or  $V = Y \in \sigma$  such that  $f(1) = a \in V$ . . Then, there exists a  $\omega$ -open set  $U = \{1,2,3\} \subseteq X$  such that  $\{1\} \in U$  and  $f(U) = \{a,b,c\} \subseteq Cl^*(\{a,b\}) = \{a,b,c\} \subset Cl^*(\{a,b,d\}) = Cl^*(Y) = Y$ .

(ii) Let  $\{2\} \in X$  and  $V = \{b\}$ ,  $V = \{a,b\}, V = \{b,d\}, V = \{a,b,d\}, V = \{b,c,d\}$  or  $V = Y \in \sigma$  such that  $f(2) = b \in V$ . Then there exists a  $\omega$ -open set  $U = \{1,2,3\} \subseteq X$  such that  $\{2\} \in U$  and

 $f(U) = \{a, b, c\} \subseteq Cl^*(\{b\}) = \{a, b, c\} \subseteq Cl^*(\{b, d\}) \subseteq Cl^*(\{a, b, d\}) = Cl^*(\{b, c, d\}) = Cl^*(Y) = Y.$ 

(iii) Let  $\{3\} \in X$  and  $V = \{b, c, d\}$  or  $V = Y \in \sigma$  such that  $f(3) = \{c\} \in V$ . Then there exists a  $\omega$  -open set  $U = \{3\} \subseteq X$  such that  $\{3\} \in U$  and  $f(U) = \{c\} \subseteq Cl^*(\{b, c, d\}) = Cl^*(Y) = Y$ .

(iv) Let  $\{4\} \in X$  and  $V = \{d\}, V = \{b, d\}, V = \{a, b, d\}, V = \{b, c, d\}$  or  $V = Y \in \sigma$ such that  $f(4) = d \in V$ . Then there exists a  $\omega$ -open set  $U = \{3, 4\} \subseteq X$  such that  $\{4\} \in U$ and  $f(U) = \{c, d\} \subseteq Cl^*(\{d\}) = \{c, d\} \subseteq Cl^*(\{b, d\}) = Cl^*(\{a, b, d\}) = Cl^*(\{b, c, d\}) = Cl^*(Y) = Y$ . By (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), f is weakly  $\omega$ -I-continuous.

Now we show that  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is not  $\theta$ -continuous.

Let  $\{1\} \in X$  and  $V = \{a, b\} \in \sigma$  such that  $f(1) = a \in V \in \sigma$ . But, for every open set  $U \subseteq X$  such that  $\{1\} \in U$ , where  $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$  or U = X, ClU = X. Then  $f(ClU) = Y \neq ClV = \{a, b, c\}$ . Therefore  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is not  $\theta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a regular space. Then for a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) f is continuous;
- (b) f is  $\theta$ -continuous;
- (c) f is weakly  $\omega$ -I-c;
- (d) f is weakly continuous.

**Proof** It is shown in Theorem 2 of [6] that if  $(Y, \sigma)$  is regular space, then a function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is weakly continuous if and only if f is continuous.

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  be any ideal topological space such that  $Y - V \subseteq V^*$  for every  $V \in \sigma$ . Then

(a) Every function  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma,I)$  is  $\theta$ -continuous and weakly  $\omega - I - c$ .

(b) A function  $f: (X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma,I)$  is continuous if and only if it is weak  $* - \omega - I - c$ .

**Proof** (a) By hypothesis  $Cl^*(V) = Y$  for every  $V \in \sigma$  and every function f is weakly  $\omega - I - c$ . Furthermore ClV = Y for every  $V \in \sigma$  since  $Cl^*V \subseteq ClV$ . Thus every function f is  $\theta$ -continuous.

(b) By (a), every function  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma,I)$  is weakly  $\omega - I - c$  and hence by Theorem 1.1 f is continuous.

Let  $(X,\tau)$  be a space with an ideal I on X and  $D \subseteq X$ . Then  $I_D = \{D \cap A : A \in I\}$  is obviously an ideal on D.

**Theorem 2.4** If  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma,I)$  is weakly  $\omega - I - c$ , D is a dense subset in the topological space  $(Y,\sigma^*)$  and  $f(X) \subseteq D$ , then  $f:(X,\tau) \to (D,\sigma_D,I_D)$  is weakly  $\omega - I_D - c$ , where  $(D,\sigma_D)$  is a subspace of  $(Y,\sigma)$ .

**Proof** Let  $x \in X$  and W be any open set of D containing f(x). That is  $f(x) \in W \in \sigma_D$ . Then there exists a  $V \in \sigma$  such that  $W = D \cap V$ . Since  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma,I)$  is weakly  $\omega - I - c$  and  $f(x) \in V \in \sigma$ , there exists  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq Cl^*(V)$ . If D is a dense subset in the topological space  $(Y,\sigma^*)$ , then D is a dense subset in the topological space  $(Y,\sigma^*)$ , then D is a dense  $Cl^*D \subseteq ClD$ . Since  $\sigma \subseteq \sigma^*$ ,  $V \in \sigma^*$ . So  $Cl^*(D \cap V) = Cl^*V$  since D is dense. Thus  $f(U) \subseteq Cl^*V \cap f(X) \subseteq Cl^*(D \cap V) \cap D = Cl^*V \cap D$ . Since  $W = D \cap V$ ,  $Cl_D^*W = Cl^*V \cap D$  by **Error! Reference source not found.**, Lemma [4]. So  $f(U) \subseteq Cl_D^*W$ . Hence we obtain that  $f:(X,\tau) \to (D,\sigma_D,I_D)$  is weakly  $\omega - I_D - c$ .

Vadivel et al. [9] also introduced the notions of weakly  $FI^*$  -spaces.

An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be a weakly  $FI^*$ -space if  $ClA \subseteq A^*$  for every  $\omega$ -open set  $A \subseteq X$ .

First we investigate some properties of weakly *FI*<sup>\*</sup>-spaces.

**Theorem 2.5** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space if and only if  $U \notin I$  for every  $U \in \tau - \{\phi\}$ .

**Proof** Necessity. Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an weakly  $FI^*$ -space. Suppose that there exists  $U \in \tau - \{\phi\}$  such that  $U \in I$ . Let  $x \in U$ . Then  $x \in ClU$ . Also since  $x \in U \in \tau$  and  $U \cap U = U \in I$ ,  $x \notin U^*$ . Thus  $ClU \not\subseteq U^*$  and this is contradiction.

Sufficiency. Let  $U \notin I$  for every  $U \in \tau - \{\phi\}$ . Let A be an open subset of X. If  $x \in ClA$  then  $U \cap A \neq \phi$  for each open neighbourhood U of x. Also since  $U \cap A \in \tau - \{\phi\}, U \cap A \notin I$ . Hence we obtain that  $x \in A^*$ . Thus  $ClA \subset A^*$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space.

Recall that an ideal I of subsets of X in an ideal space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is said to be codense if  $\tau \cap I = \{\phi\}$ .

**Corollary 2.1** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space if and only if *I* is codense.

The following Theorem will be useful in the sequel.

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be a weakly  $FI^*$ -space and  $A \in \tau$ . Then the following properties hold:

(a)  $A^* = Cl^*A = (ClA)^* = Cl(A^*) = ClA$ ,

(b)  $Cl^*(ClA) = Cl(Cl^*A) = Cl^*(A^*).$ 

**Proof** (a) If  $A \in \tau$  then  $ClA \subset A^*$  since  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space. Thus  $(ClA)^* \subseteq (A^*)^* \subseteq A^*$  by Lemma 1.1. Also since  $A \subseteq ClA, A^* \subseteq (ClA)^*$  by Lemma 1.1.

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 $A \in \tau$ 

Therefore  $A^* = (ClA)^*$ . Since  $Cl^*A = A \cup A^*$  and  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space,  $Cl^*A = A^*$ . Thus  $Cl(A^*) = A^*$  by Lemma 1.1 (b). Also since  $(X, \tau, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space,  $ClA = A^*$  by Lemma 1.1 (b). Hence we obtain  $A^* = Cl^*A = (ClA)^* = Cl(A^*) = ClA$ .

For (b)  $Cl^{*}(ClA) = (ClA)^{*} \cup ClA = Cl(A^{*}) \cup ClA = Cl(A^{*} \cup A) = Cl(Cl^{*}A) = Cl^{*}(A^{*}).$ 

**Thorem 2.7** Let  $(X,\tau)$  be a regular space and  $(Y,\sigma,I)$  be a weakly  $FI^*$ -space. A function  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma,I)$  is  $\theta$ -continuous if and only if it is weakly  $\omega$ -I-c.

**Proof** Necessity. Let f be  $\theta$ -continuous,  $x \in X$  and V be any open set of Ycontaining f(x). Since f is  $\theta$ -continuous, there exists a  $\omega$ -open neighbourhood U of such that  $f(ClU) \subseteq ClV$ . Then since  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space, x  $f(U) \subset f(ClU) \subset ClV \subset V^* \subset V^* \cup V = Cl^*V$ . Thus f is weakly  $\omega - I - c$ .

Sufficiency. Let f be weakly  $\omega - I - c$ ,  $x \in X$  and V be an open set of Ycontaining f(x). Since f is weakly  $\omega - I - c$  there exists a  $\omega$ -open neighbourhood U of x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Cl^*(V)$ . Since  $\sigma \subseteq \sigma^*$ ,  $f(U) \subseteq Cl^*(V) \subseteq Cl(V)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is a regular space, there exists an open neighbourhood H of x such that  $x \in H \subset ClH \subset U$ . Then  $f(ClH) \subset ClV$ . Thus f is  $\theta$ -continuous.

**Corollary 2.2** Let  $(X,\tau)$  be a regular space and  $(Y,\sigma,I)$  be a weakly  $FI^*$ -space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) f is  $\theta$ -continuous;
- (b) f is weakly  $\omega$ -I-c;
- (c) f is weakly continuous.
  - **Proof** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). This is shown in Theorem 2.7

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). It is shown in Remark 3.1 of [9] that every weakly  $\omega$ -*I*-*c* function is weakly continuous.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $x \in X$  and V be any open neighbourhood of f(x). Since f is weakly continuous, there exists a  $\omega$ -open neighbourhood U of x such that  $f(U) \subseteq ClV$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space, by Theorem 2.6 we have  $f(U) \subseteq Cl^*V$ . This shows that f is weakly  $\omega$ -*I*-*c*.

Theorem 2.8 Let  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  be a weakly  $FI^*$  -space. For a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) f is weakly  $\omega$ -I-c;
- (b) f is weakly continuous;
- (c)  $Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl^*(V))$  for every  $V \in \sigma$ .

**Proof** (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b). This follows from Remark 3.1 of 2.9 and the proof of (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) in Corollary 2.2.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Let f be weakly continuous. By Theorem 4 of [7],  $Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(V))$  for every open set V of Y. Since  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space, by Theorem 2.6 we obtain  $Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(Cl^*(V))$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let V be any open set of Y. Since  $(Y, \sigma, I)$  is a weakly  $FI^*$ -space,  $Cl^{*}(V) = Cl(V)$  and hence we have  $Cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(ClV)$ . It follows from Theorem 7 of [8] that f is weakly continuous.

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