

# On $\alpha\omega$ -LC Continuous Maps In Topological Spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study some distinct notions of  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* continuous functions are introduced and we discuss some of their properties.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Kuratowski and Sierpinski[11] introduced the notion of locally closed sets and locally continuous in topological spaces. According to Bourbaki [6], a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is locally closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if it is the intersection of an open set and a closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Stone[14] has used the term FG for a locally closed subset. Ganster and Reilly[9] have introduced locally closed sets, which are weaker forms of both closed and open sets. After that Balachandran et al [2,3], Gnanambal[10], Arockiarani et al[1], Pusphalatha[12] and Sheik John[13] have introduced  $\alpha$ -locally closed, generalized locally closed, semi locally closed, semi generalized locally closed, regular generalized locally closed, strongly locally closed and w- locally closed sets and their continuous maps in topological space respectively. Recently as a generalization of closed sets  $\alpha\omega$ -closed sets and  $\alpha\omega$ -continuous maps were introduced and studied by R.S. Wali et[4,5]

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \mu)$  ( or simply  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ ) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $Cl(A)$ ,  $Int(A)$ ,  $\alpha Cl(A)$  and  $A^c$  denote the closure of  $A$ , the interior of  $A$ , the  $\alpha$ -closure of  $A$  and the compliment of  $A$  in  $X$  respectively.

We recall the following definitions, which are useful in the sequel.

### DEFINITION 2.1

- A subset  $A$  of topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a
- ✓ locally closed (briefly LC or lc ) set [7] if  $A=U \cap F$ , where  $U$  is open and  $F$  is closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓ rw-closed set [13] if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular semi-open.
  - ✓  $\alpha\omega$ -closed set [11] if  $\alpha Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -open.
  - ✓  $\alpha g$ -locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha g$ -open and  $F$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓  $\alpha$ -locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$ , where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open and  $F$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓ wg-locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$ , where  $U$  is wg-open and  $F$  wg-closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓ gp-locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$  where  $U$  is gp-open and  $F$  is gp-closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓ gpr-locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$  where  $U$  is gpr-open and  $F$  gpr-closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓ g-locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$  where  $U$  is g-open and  $F$  is g-closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓ rwg-locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$  where  $U$  is rwg-open and  $F$  is rwg-closed in  $X$ .
  - ✓ gspr-locally closed set if  $A=U \cap F$  where  $U$  is gspr-open and  $F$  is gspr-closed in  $X$ .

- ✓  $\omega\alpha$ -locally closed set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is  $\omega\alpha$ -open and  $F$  is  $\omega\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ .
- ✓  $\alpha$ gr-locally closed set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is  $\alpha$ gr-open and  $F$   $\alpha$ gr-closed in  $X$ .
- ✓ gs- locally closed set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is gs-open and  $F$  is gs-closed in  $X$ .
- ✓ w-lc set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is w-open and  $F$  is w-closed in  $X$ .
- ✓ gprw-lc set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is gprw-open and  $F$  is gprw-closed in  $X$ .
- ✓ rw-lc set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is rw -open and  $F$  is rw -closed in  $X$ .
- ✓  $rg\alpha$ -lc set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is  $rg\alpha$ -open and  $F$  is  $rg\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ .
- ✓  $\alpha\omega$ -LC set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -open and  $F$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .
- ✓  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -open and  $F$  is closed in  $X$ .
- ✓  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* set if  $A=U\cap F$  where  $U$  is open and  $F$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .

#### DEFINITION 2.2

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a

- (i) Sub maximal space [7] if every dense subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii) Door space [8] if every subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is either open or closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii)  $T_{\alpha\omega}$ -space[4] if every  $\alpha\omega$ -closed set is closed

#### DEFINITION 2.3

A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

- (i) LC-continuous [9](resp.  $\alpha$ -continuous [12],  $\alpha$ g-LC-continuous [10]) if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is locally closed (resp.  $\alpha$ -locally closed,  $\alpha$ g-locally closed) set.
- (ii) LC-irresolute [9] if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is locally closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for locally closed set  $G$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

### III. $\alpha\omega$ -LC CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

In this section, we define  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous maps which lies between LC-continuous and  $\alpha$ gLC-continuous functions and study their relations with existing ones. We also define  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* continuous maps,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* continuous maps.

#### DEFINITION 4.1

A function  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  is called  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* continuous) function if  $f^{-1}(G)\in\alpha\omega$ -LC( $X,\tau$ ) (resp.  $f^{-1}(G)\in\alpha\omega$ -LC\*( $X,\tau$ ),  $f^{-1}(G)\in\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*( $X,\tau$ )) for each open set  $G$  of  $(Y,\sigma)$ .

#### THEOREM 4.2

If  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  is LC continuous then  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* continuous and  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* continuous).

*PROOF:* Let  $G$  be open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is LC continuous then  $f^{-1}(G)$  is locally closed set in  $X$ . Every locally closed set is  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set. Therefore  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous.

similarly other proof.

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

#### EXAMPLE 4.3

Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity map  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$ ,  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ LC\*-continuous and  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*-continuous but not LC-continuous, since for the open set  $A = \{b\}\in(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\} \in LC(X, \tau)$ .

#### THEOREM 4.4

If  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$   $\alpha$ LC continuous function then  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous.

*PROOF:* Let  $G$  be open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -LC continuous then  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\alpha$ -locally closed set in  $X$ . Every  $\alpha$ -locally closed set is  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set. Therefore  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous.

Following example shows that converse need not be true.

#### EXAMPLE 4.5

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ . Then the identity map  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ LC-continuous but not  $\alpha$ -lc-continuous, since for the open set  $\{a, b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b, c\}) = \{a, b, c\}$  is not  $\alpha$ lc- set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### THEOREM 4.6

If  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$   $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous function then  $\alpha$ g-LC continuous.

*PROOF:* Let  $G$  be open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous then  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set in  $X$ . Every  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set is  $\alpha$ g-locally closed set. Therefore  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\alpha$ g-locally closed set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha$ g-LC continuous.

Following example shows that converse need not be true.

#### EXAMPLE 4.7

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then the identity map  $f: (X, \tau)\rightarrow(Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha$ g-LC-continuous but not  $\alpha\omega$ -lc-continuous, since for the open set  $\{b\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $\alpha\omega$ -lc-set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### THEOREM 4.8

If  $f: (X, \tau)\rightarrow(Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous (resp  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*-continuous) then  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC -continuous.

*PROOF:* Let  $U$  be open in  $Y$  and  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous or  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous.  $f^{-1}(U)$   $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* set (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* set) in  $X$  s By Every  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* set (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* set) is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC set. Therefore  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ LC - continuous.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following examples.

**EXAMPLE 4.9**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous but not  $\alpha\omega$ LC\*-continuous and not  $\alpha\omega$ LC\*\*\*-continuous. For the open set  $A = \{a,b\} \in (Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a,b\} \notin \alpha\omega$ LC\*( $X, \tau$ ) and  $\{a, b\} \notin \alpha\omega$ LC\*\*\*( $X, \tau$ ).

**REMARK 4.10**

Composition of two  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous) maps need not be  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous) as seen from the following example.

**EXAMPLE 4.11**

Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ ,  $\mu = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b,c\}, Z\}$ . Define a map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  are the identity map. Then both  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\alpha\omega$ -LC -continuous ( $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous) but the composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is not  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous), since for the open set  $A = \{b\}$  in  $(Z, \mu)$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{b\}) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}\{b\}) = f^{-1}\{b\} = \{b\} \notin \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) (resp.  $\{b\} \notin \alpha\omega$ -LC\*( $X, \tau$ ),  $\{b\} \notin \alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*( $X, \tau$ )).

**THEOREM 4.12**

If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous) maps and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  be continuous then  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous) maps.

*PROOF:* Let  $G$  be open set in  $Z$ ,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC closed set since  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  be continuous,  $g^{-1}(G)$  be open set in  $Y$  and also since  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous) maps,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) (resp.  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) \in \alpha\omega$ LC\*( $X, \tau$ ) and  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G)) \in \alpha\omega$ LC\*\*\*( $X, \tau$ )). Therefore  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous) maps.

**IV.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS**

In this section, we define  $\alpha\omega$ -LC irresolute maps,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* irresolute maps,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* irresolute maps and study some of their properties.

**DEFINITION 5.1**

A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\alpha\omega$ -LC irresolute (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* irresolute,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* irresolute) function if  $f^{-1}(G) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) (resp.  $f^{-1}(G) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC\*( $X, \tau$ ),  $f^{-1}(G) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*( $X, \tau$ )) for each  $G \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ ) (resp.  $G \in \alpha\omega$ -LC\*( $Y, \sigma$ ),  $G \in \alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*( $Y, \sigma$ )).

**THEOREM 5.2**

If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -irresolute then  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC irresolute.

*Proof:* Let  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -irresolute and  $V \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ ). Then  $V = U \cup G$  for some  $\alpha\omega$ -open set  $U$  and some  $\alpha\omega$ -closed set  $G$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . we have  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(U \cup G) = f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(G)$ , where  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -open and  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -irresolute. This shows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC irresolute.

**THEOREM 5.3**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be function

- (i) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute then  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous.
- (ii) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* irresolute then  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* continuous
- (iii) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* irresolute) then  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* continuous

*PROOF:* (i) Let  $G$  be open set in  $Y$  and also  $G$  be  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set in  $Y$ , Since  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute then  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -locally closed set in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous.

Similarly (ii) and (iii)

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

**EXAMPLE 5.4**

Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b,c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous and  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*-continuous but not  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute ( resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\* irresolute,  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\* irresolute ), since for the open set  $A = \{b\} \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ ),  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\} \notin \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) (resp.  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) \notin \alpha\omega$ -LC\*( $X, \tau$ ) and  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) \notin \alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*\*( $X, \tau$ )).

**THEOREM 5.5**

Any map defined on a door space is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous (resp  $\alpha\omega$ -LC irresolute).

*Proof:* Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map, where  $(X, \tau)$  be a door-space and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be any topological space. Let  $A \in \sigma$  (resp.  $A \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ )). Then by the assumption on  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is either open or closed. In both cases  $f^{-1}(A) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) and therefore  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC continuous (resp.  $\alpha\omega$ -LC irresolute).

**THEOREM 5.6**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  be any two functions.

- (i) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute and  $g$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous.
- (ii) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-irresolute and  $g$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-continuous.
- (iii) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*-irresolute and  $g$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*-continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*-continuous.

*PROOF:* (i) Let  $U \in (Z, \mu)$ , since  $g$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous,  $g^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ ). Then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) since  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute. So  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ). Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous.

(ii) and (iii) are similar to (i).

**THEOREM 5.7**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  be any two functions

- (i) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute and  $g$  is LC-continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous.
- (ii) If  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute and  $g$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous.

*PROOF:*

- (i) Let  $U \in (Z, \mu)$ , since  $g$  is LC-continuous,  $g^{-1}(U) \in LC(Y, \sigma)$  and  $g^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ ). Then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) since  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute. So  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ). Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous.
- (ii) Let  $U \in (Z, \mu)$ , since  $g$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -O( $Y, \sigma$ ), every  $\alpha\omega$ -open set is  $\alpha\omega$ -lc closed set and  $g^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ ). Then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) since  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute. So  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ). Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-continuous.

**THEOREM 5.8**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  be any two functions.

- (i) If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute.
- (ii) If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-irresolute then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*-irresolute.
- (iii) If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*-irresolute then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \mu)$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC\*\*-irresolute.

*PROOF:* (i) Let  $U \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Z, \mu$ ), since  $g$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $Y, \sigma$ ). Then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ) since  $f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute. So  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U) \in \alpha\omega$ -LC( $X, \tau$ ). Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\alpha\omega$ -LC-irresolute.

(ii) and (iii) are similar to (i).

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