



## A NEW CLASS OF OPEN AND CLOSED MAPPINGS

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**Abstract :** The purpose of this paper is to introduced and study new classes of open and closed functions called  $_ND_\beta$ -open and  $_ND_\beta$ -closed maps by using  $_ND_\beta$ -open and  $_ND_\beta$ -closed [10] sets and establish relationships of these maps with already existing generalized maps. Several properties of these new notions have been discussed and the connections between them are studied.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The present authors introduced the notion of  $_ND_\beta$ -closed,  $_ND_\beta$ -open sets and  $_ND_\beta$ -continuous functions in topological spaces and study some of their properties [10]. Different types of closed and open mappings were studied by various researchers. Generalized closed mappings were introduced and studied by Malghan [13]. Crosseley et.al [5] initiated and studied the notion of  $\beta$ -open and  $\beta$ -closed maps. Misser et al.[49] defined and investigated  $semi^*$ -open and  $semi^*$ -closed maps. Sayed et. al [20] devised the notion of  $D_\alpha$ -open and  $D_\alpha$ -closed maps and enlighten its properties

In this paper, we introduce new classes of maps  $_ND_\beta$ -open and  $_ND_\beta$ -closed maps. We also prove that the composition of two  $_ND_\beta$ -open (resp.  $_ND_\beta$ -closed) maps need not be  $_ND_\beta$ -open (resp.  $_ND_\beta$ -closed). We also establish some properties of  $_ND_\beta$ -open and  $_ND_\beta$ -closed maps.

In the whole paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) represent the non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless explicitly stated. Let  $A \subseteq X$  the closure of  $A$  and interior of  $A$  will be denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  respectively.

Here we recollect all the definitions which will be used in sequel.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  of the space  $X$  is said to be,

- (i) *preopen* [14] if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$  and *preclosed* if  $Cl(Int(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (ii) *semiopen* [11] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$  and *semiclosed* if  $Int(Cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha$ -open [16] if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)))$  and  $\alpha$ -closed if  $Cl(Int(Cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (iv)  $\beta$ -open [1] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$  and  $\beta$ -closed if  $Int(Cl(Int(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (v) *generalized-closed* (briefly *g-closed*) [12] if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$  and *generalized-open* (briefly *g-open*) if  $X \setminus A$  is *g-closed*.
- (vi)  $semi^*$ -closed [17] if  $Int^*(Cl(A)) \subseteq A$  and  $semi^*$ -open [18] if  $A \subseteq Cl^*(Int(A))$ .
- (vii)  $D_\alpha$ -closed [20] if  $Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A))) \subseteq A$  and  $D_\alpha$ -open if  $X \setminus A$  is  $D_\alpha$ -closed.
- (viii)  $_ND_\beta$ -closed [10] if  $Int(Cl^*(Int(A))) \subseteq A$  and  $_ND_\beta$ -open if  $X \setminus A$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be,

- (i)  $\beta$ -continuous [1] if the inverse image of each open set in  $Y$  is  $\beta$ -open in  $X$ .
- (ii) *g-continuous* [4] [15] if the inverse image of each open set in  $Y$  is *g-open* in  $X$ .

- (iii)  $semi^*$ -continuous [19] if the inverse image of each open set in  $Y$  is  $semi^*$ -open in  $X$ .
- (iv)  $D_\alpha$ -continuous [20] if the inverse image of each open set in  $Y$  is  $D_\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .
- (v)  $_ND_\beta$ -continuous [10] if the inverse image of each open set in  $Y$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -open in  $X$ .
- (vi)  $\beta$ -open [1] (resp.  $\beta$ -closed) if the image of each open (resp. closed) set in  $X$  is  $\beta$ -open (resp.  $\beta$ -closed) in  $Y$ .
- (vii)  $g$ -open [13] (resp.  $g$ -closed) if the image of each open (resp. closed) set in  $X$  is  $g$ -open (resp.  $g$ -closed) in  $Y$ .
- (viii)  $semi^*$ -open (resp.  $semi^*$ -closed) [19] if the image of each open (resp. closed) set in  $X$  is  $semi^*$ -open (resp.  $semi^*$ -closed) in  $Y$ .
- (ix)  $D_\alpha$ -open [20] (resp.  $D_\alpha$ -closed) if the image of each open (resp. closed) set in  $X$  is  $D_\alpha$ -open (resp.  $D_\alpha$ -closed) in  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [12] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $T_{1/2}$  if every  $g$ -closed set is closed.

The intersection of all  $g$ -closed sets containing  $A$  [12] is called the  $g$ -closure of  $A$  and denoted by  $Cl^*(A)$  and the  $g$ -interior of  $A$  [12] is the union of all  $g$ -open sets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $Int^*(A)$ . The intersection of all  $_ND_\beta$ -closed sets containing  $A$  [10] is called the  $_ND_\beta$ -closure of  $A$  and denoted by  $_ND_\beta - Cl(A)$  and the  $_ND_\beta$ -interior of  $A$  [10] is the union of all  $_ND_\beta$ -open sets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $_ND_\beta - Int(A)$ .

The collection of all  $_ND_\beta$ -closed (resp. closed,  $D_\alpha$ -closed,  $g$ -closed,  $\beta$ -closed,  $semi^*$ -closed) sets in  $(X, \tau)$  denoted by  $D_\beta C(X)$  (resp.,  $C(X)$ ,  $D_\alpha C(X)$ ,  $GC(X)$ ,  $\beta C(X)$ ,  $semi^* C(X)$ ). The collection of all  $D_\beta$ -open (resp. open,  $D_\alpha$ -open,  $g$ -open,  $\beta$ -open,  $semi^*$ -open) sets in  $(X, \tau)$  denoted by  $D_\beta O(X)$  (resp.  $O(X)$ ,  $D_\alpha O(X)$ ,  $GO(X)$ ,  $\beta O(X)$ ,  $semi^* O(X)$ ). (c.f. [2], [10] [17], [19], [20])

### 3. $_ND_\beta$ -Closed Maps

We introduce the following definition

**Definition 3.1.** A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $_ND_\beta$ -closed if  $f(V)$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed in  $Y$  for each closed set  $V$  in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** (i) Every  $\beta$ -closed map is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

(ii) Every  $g$ -closed map is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

(iii) Every  $semi^*$ -closed map is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

(iv) Every  $D_\alpha$ -closed map is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

**Proof.** (i) The proof follows from the definition and from the Theorem 3.3 of [10] that every  $g$ -closed set is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed

(ii) The proof follows from the definition and from the Theorem 3.3 of [10] that every  $semi^*$ -open set is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

(iii) The proof follows from the definition and from the Theorem 3.3 of [10] that every  $\beta$ -open set is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

(iv) The proof follows from the definition and from the Theorem 3.3 of [10] that every  $D_\alpha$ -closed set is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.

**Remark 3.3.** (i)  $_ND_\beta$ -closed map need not be  $\beta$ -closed. (see the Example 3.4 below)

(ii)  $_ND_\beta$ -closed map need not be  $g$ -closed. (see the Example 3.5 below)

(iii)  $_ND_\beta$ -closed map need not be  $semi^*$ -closed (see the Example 3.6 below)

(iv)  $_ND_\beta$ -closed map need not be  $D_\alpha$ -closed. (see the Example 3.7 below).

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$ ,

$\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{d\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a, b, d\}, \{a\}\}$

then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a topological spaces.

$C(X) = \{Y, \phi, \{c, d\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$   $C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ ,

$GC(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{c\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$

$GO(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{a, b, d\}, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$ ,

$\beta C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{b, c, d\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$ ,

$_ND_\beta C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{b, c, d\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a\}\}$

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map defined by  $f(a)=d$ ,

$f(b)=c$ ,  $f(c)=a$  and  $f(d)=b$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed map, since

the image of each closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed in

$(Y, \sigma)$ . But  $\text{map } f$  is not  $\beta$ -closed, since  $f(\{c, d\}) = \{a, b\}$ , which is not  $\beta$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  be any set with topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Let  $Y = \{x, y, z\}$  with topology  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{y, z\}, \{y\}\}$ , then  $(Y, \sigma)$  be another topological space.

$$C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{b, c\}, \{c\}, \{b\}\}, C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{x\}, \{x, z\}\},$$

$$GC(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{x\}, \{x, y\}, \{x, z\}\}$$

$$ND_{\beta}C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{x\}, \{z\}, \{x, z\}, \{y\}, \{x, y\}\}.$$

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be the function defined by  $f(a) = x$ ,  $f(b) = z$  and  $f(c) = y$  is  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed map, since  $f$  image of each open set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . But  $\text{map } f$  is not  $g$ -closed, since  $f(\{b, c\}) = \{y, z\}$ , which is not  $g$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

$$\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\} \text{ and } Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\},$$

$\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be any two topological space.  $C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{d\}\}$ ,

$$C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{1, 3\}, \{1\}\}.$$

$$GC(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{1, 3\}, \{1\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}\},$$

$$GO(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4\}, \{3\}\},$$

$$\text{Semi}^* C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{1, 3\}, \{1\}, \{3\}\},$$

$$ND_{\beta}C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{1, 3\}, \{1\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{3, 4\}\}.$$

Define a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by,  $f(a) = 2$ ,  $f(b) = 3$ ,  $f(c) = 4$ ,  $f(d) = 1$ , which is a  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed map, since  $f$  image of each closed set is  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

But  $f$  is not  $\text{semi}^*$ -closed map, since

$$f(\{b, c, d\}) = \{1, 3, 4\}, \text{ which is not } \text{semi}^* \text{-closed in } (Y, \sigma).$$

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{y, z\}, \{z\}\}$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.  $C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$ . Let

$$Y = \{r, s, t\} \text{ and } \sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{s, t\}, \{s\}, \{t\}\}, \text{ then } (Y, \sigma) \text{ be a}$$

topological space.  $C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{r\}, \{r, t\}, \{r, s\}\}$ ,

$$GC(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{r\}, \{r, t\}, \{r, s\}\},$$

$$GO(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{s, t\}, \{s\}, \{t\}\}$$

$$D_{\alpha}C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{r\}, \{r, t\}, \{r, s\}\},$$

$$D_{\alpha}O(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{s, t\}, \{s\}, \{t\}\}$$

$$ND_{\beta}(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{r\}, \{r, t\}, \{r, s\}, \{s\}, \{t\}\},$$

$$ND_{\beta}O(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{s, t\}, \{s\}, \{t\}, \{r, s\}, \{r, t\}\}.$$

Let function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  defined by  $f(x) = s$ ,  $f(y) = t$ ,  $f(z) = r$  is  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed map, since the image of each closed set in  $X$  is  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed in  $Y$ , but  $f$  is not  $D_{\alpha}$ -closed, Since  $f(\{x, y\}) = \{s, t\}$ , which is not  $D_{\alpha}$ -closed in  $Y$ .

### Interrelationship

From the above discussions and known results, we have the following implications.

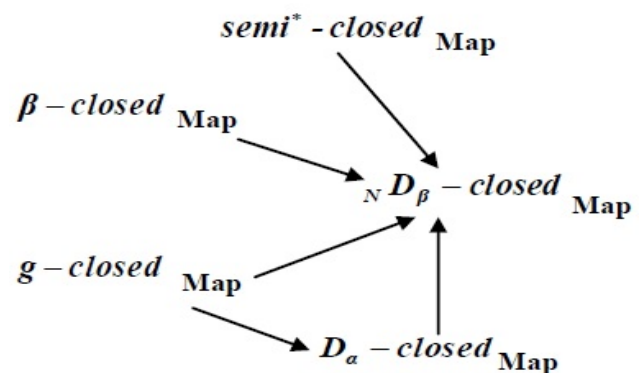


Figure 1

**Remark. 3.8.** The composition of two  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed maps need not be  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed in general. This is shown by the following example.

**Example 3.9.** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{b, c, d\}$  be the sets with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{c, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$  and

$\eta = \{Z, \phi, \{b, d\}, \{d\}\}$ , respectively. Then  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  be the topological spaces.  $C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{b, d\}, \{b\}\}$ ,

$$C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{d\}\}, C(Z) = \{Z, \phi, \{b, c\}, \{c\}\}.$$

We define a map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  as  $f(b) = d$ ,  $f(c) = b$  and  $f(d) = c$  the map  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  as  $g(b) = c$ ,  $g(c) = d$  and  $g(d) = b$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $ND_{\beta}$ -closed maps, but their

composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \sigma)$  is not  $D_{\beta}$ -closed. For, if

$$A = \{b, d\} \text{ be any closed set in } (X, \tau) \text{ and}$$

$$g \circ f(A) = g(f(\{b, d\})) = g(\{c, d\}) = \{b, d\}, \text{ which is not a}$$

$$ND_{\beta} \text{-closed set in } (Z, \eta).$$

**Theorem 3.10.** If  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a closed map and  $g:(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $D_\beta$ -closed map, then their composition  $g \circ f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed map.

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be any closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is a closed map,  $f(G)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $g$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed map,  $g(f(G))$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f(G) = g(f(G))$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed set in  $(Z, \eta)$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** If the space is  $T_{1/2}$ , then every

$D_\alpha$ -closed ( resp.  $ND_\beta$ -closed ) set is  $\alpha$ -closed ( resp.  $\beta$ -closed ).

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be any  $D_\alpha$ -closed ( resp.  $ND_\beta$ -closed ) subset of the space  $X$ , then we have  $(Cl^*(Int(Cl^*(A)))) \subseteq A$  ( resp.  $Int(Cl^*(Int(A))) \subseteq A$  ). Since  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$ -space, every  $g$ -closed set is closed, consequently

$Cl^*(A) = Cl(A)$ . Thus, we get

$Cl(Int(Cl(A))) \subseteq A$  ( resp.  $Int(Cl(Int(A))) \subseteq A$  )

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g:(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any two mappings such that their composition  $g \circ f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping.

Then the following statements are true :

1. If  $f$  is continuous map and surjective, then  $g$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping
2. If  $g$  is  $ND_\beta$ -irresolute map and injective, then  $f$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping.
3. If  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous map, surjective and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{1/2}$ -space, then  $g$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping.

**Proof:** 1. Let  $A$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and therefore  $g \circ f(f^{-1}(A))$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $g$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed map.

2. Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping,  $g \circ f(F)$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is  $ND_\beta$ -irresolute map,  $g^{-1}(g \circ f(F))$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is injective,  $f$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping.

3. Let  $G$  be any closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{1/2}$ -space,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  consequently  $g \circ f(f^{-1}(G))$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . i.e.  $g(G)$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ , since  $f$  is surjective. It implies that  $g$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping..

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be any  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping. Then

$ND_\beta$ -Closure( $f(A)$ )  $\subset$   $f(Cl(A))$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $f$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed map and let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . Since  $Cl(A)$  is the closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(Cl(A))$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . We have  $f(A) \subset f(Cl(A))$ , therefore by Theorem 3.10 of [10]  $ND_\beta$ -Closure( $f(A)$ )  $\subset$   $ND_\beta$ -Closure( $f(Cl(A))$ )  $\rightarrow$  (1). Since  $f(Cl(A))$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed,  $ND_\beta$ -Closure( $f(Cl(A))$ ) =  $f(Cl(A))$ , we have from (1),  $ND_\beta$ -Closure( $f(A)$ )  $\subset$  ( $f(Cl(A))$ ).

**Remark 3.14.** However, the converse of the above Theorem 3.13 need not be true by the following example.

**Example 3.15.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}, \{a\}\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{2\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be topological spaces.  $C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{b, c\}, \{c\}\}$ ,  $C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{1, 3\}, \{1\}\}$ .

$D_\beta C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{b\}\}$ ,  $D_\beta C(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}$ . Let

$f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function defined by  $f(a)=1$ ,  $f(b)=2$ ,  $f(c)=3$ . Then

$ND_\beta$ -Closure( $f(A)$ )  $\subset$  ( $f(Cl(A))$ ) for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ . But  $f$  is not a  $ND_\beta$ -closed mapping, since  $f(\{b, c\}) = \{2, 3\}$ , which is not  $ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

#### 4. $ND_\beta$ -Open Map

**Definition 4.1.** A function  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $ND_\beta$ -open if  $f(V)$  is  $ND_\beta$ -open in  $Y$  for each open set  $V$  in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** (i) Every  $\beta$ -open map is  $ND_\beta$ -open.

(ii) Every  $g$ -open map is  $ND_\beta$ -open.

(iii) Every  $semi^*$ -open is  $ND_\beta$ -open.

(iv) Every  $D_\alpha$ -open map is  $ND_\beta$ -open.

**Proof:-** It is obvious.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be any bijective map, then the following statements are equivalent;

(i)  $f^{-1}$  is  $ND_\beta$ -continuous.

(ii)  $f$  is  $ND_\beta$ -open map.

(iii)  $f$  is  $ND_\beta$ -closed map.

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $V$  be any open set in  $(X, \tau)$ . By assumption  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(V) = f(V)$  is  $ND_\beta$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . This shows that  $f$  is  $ND_\beta$ -open map.

- (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $G$  be any closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $G^c$  is open set in  $(X, \tau)$ , therefore by assumption  $f(G^c) = (f(G))^c$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , consequently  $f(G)$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Hence the map  $f$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed.
- (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $G$  be any closed set in  $(X, \sigma)$ . Then by assumption  $f(G)$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and therefore  $f(G) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(G)$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , therefore  $f^{-1}$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.4.** If a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -open, then  $f(Int(A)) \subset _ND_\beta - Int(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be any  $_ND_\beta$ -open map and suppose  $A$  be any open set in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $Int(A)$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f(Int(A))$  is  $_ND_\beta$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and therefore  $_ND_\beta - Int(f(Int(A))) = f(Int(A)) \rightarrow (1)$ . Since  $Int(A) \subseteq A$ ,  $f(Int(A)) \subseteq f(A)$ , consequently  $_ND_\beta - Int(f(Int(A))) \subset _ND_\beta - Int(f(A))$ . By (1), we have  $f(Int(A)) \subset _ND_\beta - Int(f(A))$ .

**Remark 4.5.** However, the converse of the above

Theorem 4.4 need not be true by the following example.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}, \{a\}\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{2\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be any two topological spaces.

$D_\beta O(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ . Define a

function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = 1$ ,  $f(b) = 2$ ,

$f(c) = 3$ . Then  $f(Int(A)) \subset _ND_\beta - Int(f(A))$  for every

subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ . But the map  $f$  is not  $_ND_\beta$ -open.

**Conclusion-** The notion of lower separation axioms, closed graphs and strongly closed graphs, which are defined in terms  $D_\beta$ -open and  $D_\beta$ -closed sets [9] can also be established by using  $_ND_\beta$ -open and  $_ND_\beta$ -closed sets.

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