

- **-OPEN SETS ON  $\sigma$ -STRUCTURES**

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**Abstract:** The purpose of this paper is to study  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets. Firstly, we define the  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets and some basic properties of them. Secondly, we introduce the notions of  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuous functions and  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open( $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed) functions, and investigate characterizations for such functions by using the  $\sigma$ -interior,  $\sigma$ -closure,  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -interior and  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closure operators. Finally, we investigate the relationships among  $\sigma$ -continuity and  $\sigma$ -semicontinuity,  $\sigma$ -precontinuity and  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuity.

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## 1. Introduction

Császár [1] introduced the notions of generalized topology and generalized open sets as the following: Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\mu$  be a collection of subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\mu$  is called a *generalized topology* (briefly GT) on  $X$  iff  $\emptyset \in \mu$  and

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$G_i \in \mu$  for  $i \in I \neq \emptyset$  implies  $G = \cup_{i \in I} G_i \in \mu$ . The elements of  $\mu$  are called  $\mu$ -open sets and the complements are called  $\mu$ -closed sets. Kim and Min [2] introduced the notion of  $\sigma$ -structures which is an extended notion of generalized topology defined by Császár, and investigated the notion of  $\sigma$ -semiopen sets [3] in the spaces with  $\sigma$ -structures analogous to semi-open sets [5] introduced by Levine on a given topological space. We introduced the notions of  $\sigma$ -semi-interior and  $\sigma$ -semi-closure operators on a space with a  $\sigma$ -structure, and investigated the notions of  $\sigma$ -preopen sets [4],  $\sigma$ -pre-interior and  $\sigma$ -pre-closure operators on a space with a  $\sigma$ -structure. In particular, in [4] we showed that the family  $\sigma PO(X)$  of all  $\sigma$ -preopen sets in  $(X, \sigma)$  is a generalized topology in sense of Császár and the family  $\sigma SO(X)$  of all  $\sigma$ -semiopen subsets is strong but  $\sigma PO(X)$  may not be strong in  $(X, \sigma)$ . We also introduced the notion of  $\sigma$ -continuity [2],  $\sigma$ -semicontinuity [3] and  $\sigma$ -precontinuity [4] on sets with  $\sigma$ -structures, and studied some basic properties of such functions [2,3,4]. The purpose of this paper is to study  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets which are the generalized  $\sigma$ -open sets of  $\sigma$ -semiopen sets and  $\sigma$ -preopen sets. Firstly, we define the  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets and study some basic properties including the following things: (1) The family  $\sigma\beta O(X)$  of all  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets in  $(X, \sigma)$  is a strong  $\sigma$ -structure; (2)  $\sigma\beta O(X)$  is a supratopology [6] but it is not always topology. Then we introduce the notions of  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuous functions and  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open( $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed) functions, and investigate characterizations for such functions. Finally, we study the relationships among  $\sigma$ -continuity,  $\sigma$ -semicontinuity,  $\sigma$ -precontinuity and  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuity.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** ([2]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $\sigma \subseteq 2^X$ . Then  $\sigma$  is called a  $\sigma$ -structure on  $X$  if for  $i \in I \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U_i \in \sigma$  implies  $\cup_{i \in I} U_i \in \sigma$ . The elements of  $\sigma$  are called  $\sigma$ -open sets and the complements are called  $\sigma$ -closed sets.

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, and let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on  $X$ . Then the two operators  $I_\sigma$  and  $C_\sigma$  [2] are defined as the following:

$$I_\sigma(A) = \cup\{S \subseteq X : S \subseteq A, S \text{ is } \sigma\text{-open}\};$$

$$C_\sigma(A) = \cap\{F \subseteq X : A \subseteq F, F \text{ is } \sigma\text{-closed}\}.$$

**Theorem 2.2** ([2]). Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$  and  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then we have the following statements:

$$(1) I_\sigma(\emptyset) = \emptyset; \quad C_\sigma(X) = X;$$

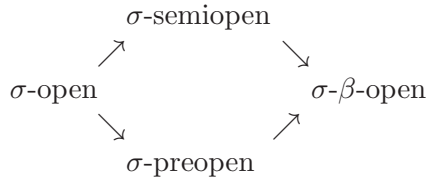
- (2)  $I_\sigma(A) \subseteq A \subseteq C_\sigma(A)$ ;
- (3) if  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $I_\sigma(A) \subseteq I_\sigma(B)$  and  $C_\sigma(A) \subseteq C_\sigma(B)$ ;
- (4)  $I_\sigma(I_\sigma(A)) = I_\sigma(A)$ ;  $C_\sigma(C_\sigma(A)) = C_\sigma(A)$ ;
- (5)  $I_\sigma(A) = X - C_\sigma(X - A)$ ;  $C_\sigma(A) = X - I_\sigma(X - A)$ ;
- (6)  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -open iff  $A = I_\sigma(A)$  for  $A \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (7)  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -closed iff  $A = C_\sigma(A)$  for  $A \neq X$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a  $\sigma$ -semiopen set [3] (resp.,  $\sigma$ -preopen set [4]) if  $A \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))$  (resp.,  $A \subseteq I_\sigma(C_\sigma(A))$ ). The complement of a  $\sigma$ -semiopen set is called a  $\sigma$ -semiclosed set (resp.,  $\sigma$ -preclosed set). The family of all  $\sigma$ -semiopen (resp.,  $\sigma$ -preopen) sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $\sigma SO(X)$  (resp.,  $\sigma PO(X)$ ).

### 3. Main Results

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set if  $A \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(A)))$ . The complement of a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set is called a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed set. The family of all  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $\sigma\beta O(X)$ .

In [4], we have shown that every  $\sigma$ -open set is both  $\sigma$ -preopen and  $\sigma$ -semiopen but the converse is not be true always; moreover, there is no any relation of implication between  $\sigma$ -preopen sets and  $\sigma$ -semiopen sets. From these facts and Definition 3.1, obviously we have the following diagram:



In the next example, we can show that a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set may not be  $\sigma$ -preopen or  $\sigma$ -semiopen:

**Example 3.2.** (1) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  a  $\sigma$ -structure in  $X$ . For  $A = \{b, c\}$ , we know that  $C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(A))) = \{b, c\}$  and  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(A)) = \{b\}$ . So  $A$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open but it is not  $\sigma$ -preopen.

(2) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  a  $\sigma$ -structure in  $X$ . For  $A = \{a, c\}$ ,  $C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(A))) = X$  and  $C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A)) = \emptyset$ . So  $A$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open but not  $\sigma$ -semiopen.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$ . Then we have the following:*

- (1)  $\emptyset$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open;
- (2)  $X$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open;
- (3) any union of  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.

*Proof.* (1) Obvious.

(2) In case  $\emptyset$  or  $X \in \sigma$ : We have  $C_\sigma(X) = X$  or  $I_\sigma(X) = X$ . It implies that  $X \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(X)))$ , and so  $X$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.

In case  $\emptyset, X \notin \sigma$ : Obviously  $C_\sigma(X) = X$  and  $S = \cup_{U \in \sigma} U \neq X$ ; then  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(X)) = I_\sigma(X) = S \subset X$ . Since there is no any  $\sigma$ -closed subset containing  $S$ ,  $C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(X))) = C_\sigma(S) = X$ , that is,  $X \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(X)))$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.

(3) Obvious. □

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A subclass  $\sigma \subseteq 2^X$  is called a *supratopology* on  $X$  [6] if  $\emptyset, X \in \sigma$  and  $\sigma$  is closed under arbitrary union.  $(X, \sigma)$  is called a *supratopological space*. Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$ . The  $\sigma$ -structure  $\sigma$  is said to be *strong* [4] if  $X \in \sigma$ . Clearly, topology and supratopology are a kind of strong  $\sigma$ -structures. In [4], we showed that the family  $\sigma SO(X)$  of all  $\sigma$ -semiopen subsets is strong but  $\sigma PO(X)$  may not be strong in  $(X, \sigma)$ .

**Remark 3.4.** Let  $X$  be any space with a  $\sigma$ -structure.

(1) From Theorem 3.3, it follows that the family  $\sigma\beta O(X)$  of all  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets is a strong  $\sigma$ -structure; moreover, it is supratopology:

(2) The intersection of any two  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open subsets may not be  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open as shown in the next example, so the family  $\sigma\beta O(X)$  is not always a topology.

**Example 3.5.** In (2) of Example 3.2, consider two  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets  $A = \{a, c\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$ . Note that for  $A \cap B = \{c\}$ ,  $C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(A \cap B))) = C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(\{c\}))) = C_\sigma(I_\sigma(\{c\})) = C_\sigma(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ . So the intersection  $A \cap B$  of  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  is not  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed set if and only if  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))) \subseteq A$ .*

*Proof.* Firstly, by Theorem 2.2,  $X - I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))) = C_\sigma(X - C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))) = C_\sigma(I_\sigma(X - I_\sigma(A))) = C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(X - A)))$ . Let  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))) \subseteq A$ . Then  $X - A \subseteq X - I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))) = C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(X - A)))$  and so  $X - A$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open. Finally, we have that  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed set if and only if  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))) \subseteq A$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$ . For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closure and the  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -interior of  $A$ , denoted by  $\beta C_\sigma(A)$  and  $\beta I_\sigma(A)$ , respectively, are defined as the following:

$$\beta C_\sigma(A) = \cap \{F : A \subseteq F, F \text{ is } \sigma\text{-}\beta\text{-closed in } X\};$$

$$\beta I_\sigma(A) = \cup \{U : U \subseteq A, U \text{ is } \sigma\text{-}\beta\text{-open in } X\}.$$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$  and  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then we have the following statements:*

- (1)  $I_\sigma(A) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(A) \subseteq A$  and  $A \subseteq \beta C_\sigma(A) \subseteq C_\sigma(A)$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\beta I_\sigma(A) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(B)$  and  $\beta C_\sigma(A) \subseteq \beta C_\sigma(B)$ .
- (3)  $A$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open iff  $\beta I_\sigma(A) = A$ .
- (4)  $F$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed iff  $\beta C_\sigma(F) = F$ .
- (5)  $\beta I_\sigma(\beta I_\sigma(A)) = \beta I_\sigma(A)$  and  $\beta C_\sigma(\beta C_\sigma(A)) = \beta C_\sigma(A)$ .
- (6)  $\beta C_\sigma(X - A) = X - \beta I_\sigma(A)$  and  $\beta I_\sigma(X - A) = X - \beta C_\sigma(A)$ .

*Proof.* It is easily obtained from Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then*

- (1)  $x \in \beta C_\sigma(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$ .
- (2)  $x \in \beta I_\sigma(A)$  if and only if there exists an  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq A$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that there is a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $A \cap V = \emptyset$ . Then  $X - V$  is a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed set satisfying  $A \subseteq X - V$  and  $x \notin X - V$ . Finally,  $x \notin \beta C_\sigma(A)$ .

The converse is obvious.

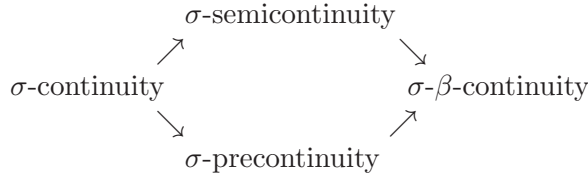
- (2) Obvious.  $\square$

**Definition 3.10.** Let  $\sigma, \sigma'$  be  $\sigma$ -structures on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Then a function  $f : (X, \sigma) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma')$  is said to be  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuous if for each  $x$  and each  $\sigma$ -open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

Let  $\sigma, \sigma'$  be  $\sigma$ -structures on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Then a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (1)  $\sigma$ -continuous [2] if  $f^{-1}(G) \in \sigma$  for every non empty set  $G \in \sigma'$ ;
- (2)  $\sigma$ -semicontinuous [3] if for each  $x$  and each  $\sigma$ -open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\sigma$ -semiopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ ;
- (3)  $\sigma$ -precontinuous [4] if for each  $x$  and each  $\sigma$ -open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\sigma$ -preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

Then by Definition 3.10 and Remark 3.12 of [4], we have the diagram below:



**Example 3.11.** As in Example 3.2, we consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{\{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ .

(1) Let us define a function  $f : (X, \sigma_1) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_2)$  as  $f(x) = x$  for  $x \in X$ . Then  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuous but not  $\sigma$ -precontinuous (See (1) of Example 3.2).

(2) Let us define a function  $g : (X, \sigma_2) \rightarrow (X, \sigma_2)$  as  $g(a) = a$ ;  $g(b) = c$ ;  $g(c) = b$ . Then  $g$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuous but not  $\sigma$ -semicontinuous (See (2) of Example 3.2).

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $f : (X, \sigma_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_Y)$  be a function between  $\sigma$ -structures  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuous.
- (2) For each  $\sigma$ -open subset  $V$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.
- (3) For each  $\sigma$ -closed subset  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed.
- (4)  $f(\beta C_\sigma(A)) \subseteq C_\sigma(f(A))$  for  $A \subseteq X$ .
- (5)  $\beta C_\sigma(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(C_\sigma(B))$  for  $B \subseteq Y$ .
- (6)  $f^{-1}(I_\sigma(B)) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(f^{-1}(B))$  for  $B \subseteq Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $V$  be a  $\sigma$ -open set in  $Y$ . For each  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ , there exists a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set  $U_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . It implies  $f^{-1}(V) = \cup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} U_x$ , and so  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) Obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) For  $A \subseteq X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(C_\sigma(f(A))) &= f^{-1}(\cap\{F \subseteq Y : f(A) \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \sigma\text{-closed}\}) \\ &= \cap\{f^{-1}(F) \subseteq X : A \subseteq f^{-1}(F) \text{ and } f^{-1}(F) \text{ is } \sigma\text{-}\beta\text{-closed}\} \\ &\supseteq \cap\{K \subseteq X : A \subseteq K \text{ and } K \text{ is } \sigma\text{-}\beta\text{-closed}\} \\ &= \beta C_\sigma(A) \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $f(\beta C_\sigma(A)) \subseteq C_\sigma(f(A))$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) For any  $B \subseteq Y$ , by (4),  $f(\beta C_\sigma(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq C_\sigma(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq C_\sigma(B)$ . This implies  $\beta C_\sigma(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(C_\sigma(B))$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) For  $B \subseteq Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(I_\sigma(B)) &= f^{-1}(Y - C_\sigma(Y - B)) \\ &= X - (f^{-1}(C_\sigma(Y - B))) \\ &\subseteq X - \beta C_\sigma(f^{-1}(Y - B)) \\ &= \beta I_\sigma(f^{-1}(B)). \end{aligned}$$

So we have (6).

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma$ -open set containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(I_\sigma(V)) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(f^{-1}(V))$ . By Theorem 3.9, there exists a  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . This implies that  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $\sigma, \sigma'$  be  $\sigma$ -structures on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Then a function  $f : (X, \sigma) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma')$  is said to be  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open (resp.,  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed) if for each  $\sigma$ -open (resp.,  $\sigma$ -closed) set  $V$ ,  $f(V)$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open (resp.,  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed).

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $f : (X, \sigma_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_Y)$  be a function between  $\sigma$ -structures  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.
- (2)  $f(V) \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(f(V))))$  for each  $\sigma$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $f(I_\sigma(B)) \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(f(B))))$  for  $B \subseteq Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) For each  $\sigma$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ , since  $f(V)$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open if and only if  $f(V) \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(f^{-1}(V))))$ , the statement is obtained.

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) Obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $f : (X, \sigma_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_Y)$  be a function between  $\sigma$ -structures  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed.
- (2)  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(f(V)))) \subseteq f(V)$  for each  $\sigma$ -closed set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(f(B)))) \subseteq f(C_\sigma(B))$  for  $B \subseteq Y$ .

*Proof.* It is easily obtained from Lemma 3.6 and Theorem 3.8. □

**Lemma 3.16.** Let  $\sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -structure on a nonempty set  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then we have the following:

- (1)  $I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(A))) \subseteq I_\sigma(C_\sigma(I_\sigma(\beta C_\sigma(A)))) \subseteq \beta C_\sigma(A)$ .
- (2)  $\beta I_\sigma(A) \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(\beta I_\sigma(A)))) \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(A)))$ .

*Proof.* Obvious. □

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $f : (X, \sigma_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_Y)$  be a function between  $\sigma$ -structures  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open.
- (2)  $f(V) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(f(V))$  for each  $\sigma$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $f(I_\sigma(B)) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(f(B))$  for  $B \subseteq Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) By (3) of Theorem 3.8,  $f(V)$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open if and only if  $f(V) = \beta I_\sigma(f(V))$ . So it is obtained.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $B \subseteq Y$ . Then  $I_\sigma(B)$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open and by (2),  $f(I_\sigma(B)) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(f(I_\sigma(B))) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(f(B))$ . So (3) is obtained.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) For  $B \subseteq Y$ , by (3) and Lemma 3.16,  $f(I_\sigma(B)) \subseteq \beta I_\sigma(f(B)) \subseteq C_\sigma(I_\sigma(C_\sigma(f(B))))$ . So by (3) of Theorem 3.14,  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -open. □

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $f : (X, \sigma_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_Y)$  be a function between  $\sigma$ -structures  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is  $\sigma$ - $\beta$ -closed.
- (2)  $\beta C_\sigma(f(V)) \subseteq f(V)$  for each  $\sigma$ -closed set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (3)  $\beta C_\sigma(f(B)) \subseteq f(C_\sigma(B)) \subseteq$  for  $B \subseteq Y$ .

*Proof.* It is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.17. □



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