

# MAXIMAL-MINIMAL FUNCTIONS IN A TOPO-SPACE

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**Abstract:** In this chapter we introduce minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function and maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous functions in topological space as follows. The notions of this chapter are minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute, minimal-maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous and maximal-minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous and their basic properties are studied.

## 1.Introduction:

This section presents an overview of strong and weak forms of minimal closed sets, maximal open and minimal continuous map contributed by various topologists. Nakaoka and Oda [6] have introduced the concepts of minimal closed, maximal open and minimal continuous. Andrijevic [1] gave some properties of  $\alpha$ -closure of a set A is denoted by  $\alpha Cl(A)$ , and defined as intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed sets containing the set A. Dr. Haji M. Hasan[2] introduced maximal  $\alpha$ -open set.

The author of this paper have introduced  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets [4] and  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets [3] in topological spaces. Further we have introduced  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function[5] in a topological space. In this paper we

introduce minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function and maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous functions in topological space as follows. The notions of this chapter are minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous, minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute, maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute, minimal-maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous and maximal-minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous and their basic properties are studied.

## 2. Preliminaries:

**Definition 2.1.** [6] A proper nonempty open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal open set if any open set contained in  $U$  is  $\emptyset$  or  $U$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [6] A proper nonempty open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a maximal open set if any open set containing  $U$  is  $X$  or  $U$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [6] A proper nonempty closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal closed set if any closed set contained in  $F$  is  $\emptyset$  or  $F$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [6] A proper nonempty closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be a maximal closed set if any closed set containing  $F$  is  $X$  or  $F$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** [6] Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $F \subset X$ .  $F$  is a minimal closed set iff  $X - F$  is a maximal open set.

**Theorem 2.6.** [6] Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $U \subset X$ .  $U$  is a minimal open set iff  $X - U$  is a maximal closed set.

**Definition 2.7.** [6] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the topological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a

1. minimal continuous (briefly min-continuous) if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is an open set in  $X$  for every minimal open set  $U$  in  $Y$ .

2. maximal continuous (briefly max-continuous) if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is an open set in  $X$  for every maximal

open set  $U$  in  $Y$  .

3. minimal irresolute (briefly min-irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is minimal open set in  $X$  for every minimal open set  $U$  in  $Y$  .

4. maximal irresolute (briefly max-irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is maximal open set in  $X$  for every maximal open set  $U$  in  $Y$  .

5. minimal-maximal continuous (briefly min-max-continuous) if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is maximal open set in  $X$  for every minimal open set  $U$  in  $Y$  .

6. maximal-minimal continuous (briefly max-min-continuous) if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is minimal open set in  $X$  for every maximal open set  $U$  in  $Y$  .

**Definition 2.8:**  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set [3] if  $cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $D$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.9:** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(H)$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $H$  in  $Y$  .

### 3.Minimal $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets and maximal $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets in Topo-space

**Definition 3.1.** A proper nonempty  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set if any  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set contained in  $U$  is  $\emptyset$  or  $U$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Minimal open set and minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open are independent. It show by the following example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Since  $\{a\}$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set but not minimal open set and  $\{a, b\}$  is minimal open set but not minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

**Theorem 3.4.** Every minimal open set is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set but not conversely.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then the subset  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set but not minimal open set.

**Theorem 3.6.**

- i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set. Then  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U \subset W$ .
- ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets. Then  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $U = V$ .

**Proof.**

i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set. If  $U \cap W = \emptyset$ , then there is nothing to prove. If  $U \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $U \cap W \subset U$ . Since  $U$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set, we have  $U \cap W = U$ . Therefore  $U \subset W$ .

ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets. If  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U \subset V$  and  $V \subset U$  by

(i). Therefore  $U = V$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $V$  be a nonempty finite  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set. Then there exists atleast one (finite) minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be a nonempty finite  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

If  $V$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set, we may set  $U = V$ .

If  $V$  is not a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set, then there exists (finite)  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$  open set  $V_1$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_1 \subset V$ .

If  $V_1$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set, we may set  $U = V_1$ .

If  $V_1$  is not a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set, then there exists (finite)  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set  $V_2$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_2 \subset V_1$ .

Continuing this process, we have a sequence of  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets  $V \supset V_1 \supset V_2 \supset V_3 \supset \dots \supset V_k \supset \dots$

Since  $V$  is a finite set, this process repeats only finitely.

Then finally we get a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set  $U = V_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

We now introduce Maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces as follows.

**Definition 3.8.** A proper nonempty  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set  $F \subset X$  is said to be maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set if any  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set containing  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** A proper nonempty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set iff  $X - F$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a proper maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

Suppose  $X - F$  is not a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

Then there exists  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set  $U \neq X - F$  such that  $\emptyset \neq U \subset X - F$ .

That is  $F \subset X - U$  and  $X - U$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set which is a contradiction for  $F$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

Conversely let  $X - F$  be a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

Suppose  $F$  is not a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$  closed set, then there exists  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set  $E \neq F$  such that  $F \subset E \neq X$ .

That is  $\emptyset \neq X - E \subset X - F$  and  $X - E$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set which is a contradiction for  $X - F$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set. Therefore  $F$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

#### 4. Minimal $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed sets and maximal $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets in Topo space

**Definition 4.1.** A proper nonempty  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set if any  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set contained in  $F$  is  $\emptyset$  or  $F$ .

**Remark 4.2.** Minimal closed set and minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set are independent. It shown by the following example.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ . Since  $\{a\}$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$  closed set but not minimal closed set and  $\{a, c\}$  is minimal closed set but not minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

**Definition 4.4.** A proper nonempty  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set if any  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set containing  $U$  is either  $X$  or  $U$ .

**Remark 4.5.** Maximal open set and maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set are independent. It is shown by the following example.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X$  and  $\tau$  be defined as in the Example 4.2.3. Then  $\{a, b\}$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set but not maximal open set and  $\{b\}$  is maximal open set but not maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

**Theorem 4.7.** A proper nonempty subset  $U$  of  $X$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set iff  $X - U$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be a maximal proper  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

Suppose  $X - U$  is not a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

Then there exists a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set  $F \neq X - U$  such that  $\emptyset \neq F \subset X - U$ .

That is  $U \subset X - F$  and  $X - F$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set which is a contradiction for  $U$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

Conversely, let  $X - U$  be a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

Suppose  $U$  is not a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set.

Then there exists a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set  $E \neq U$  such that  $U \subset E \neq X$ .

That is  $\emptyset \neq X - E \subset X - U$  and  $X - E$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set which is a contradiction for  $X - U$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set.

**Theorem 4.8.**

i) Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set. Then  $F \cup W = X$  or  $W \cup F$ .

ii) Let  $F$  and  $S$  be maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets. Then  $F \cup S = X$  or  $F = S$ .

**Proof.**

i) Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set. If  $F \cup W = X$ , then there is nothing to prove. Suppose  $F \cup W \neq X$ . Then  $F \subseteq F \cup W$ . Therefore  $F \cup W = F$  as  $F$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence  $F \cup W = W \cup F$ .

ii) Let  $F$  and  $S$  be maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open sets. If  $F \cup S \neq X$ , then we have  $F \subseteq S$  and  $S \subseteq F$  by (i). Therefore  $F = S$ .

## 5. Minimal $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous functions and maximal $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous functions

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called

1. minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous (briefly, min- $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  for every minimal open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .
2. maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous (briefly, max- $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  for every maximal open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .
3. minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute (briefly, min- $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  for every minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .
4. maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute (briefly, max- $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  for every maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .
5. minimal-maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous (briefly, min-max- $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  for every minimal open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .
6. maximal-minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous (briefly, max-min- $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  for every maximal open set  $A$  in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** Every continuous function is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function but not conversely.

**Proof.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function.

To prove that  $f$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

Let  $U$  be any minimal open set in  $Y$ .

Since every minimal open set is an open set and every open set is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set,  $U$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ .

Hence  $f$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Example 5.3.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  be with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\mu = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by an  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = c$ . Then  $f$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function but

it is not a continuous function, since for the open set  $\{b\}$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$  which is not an open set in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of each maximal closed set in  $Y$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof.** suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous. Let  $F$  be a maximal closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $F^c$  is a minimal open set in  $Y$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(F^c)$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . Since  $(f^{-1}(F))^c = f^{-1}(F^c)$  and so  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ .

Conversely, let  $U$  be a minimal open set in  $Y$ . Then  $U^c$  is maximal closed set in  $Y$ . By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(U^c)$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ . Since  $(f^{-1}(U))^c = f^{-1}(U^c)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.5.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute function and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be any minimal open set in  $Z$ .

Since  $g$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(U)$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ .

Again since  $f$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ .

Hence  $g \circ f$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.6.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the topological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of each minimal closed set in  $Y$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Obviously true by Theorem 5.4.

**Theorem 5.7.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute function and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous functions, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Obviously true by Theorem 5.5.



**Theorem 5.8.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the topological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute if and only if the inverse image of each maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set in  $Y$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Obviously true by Theorem 5.4.

**Theorem 5.9.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute functions, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute function.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be any minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(U)$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Again since  $f$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 5.10.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute functions, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute function.

**Proof.** Obviously true by Theorem 5.9.

**Theorem 5.11.** Every min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function is minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function but not conversely.

**Proof.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function.

Let  $U$  be any minimal open set in  $Y$ .

Since  $f$  is min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ .

Since every maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ .

Hence  $f$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Example 5.12.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be defined as in example 3.5.7. Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  be with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Then  $f$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function but it is not a min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous, since for the minimal open set  $\{a\}$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$  which is not a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.13.** Every max-min  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous

function but not conversely.

**Proof.** Obviously true by theorem 5.11.

**Example 5.14.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be defined as in Example 3.6.3. Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Define a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$  continuous function but it is not a max-min  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous, since for the maximal open set  $\{a, b\}$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, c\}$  which is not a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . **Theorem 5.15.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous functions, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is a min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous function.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be any minimal open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(U)$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Again since  $f$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is a min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.16.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous functions, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be any minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is min-max  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(U)$  is a maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $Y$ . Again since  $f$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -irresolute  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open. Since every maximal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is a minimal  $\widehat{D}_\alpha$ -continuous.

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