



## Relative Softly Normal Spaces

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**Abstract.** In the present paper, we define new classes of normality and regularity called soft normality and soft regularity in relative sense. Relative soft normality is a generalization of relative  $\pi$ -normality and relative almost normality. Further we have to show that Relative soft normality lies between relative almost normality and relative  $k$ -normality and also in relative quasi normality and relative  $k$ -normality. Moreover we investigate a relation among some variants of normality such as relative normality, relative  $\pi$ -normality, relative almost normality, relative quasi normality and relative  $k$ -normality with relative soft normality and obtain a characterization of relative softly normality in terms of other variants of normality.

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### I. Introduction

Arhangel'skii and Ganedi [1] introduced and studied the notion of relative topological properties. Recently, some topologists [1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 13, 18, 19, 20] have worked in relative topology and studied some topological properties in relative sense. Normal spaces were first of all investigated in relative sense by Arhangel'skii [3]. Zaitsev [28] introduced the concept of quasi normality is a generalization of normality and obtained its properties. The concept of almost normality was introduced by Singal and Arya [23]. The notion of mild normality was introduced by Shchepin [21] and, Singal and Singal [22] independently. Arhangel'skii and Ludwig [4] introduced the concepts of  $\alpha$ -normal and  $\beta$ -normal spaces and obtained their properties. Kalantan [14, 15] introduced  $\pi$ -normal spaces and obtained their characterizations. Sharma and Kumar [25] introduced a new class of normal spaces called softly normal and obtained a characterization of softly normal space. Das and Bhat [8] introduced another class of spaces which lies between densely normal spaces and  $\kappa$ -normal spaces. Kumar and Sharma [16] introduced the concepts of softly regular and partly regular spaces and obtained some characterizations of softly regular spaces. Raina and Das [20] introduced the versions of normality such as  $\kappa$ -normality, almost normality, quasi normality and  $\pi$ -normality in a relative sense and prove some of their properties and obtain a relation with one another.

### II. Preliminaries

Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $A \subset X$ . Throughout the present paper the **closure** of a set  $A$  will be denoted by  $\text{cl}(A)$  and the **interior** by  $\text{int}(A)$ . A set  $U \subset X$  is said to be **regularly open** [17] if  $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ . The complement of a regularly open set is called **regularly closed**. The finite union of regular open sets is said to be  **$\pi$ -open** [28]. The complement of a  $\pi$ -open set is said to be  **$\pi$ -closed**. A space  $X$  is said to be  **$k$ -normal** [21] (**mildly normal** [22]) if for every pair of disjoint regularly closed sets  $E, F$  of  $X$  there exist disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $E \subset U$  and  $F \subset V$ . A space  $X$  is said to be **almost normal** [23] if for every pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  one of which is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ . A space  $X$  is said to be  **$\pi$ -normal** [14, 15] if for every pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$ , one of which is  $\pi$ -closed, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ . A space  $X$  is said to be **almost regular** [24] if for every regularly closed set  $A$  and a point  $x \notin A$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ . A topological space is said to be **softly regular** [16] if for every  $\pi$ -closed set  $A$  and a point  $x \notin A$ , there exist two open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $A \subset V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . A space  $X$  is called

**almost  $\beta$ -normal** [9] if for every pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$ , one of which is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $\text{cl}(U \cap A) = A$ ,  $\text{cl}(V \cap B) = B$ , and  $\text{cl}(U) \cap \text{cl}(V) = \phi$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $Y \subset X$ .  $Y$  is said to be:

1. **relatively  $T_1$**  [1] in  $X$  if for every  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{y\}$  is closed in  $X$ .
2. **normal** in  $X$  or **relatively normal** [1] in  $X$ , if for each pair  $A, B$  of disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ , there are disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $B \cap Y \subset V$ .
3. **strongly normal** in  $X$  or **relatively strongly normal** [1] in  $X$ , if for each pair  $A, B$  of disjoint closed sets in  $Y$ , there are disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

**2. Some Variants of Relative Normality**

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then  $Y \subset X$  is said to be:

1. **relative softly normal** in  $X$  if for any two disjoint subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  one of which is  $\pi$ -closed and other is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $B \cap Y \subset V$ .
2. **relative  $\kappa$ -normal** [20] in  $X$  if for every pair of disjoint regularly closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $B \cap Y \subset V$ .
3. **relative almost normal** [20] in  $X$  if for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  one of which is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $B \cap Y \subset V$ .
4. **relative quasi normal** [20] in  $X$  if for any two disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $B \cap Y \subset V$ .
5. **relative  $\pi$ -normal** [20] in  $X$  if for any two disjoint subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  one of which is  $\pi$ -closed and other is closed, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $B \cap Y \subset V$ .

It is clear from the definitions that if  $X$  is softly normal ( $\kappa$ -normal, almost normal, quasi normal,  $\pi$ -normal), then  $Y \subset X$  is relative softly normal (relative  $\kappa$ -normal, relative almost normal, relative quasi normal, relative  $\pi$ -normal respectively) in  $X$ .

The following example shows that none of the converses are true.

**Example 2.2.** [20, 26] Let  $X$  be the set of integers. Define a topology  $\mathfrak{S}$  on  $X$ , where every odd integer is open and a set  $U$  is open if for every even integer  $p \in U$ , the successor and the predecessor of  $p$  also belong to  $U$ . Let  $Y$  be the set of all odd integers. Then  $Y$  is relative  $\kappa$ -normal, relative almost normal, relative quasi normal, relative softly normal as well as relative  $\pi$ -normal in  $X$ . But  $X$  is none of the absolute forms of these properties because  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{6, 7, 8\}$  are disjoint regularly closed sets in  $X$  which are  $\pi$ -closed as well and there do not exist disjoint open sets in  $X$  separating them.

**Note.** If  $Y$  is  $\kappa$ -normal (almost normal, quasi normal,  $\pi$ -normal, softly normal) in itself that is with respect to the subspace topology, then  $Y$  need not be relative  $\kappa$ -normal (relative almost normal, relative quasi normal, relative  $\pi$ -normal, relative softly normal) in  $X$  respectively. See the following example.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X$  be the set of integers with the topology defined in Example 2.2. Let  $Y$  be the set of all even integers. Then  $Y$  has discrete topology. So  $Y$  is a normal space and hence  $Y$  is  $\kappa$ -normal as well as quasi normal, softly normal and  $\pi$ -normal in itself but  $Y$  is none of the relative forms of any of these variants in  $X$  because  $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{6, 7, 8\}$  are disjoint regularly closed sets which are  $\pi$ -closed as well in  $X$  and there do not exist disjoint open sets in  $X$  separating  $A \cap Y = \{2, 4\}$  and  $B \cap Y = \{6, 8\}$ .

**Example 2.4.**[20] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_X = \{ \phi, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, X \}$ . Let  $Y = \{1, 3, 4\}$ . It is clear that  $Y$  is almost normal in itself, i.e. with respect to the subspace topology but it is not relative almost normal in  $X$  because  $\{3, 4\}$  is regularly closed set in  $X$  and  $\{1\}$  is closed in  $X$  such that  $\{3, 4\} \cap Y = \{3, 4\}$  and  $\{1\} \cap Y = \{1\}$  cannot be separated by disjoint open sets in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $Y \subset X$ . If  $Y$  is relative softly normal in  $X$ , then:

- (i) for every  $\pi$ -closed subset  $A$  and every regularly open subset  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subset B$ , there exists an open set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U \subset \text{cl}(U) \subset B \cup (X - Y)$ .
- (ii) for every regularly closed subset  $A$  and every  $\pi$ -open subset  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subset B$ , there exists an open set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U \subset \text{cl}(U) \subset B \cup (X - Y)$ .

**Proof. (i).** Let  $A$  be a  $\pi$ -closed subset and  $B$  be a regularly open subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subset B$ . Then  $X - B$  is regularly closed subset of  $X$  and  $A \cap (X - B) = \phi$ . Since  $Y$  is softly normal in  $X$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $(X - B) \cap Y \subset V$ . Thus,  $(X - V) \subset B \cup (X - Y)$ . So,  $A \cap Y \subset U \subset (X - V) \subset B \cup (X - Y)$ . Since  $X - V$  is a closed set containing  $U$  and  $\text{cl}(U)$  is a smallest closed set containing  $U$ ,  $A \cap Y \subset U \subset \text{cl}(U) \subset B \cup (X - Y)$ .

To prove (ii), let  $A$  be a regularly closed subset of  $X$  and  $B$  be a  $\pi$ -open subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subset B$ . Then  $X - A$  is regularly open set containing closed set  $X - B$ . By (i), there is an open set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $(X - B) \cap Y \subset U \subset \text{cl}(U) \subset (X - A) \cup (X - Y)$ . Thus  $A \cap Y \subset X - \text{cl}(U) \subset X - U \subset B \cup (X - Y)$ . Let  $X - \text{cl}(U) = V$ . Then  $V$  is open in  $X$  and  $A \cap Y \subset V \subset \text{cl}(V) \subset B \cup (X - Y)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be **concentrated** [2] on  $Y$  if  $A$  is contained in the closure in  $X$  of the trace  $A \cap Y$  of the set  $A$  on  $Y$ . A space  $X$  is normal on  $Y$  if every two disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  concentrated on  $Y$  can be separated by disjoint open neighborhoods in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A space  $X$  is called **densely normal** [2] if there exists a dense subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  such that  $X$  is normal on  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.8.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be **strongly concentrated** [8] on  $Y$  if  $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(A \cap Y))$ . Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then  $X$  is said to be **weakly normal** on  $Y$  if for every disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  strongly concentrated on  $Y$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.9.** A space is said to be **weakly densely normal** [8] if there exists a proper dense subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  such that  $X$  is weakly normal on  $Y$ .

Recall that a space  $X$  is called **extremally disconnected** if it is  $T_1$  and the closure of any open set in  $X$  is open. Any  $\pi$ -open ( $\pi$ -closed) subset of an extremally disconnected space is an open domain (closed domain). Any extremally disconnected space is  $\pi$ -normal space [14]. Also a space  $X$  is called **weakly extremally disconnected** [15] if the closure of any open set is open. In a weakly extremally disconnected space any regularly closed set is clopen. Every weakly extremally disconnected space is almost normal [15].

**Theorem 2.10.** Every subset of an extremally disconnected space is relative softly normal.

**Theorem 2.11.** Every subset of a weakly extremally disconnected space is relative softly normal.

**Theorem 2.12.**  $Y \subset X$  is relative softly normal in  $X$  if for every pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  one of which is regularly closed and other is  $\pi$ -closed in  $X$ , there exists a continuous function  $f$  on  $X$  into closed interval  $[0, 1]$  such that  $f(A \cap Y) = \{0\}$  and  $f(B \cap Y) = \{1\}$ .

**Definition 2.13.**  $Y \subset X$  is said to be **relative almost regular** [19] in  $X$  if for every regularly closed set  $A$  in  $X$  and a point  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \notin A$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $y \in V$ .

**Definition 2.14.**  $Y \subset X$  is said to be **relative softly regular** in  $X$  if for every  $\pi$ -closed set  $A$  in  $X$  and a point  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \notin A$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset U$  and  $y \in V$ .

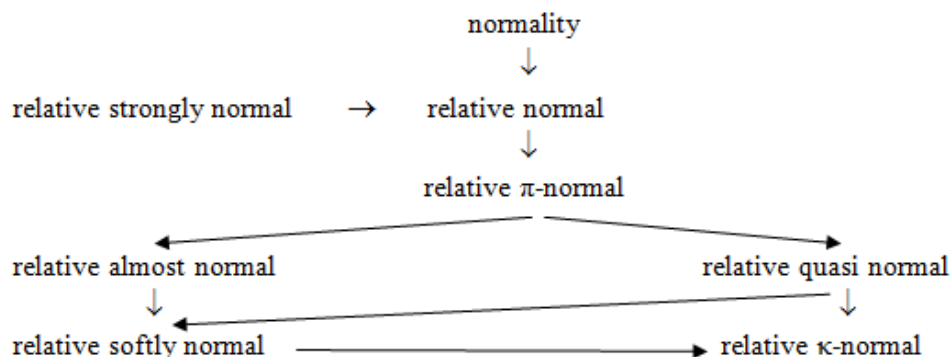
**Theorem 2.15.** If  $Y$  is relative  $\pi$ -normal and relative  $T_1$  in  $X$ , then  $Y$  is relative softly regular.

In general relative almost normality does not necessarily imply relative almost regularity. See the following example.

**Example 2.16.** Let  $X = \{p, q, r\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, X\}$ . Let  $Y = \{p, r\}$ . Here, the set  $\{q, r\}$  is regularly closed in  $X$  and  $p \in Y$  such that  $p \notin \{q, r\}$ . But  $p$  and  $\{q, r\} \cap Y = \{r\}$  can not be separated by two disjoint open sets in  $X$ . Hence  $Y$  is not relative almost regular in  $X$ . But  $Y$  is relative almost normal in  $X$  as there is no pair of disjoint closed sets in  $X$ .

### III. Interrelations

From the above definitions and examples, the interrelations shown in the following diagram follows immediately.



Where none of the implications is reversible:

### IV. Normal Spaces where all these Variants are Equivalent

**Definition 4.1.** A space  $X$  is said to be  **$\beta$ -normal** [4] if for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  there exist open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap U$  is dense in  $A$ ,  $B \cap V$  is dense in  $B$ , and  $\text{cl}(U) \cap \text{cl}(V) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $X$  be a  $\beta$ -normal space. Then following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $Y$  is relative normal in  $X$ .
- (ii)  $Y$  is relative  $\pi$ -normal in  $X$ .
- (iii)  $Y$  is relative almost normal in  $X$ .

- (iv)  $Y$  is relative quasi normal in  $X$ .
- (v)  $Y$  is relative softly normal in  $X$ .
- (vi)  $Y$  is relative  $\kappa$ -normal in  $X$ .

**Proof.** The implications (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) and (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) are obvious from the interrelations.

To prove (vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), let  $A$  and  $B$  be two closed sets in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\beta$ -normal, there exist open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $\text{cl}(U) \cap \text{cl}(V) = \phi$ ,  $\text{cl}(U \cap A) = A$ , and  $\text{cl}(V \cap B) = B$ . So,  $\text{cl}(U)$  and  $\text{cl}(V)$  are disjoint regularly closed sets such that  $A \subset \text{cl}(U)$  and  $B \subset \text{cl}(V)$ . Which implies  $A \cap Y \subset \text{cl}(U) \cap Y$  and  $B \cap Y \subset \text{cl}(V) \cap Y$ . Since  $Y$  is relative  $\kappa$ -normal in  $X$ , there exist disjoint open subsets  $U_1$  and  $V_2$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset \text{cl}(U) \cap Y \cap U_1$  and  $B \cap Y \subset \text{cl}(V) \cap Y \subset V_1$ . Hence  $Y$  is relative normal in  $X$ .

**Definition 4.3.** A space is said to be **seminormal** [27] if for every closed set  $F$  and each open set  $U$  containing  $F$ , there exists a regular open set  $V$  such that  $F \subset V \subset U$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $X$  be a seminormal space. Then following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $Y$  is relative normal in  $X$ .
- (ii)  $Y$  is relative  $\pi$ -normal in  $X$ .
- (iii)  $Y$  is relative almost normal in  $X$ .
- (iv)  $Y$  is relative quasi normal in  $X$ .
- (v)  $Y$  is relative softly normal in  $X$ .
- (vi)  $Y$  is relative  $\kappa$ -normal in  $X$ .

**Proof.** The implications (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) and (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) are obvious.

To prove (vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), let  $A$  and  $B$  be two disjoint closed sets in  $X$ . Then  $X - B$  is an open set containing  $A$ . Since  $X$  is seminormal, there exists a regularly open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $A \subset U \subset X - B$ . Now  $X - U$  is a regularly closed set contained in the open set  $X - A$ . Again by seminormality of  $X$ , there exists a regularly open set  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $X - U \subset V \subset X - A$ . Here,  $X - V$  and  $X - U$  are disjoint regularly closed sets in  $X$  such that  $A \subset X - V$  and  $B \subset X - U$ . Thus,  $A \cap Y \subset (X - V) \cap Y$  and  $B \cap Y \subset (X - U) \cap Y$ . Since  $Y$  is relative  $\kappa$ -normal in  $X$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $A \cap Y \subset (X - V) \cap Y \subset P$  and  $B \cap Y \subset (X - U) \cap Y \subset Q$ . Hence  $Y$  is relative normal in  $X$ .

**Definition 4.5.** A space is said to be **almost  $\beta$ -normal** [9] if for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , one of which is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap U$  is dense in  $A$ ,  $B \cap V$  is dense in  $B$ , and  $\text{cl}(U) \cap \text{cl}(V) = \phi$ .

**Definition 4.6.**  $Y \subset X$  is said to be **relative  $\beta$ -normal** [10] in  $X$  or  $\beta$ -normal in  $X$  if for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $(A \cap Y) \cap U$  is dense in  $A \cap Y$  and  $(B \cap Y) \cap V$  is dense in  $B \cap Y$  and  $\text{cl}(U) \cap \text{cl}(V) = \phi$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $Y$  be a relative  $\beta$ -normal space in  $X$ . Then following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $Y$  is relative normal in  $X$ .
- (ii)  $Y$  is relative  $\pi$ -normal in  $X$ .
- (iii)  $Y$  is relative almost normal in  $X$ .
- (iv)  $Y$  is relative quasi normal in  $X$ .
- (v)  $Y$  is relative softly normal in  $X$ .
- (vi)  $Y$  is relative  $\kappa$ -normal in  $X$ .

**Proof.** The implications (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) and (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) are obvious.

**Definition 4.8.**  $Y \subset X$  is said to be **strong  $\beta$ -normal** [10] in  $X$  or **relative strong  $\beta$ -normal** in  $X$  if for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $Y$ , there exist open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap U$  is dense in  $A$  and  $B \cap V$  is dense in  $B$  and  $\text{cl}(U) \cap \text{cl}(V) = \phi$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $Y$  be a relative strong  $\beta$ -normal space in  $X$ . Then following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $Y$  is relative strong normal in  $X$ .
- (ii)  $Y$  is relative normal in  $X$ .
- (iii)  $Y$  is relative  $\pi$ -normal in  $X$ .
- (iv)  $Y$  is relative almost normal in  $X$ .
- (v)  $Y$  is relative quasi normal in  $X$ .
- (vi)  $Y$  is relative softly normal in  $X$ .
- (vii)  $Y$  is relative  $\kappa$ -normal in  $X$ .

**Proof.** The implications (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (vii) and (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (vii) are obvious.

## V. Conclusion

In the present paper, we define new classes of normality and regularity called soft normality and soft regularity in relative sense. Relative soft normality is a generalization of relative  $\pi$ -normality and relative almost normality. Further we have to show that Relative soft normality lies between relative almost normality and relative  $k$ -normality and also in relative quasi normality and relative  $k$ -normality. Moreover we investigate a relation among some variants of normality with relative soft normality and obtain a characterization of relative softly normality in terms of other variants of normality. This idea can be extended to bitopology, ordered topological, ordered bitopological and fuzzy topological spaces etc.

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