

GENERALIZATION OF SOMEWHAT CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to introduce and study somewhat $sg\alpha$ -continuous functions on generalized topological space.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1963, Levine [2] initiated the study of so-called semi-open sets. The notion has been studied extensively in recent years by many topologists. The notion somewhat continuous functions plays a very important role in topology. By definition, a homeomorphism between two topological spaces X and Y is a bijective map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ when both f and f^{-1} are continuous. As generalization of closed sets, $sg\alpha$ -closed sets were introduced and studied by Rajesh and Krsteska [5]. introduced the concept of generalized closed maps in topological spaces. In this paper, to introduce and study somewhat $sg\alpha$ -continuous functions on topological space.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper (X, τ) and (Y, σ) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , $cl(A)$, $int(A)$ and A^c denote the closure of A , the interior of A and the complement of A , respectively. If $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$, then $cl_B(A)$ and $int_B(A)$ denote the closure of A relative to B and an interior of A relative to B .

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

Definition 2.1: A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

- (i). a semi-open set [3] if $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$ and
- (ii). an α -open set [5] if $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$.

The complement of α -closed set is called α -open. The α -closure [4] of a subset A of X , denoted by $\alpha cl_X(A)$ (briefly $\alpha cl(A)$) is defined to be the intersection of all α -closed sets containing A .

Definition 2.2: A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called a semi-generalized α -closed (briefly $sg\text{-}\alpha$ -closed) set [7] if $\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semi-open in (X, τ) . The complement of $sg\text{-}\alpha$ -closed sets is called $sg\text{-}\alpha$ -open.

2. SOMEWHAT $SG\alpha$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

Definition 2.1. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be somewhat $sg\alpha$ -continuous if for $U \in \sigma$ and $f^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$, there exists a open set V in X such that $V \neq \emptyset$ and $V \subset f^{-1}(U)$.

Definition 2.2. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be $sg\alpha$ -continuous if [1] if for $U \in \sigma$, there exists an open set V in X such that $V \subset f^{-1}(U)$.

It is clear that every $sg\alpha$ -continuous function is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -continuous but the converse is not true as shown by the following examples.

Example 2.3. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$. Then the identity function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -continuous but not $sg\alpha$ -continuous.

Definition 2.4. A subset M of a topological space is said to be $sg\alpha$ -dense in X if there is no proper $sg\alpha$ -closed set C in X such that $M \subset C \subset X$

Theorem 2.5. For a surjective function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -continuous
- (ii) If C is a closed subset of Y such that $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$, then there is a proper $sg\alpha$ -closed subset D of X such that $D \supset f^{-1}(C)$.
- (iii) If A is a open subset of Y such that $f^{-1}(A) \neq X$, then there is a proper $sg\alpha$ -open subset B of X such that $f^{-1}(A) = B$;
- (iv) If M is a $sg\alpha$ -dense subset of X , then $f(M)$ is dense subset of Y .

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let C be a open subset of Y such that $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$. Then $Y \setminus C$ is open set in Y such that $f^{-1}(Y \setminus C) = X \setminus f^{-1}(C) \neq \emptyset$. By (i), there exists a $sg\alpha$ -open set V in X such that $V \neq \emptyset$ and $V \subset f^{-1}(Y \setminus C) = X \setminus f^{-1}(C)$. This means that $X \setminus V \supset f^{-1}(C)$ and $X \setminus V = D$ is a proper $sg\alpha$ -closed set in X .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): If U is open in Y and $f^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$. Then $Y \setminus U$ is closed and $f^{-1}(Y \setminus U) = X \setminus f^{-1}(U) \neq X$. By (ii), there exists a proper $sg\alpha$ -closed set D such that $D \supset f^{-1}(Y \setminus U)$. This implies $X \setminus D \subset f^{-1}(U)$ and $X \setminus D$ is $sg\alpha$ -open and $X \setminus D \neq \emptyset$.

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii): Clear.

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iv): Let M be a $sg\alpha$ -dense set in X . Suppose that $f(M)$ is not dense in Y . Then there exists a proper closed set C in Y such that $f(M) \subset C \subset Y$. Clearly $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$. By (ii), there exists a proper $sg\alpha$ -closed set D such that $M \subset f^{-1}(C) \subset D \subset X$. This is a contradiction to the fact that M is $sg\alpha$ -dense in X .

(iii) \Leftrightarrow (ii): Suppose (ii) is not true. This means that there exists a closed set C in Y such that $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$ but there is no proper $sg\alpha$ -closed set D in X such that $f^{-1}(C) \subset D$. This means that $f^{-1}(C)$ is $sg\alpha$ -dense in X . But by (iii), $f(f^{-1}(C)) = C$ must be dense in Y , which is a contradiction to the choice of C .

Definition 2.6. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open provided that if for every $sg\alpha$ -open set U of X and $U \neq \emptyset$, then there exists a open set V in Y such that $V \neq \emptyset$ and $V \subset f(U)$.

Definition 2.7. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open provided that if U is $sg\alpha$ -open in X and $U \neq \emptyset$, then there exists a open set V in Y such that $V \subset f(U)$.

It is clear that every open function is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open but the converse is not true as the following example shows.

Example 2.8. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$. Then the identity function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open but not open.

Proposition 2.9. For a bijection function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open.
- (ii) If C is a $sg\alpha$ -closed subset of X , such that $f(C) \neq Y$, then there is a closed subset D of Y such that $D \neq Y$ and $D \supset f(C)$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let C be a $sg\alpha$ -closed subset of X such that $f(C) \neq Y$. Then $X \setminus C$ is $sg\alpha$ -open in X and $X \setminus C \neq \emptyset$. Since f is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open, there exists a open set $V \neq \emptyset$ in Y such that $V \subset f(X \setminus C)$. Put $D = Y \setminus V$. Clearly D is closed in Y and we claim $D \neq Y$. If $D = Y$ then $V = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction. Since $V \subset f(X \setminus C)$, $D = Y \setminus V \supset (Y \setminus f(X \setminus C)) = f(C)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Let U be any nonempty $sg\alpha$ -open subset of X . Then $C = X \setminus U$ is a $sg\alpha$ -closed set in X and $f(X \setminus U) = f(C) = Y \setminus f(U)$ implies $f(C) \neq Y$. Therefore, by (ii), there is a closed set D of Y such that $D \neq Y$ and $f(C) \subset D$. Clearly $V = Y \setminus D$ is a open set and $V \neq \emptyset$. Also, $V = Y \setminus D \subset Y \setminus f(C) = Y \setminus f(X \setminus U) = f(U)$.

Proposition 2.10. For a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open.
- (ii) If A is a dense subset of Y , then $f^{-1}(A)$ is a $sg\alpha$ -dense subset of X .

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Suppose A is a dense set in Y . We want to show that $f^{-1}(A)$ is a $sg\alpha$ -dense subset of X . Suppose not, then there exists a $sg\alpha$ -closed set B in X such that $f^{-1}(A) \subset B \subset X$. Since f is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open and $X \setminus B$ is $sg\alpha$ -open, there exists a nonempty $sg\alpha$ -open set C in Y such that $C \subset f(X \setminus B)$. Therefore, $C \subset f(X \setminus B) \subset f(f\Box^{-1}(Y \setminus A)) \subset Y \setminus A$. That is, $A \subset Y \setminus C \subset Y$. Now, $Y \setminus C$ is a closed set and $A \subset Y \setminus C \subset Y$. This implies that A is not a dense set in Y , which is a contradiction. Therefore, $f\Box^{-1}(A)$ must be a $sg\alpha$ -dense set in X .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Suppose A is a nonempty open subset of X . We want to show that $\text{int}(f(A)) \neq \emptyset$. Suppose $\text{int}(f(A)) = \emptyset$. Then $\text{cl}(Y \setminus f(A)) = Y$. Therefore, by (ii), $f\Box^{-1}(Y \setminus f(A))$ is $sg\alpha$ -dense in X . But $f\Box^{-1}(Y \setminus f(A)) \subseteq X \setminus A$. Now $X \setminus A$ is $sg\alpha$ -closed. Therefore, $f\Box^{-1}(Y \setminus f(A)) \subseteq X \setminus A$ gives $X = \text{sg}\alpha\text{cl}(f\Box^{-1}(Y \setminus f(A))) \subseteq X \setminus A$. This implies that $A = \emptyset$, which is contrary to $A \neq \emptyset$. Therefore, $\text{int}(f(A)) \neq \emptyset$. This proves that f is somewhat $sg\alpha$ -open.

Definition 2.11. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be $sg\alpha$ -resolvable if there exists a $sg\alpha$ -dense set A in (X, τ) such that A^c is also $sg\alpha$ -dense in (X, τ) . Otherwise, (X, τ) is called $sg\alpha$ -irresolvable.

Theorem 2.12. For a topological space (X, τ) , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) (X, τ) is $sg\alpha$ -resolvable;
- (ii) (X, τ) has a pair of $sg\alpha$ -dense set A and B such that $A \subseteq B^c$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Suppose that (X, τ) is $sg\alpha$ -resolvable. There exists a $sg\alpha$ -dense set A such that $X \setminus A$ is $sg\alpha$ -dense. Set $B = X \setminus A$, then we have $A \subseteq B^c$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Suppose that the statement (ii) holds. Let (X, τ) be $sg\alpha$ -irresolvable. Then $X \setminus B$ is not $sg\alpha$ -dense and $sg\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \subset \text{sg}\alpha\text{-cl}(X \setminus B) \neq X$. Hence A is not $sg\alpha$ -dense. This contradicts the assumption.

Theorem 2.13. For a topological space (X, τ) , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) (X, τ) is $sg\alpha$ -irresolvable;
- (ii) For any $sg\alpha$ -dense set A in X , $sg\alpha\text{-int}(A) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let A be any $sg\alpha$ -dense set of X . Then $sg\alpha\text{-cl}(X \setminus A) \neq X$; hence $sg\alpha\text{-int}(A) \neq \emptyset$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Suppose that (X, τ) is a μ -resolvable space. Then there exists a $sg\alpha$ -dense set A in (X, μ) such that A^c is also $sg\alpha$ -dense in X . It follows that $sg\alpha\text{-int}(A) \neq \emptyset$, which is a contradiction; hence (X, μ) is $sg\alpha$ -irresolvable.

Theorem 2.14. If $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = X$, where A_i 's are subsets of X such that $sg\alpha\text{-int}(A_i) \neq \emptyset$, then (X, τ) is a $sg\alpha$ -irresolvable.

Proof. By hypothesis, we have $\bigcap_{i=1}^n (X \setminus A_i) = \emptyset$. Then, there must be at least two nonempty disjoint subsets A_i^c and A_j^c in X . That is $A_i^c \cup A_j^c \subset X$. Then $A_i^c = A_j$; hence $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-cl}(A_j) = X$. Also $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-int}(A_j) = \emptyset$ implies that $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-c}(X \setminus A_j) = X$. Therefore, (X, τ) has a $\text{sg}\alpha$ -dense set A_j such that $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-cl}(A_j) = X$. Hence (X, μ) is a $\text{sg}\alpha$ -irresolvable.

Theorem 2.15. If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a somewhat $\text{sg}\alpha$ -open function and $\text{int}(A) = \emptyset$ for a nonempty set A in Y , then $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-int}(f^{-1}(A)) = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let A be a nonempty set in Y such that $\text{int}(A) = \emptyset$. Then $\text{cl}(Y \setminus A) = Y$. Since f is somewhat $\text{sg}\alpha$ -open and $Y \setminus A$ is dense in Y , by Proposition 2.10 $f\boxminus^{-1}(Y \setminus A)$ is $\text{sg}\alpha$ -dense in X . Then, $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-cl}(X \setminus f^{-1}(A)) = X$; hence $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-int}(f\boxminus^{-1}(A)) = \emptyset$.

Theorem 2.16. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a somewhat $\text{sg}\alpha$ -open function. If X is $\text{sg}\alpha$ -irresolvable, then Y is irresolvable.

Proof. Let A be a nonempty set in Y such that $\text{cl}(A) = Y$. We show that $\text{int}(A) = \emptyset$. Suppose not, then $\text{cl}(Y \setminus A) = Y$. Since f is somewhat $\text{sg}\alpha$ -open and $Y \setminus A$ is dense in Y , we have by Proposition 2.10 $f^{-1}(Y \setminus A)$ is dense in X . Then $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-int}(f^{-1}(A)) = \emptyset$. Now, since A is dense in Y , $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\text{sg}\alpha$ -dense in X . Therefore, for the $\text{sg}\alpha$ -dense set $f\boxminus^{-1}(A)$, we have $\text{sg}\alpha\text{-int}(f\boxminus^{-1}(A)) = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction to Theorem 2.13. Hence we must have $\text{int}(A) \neq \emptyset$ for all dense sets A in Y . Hence by Theorem 2.13, Y is irresolvable.

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