

On π gr-Continuous functions.

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Abstract:

The aim of this paper is to consider and characterize π gr-closure, π gr- interior, π gr-continuous and almost π gr-continuous functions and to relate these concepts to the classes of π gr-compact spaces, π gr-connected spaces.

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1.Introduction

Levine [10] initiated the study of so-called generalized closed set(briefly g-closed set).The notion has been studied extensively in recent years by many topologists, because g-closed sets are not only the generalization of closed sets. More importantly, they also suggested several new properties of topological spaces. Later on N.Palaniappan[11,12] studied the concept of regular generalized closed set in topological space. Zaitsev [16]introduced the concept of π -closed sets in topological space. Dontchev.J and Noiri.T[4] introduced the concept of π g-closed set in topological space.

Hussain(1966) [7] ,M.K.Singal and A.R.Singal(1968)[14] introduced the concept of almost continuity in topological spaces. K.Balachandran , P.Sundram and Maki [2] introduced a class of compactness called GO-compact spaces and GO-connected spaces using g-open cover.

Recently Jeyanthi.Vand Janaki.C [9] introduced and studied the properties of π gr-closed sets in topological spaces. The purpose of this paper is to study π gr-closure, π gr- interior, almost π gr-continuous functions and some of its basic properties . Further , we introduce the concepts of π gr-compact spaces , π gr-connected spaces and study their behaviours under π gr-continuous functions.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, X and Y denote the topological spaces (X, τ) and (Y, σ) respectively, on which no separation axioms are assumed.

Let us recall the following definitions which are useful in the sequel.

Definition :2.1

A subset A of a topological space X is said to be

- (i) a regular open[12] if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ and regular closed if $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$
- (ii) π - open [16] if A is the finite union of regular open sets and the complement of π - open is π - closed set in X.

The family of all open sets [regular open, π -open] sets of X will be denoted by $O(X)$ (resp. $RO(X)$, $\pi O(X)$)

Definition :2.2

A subset A of topological space X is said to be

- (1) a generalized closed set [10] (g-closed set) if $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in O(X)$.
- (2) a regular generalized closed [12] (briefly rg-closed set) if $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in RO(X)$.
- (3) a generalized pre regular closed set [5] (briefly gpr -closed set) if $\text{pcl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in RO(X)$.
- (4) a π -generalized closed [4] (briefly π g- closed set) if $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \pi O(X)$.
- (5) a π g α - closed set [8]if $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \pi O(X)$.
- (6) a π^* g-closed set [6]if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \pi O(X)$.
- (7) a π gb-closed set[15] if $\text{bcl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \pi O(X)$.
- (8) a π gp-closed set [13]if $\text{pcl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \pi O(X)$.

- (9) a π gs-closed set [1] if $\text{scl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \pi O(X)$.
 (10) a generalized regular closed set [12] (briefly g-r-closed set) if $\text{rcl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \text{Open in } X$.
 (11) A subset A of X is called π gr- closed set [9] in X if $\text{rcl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is π -open in X . The complement of π gr- closed set is π gr-open set.
 We denote the family of all π gr-closed (resp. π gr-open) sets in X by $\pi\text{GRC}(X)$ (resp. $\pi\text{GRO}(X)$).

Definition :2.3

A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be

- (1) continuous function [10] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for every closed set V in Y .
- (2) regular continuous [12] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X for every closed set V in Y .
- (3) π gr- continuous [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π gr- closed in X for every closed set V of Y .
- (4) almost continuous [14] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for every regular closed set V of Y .
- (5) almost π -continuous [4] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π -closed in X for every regular closed set V in Y .
- (6) almost π gb-continuous [15] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π gb-closed in X for every regular closed set V in Y .
- (7) almost π g α -continuous [8] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π g α -closed in X for every regular closed set V in Y .
- (8) almost π g-continuous [4] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π g-closed in X for every regular closed set V in Y .
- (9) almost π^*g -continuous [6] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π^*g -closed in X for every regular closed set V in Y .
- (10) almost gpr-continuous [5] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gpr-closed in X for every regular closed set V in Y .
- (11) pre-regular closed [12] if $f(F)$ is regular closed in Y for every regular closed set F in X .

Definition: 2.4 .

Regular closure (briefly r-closure) [12] of a set A is defined as the intersection of all regular closed sets containing the set and regular interior (briefly r-interior) [12] of a set A is the union of regular open set contained in the set.

The above are denoted by $\text{rcl}(A)$ and $\text{rint}(A)$

Definition:2.5

A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be

- (1) a irresolute function [1] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for every closed set V in Y .
- (2) an R-map [3] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular-closed in X for every regular closed set V in Y .
- (3) π gr- irresolute [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π gr- closed in X for every π gr- closed set V of Y .

3. π gr –Closure and Interior

Definition: 3.1

For any set $A \subset X$, the π gr-closure of A is defined as the intersection of π gr- closed sets containing A . The complement of π gr-closure is π gr-interior.

We write $\pi\text{gr-cl}(A) = \bigcap \{ F: A \subset F \text{ is } \pi\text{gr-closed in } X \}$

Lemma: 3.2

For an $x \in X$, $x \in \pi\text{gr-cl}(A)$ iff $\bigcap V \neq \emptyset$ for every π gr-open set V containing x .

Proof:

First, let us suppose that there exists a π gr-open set V containing x such that $\bigcap V = \emptyset$.

Since $A \subset X - V$, $\pi\text{gr-cl}(A) \subset X - V$

$\Rightarrow x \notin \pi\text{gr-cl}(A)$, which is a contradiction to the fact that $x \in \pi\text{gr-cl}(A)$. Hence $\bigcap V \neq \emptyset$ for every π gr-open set V containing x .

On the other hand, let $x \notin \pi\text{gr-cl}(A)$. Then there exists a π gr-closed subset F containing A such that $x \notin F$. Then $x \in X - F$ and $X - F$ is π gr-open. Also, $(X - F) \cap A \neq \emptyset$, a contradiction. Hence the lemma.

Lemma :3.3

Let A and B be subsets of (X, τ) . Then

- (i) $\pi\text{gr-cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ and $\pi\text{gr-cl}(X) = X$.
- (ii) If $A \subset B$, then $\pi\text{gr-cl}(A) \subset \pi\text{gr-cl}(B)$
- (iii) $A \subset \pi\text{gr-cl}(A)$
- (iv) $\pi\text{gr-cl}(A) = \pi\text{gr-cl}(\pi\text{gr-cl}(A))$
- (v) $\pi\text{gr-cl}(A \cup B) = \pi\text{gr-cl}(A) \cup \pi\text{gr-cl}(B)$

Proof: Obvious.

Remark: 3.4

If $A \subset X$ is τ_{gr} -closed, then $\tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A)=A$. But the converse is need not be true as seen in the following example.

Example: 3.5

Let $X = \{ a,b,c,d \}$, $\tau = \{ \emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\} \}$.
 Let $A = \{a\}$, $\tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A) = \{a\} = A$, but $A = \{a\}$ is not τ_{gr} -closed in X .

Lemma: 3.6

Let A and B be subsets of X . Then $\tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A \cap B) \subset \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A) \cap \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(B)$

Proof:

Since $A \cap B \subset A, B$.
 $\Rightarrow \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A \cap B) \subset \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A), \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A \cap B) \subset \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(B)$
 $\Rightarrow \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A \cap B) \subset \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A) \cap \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(B)$

Remark:3.7

The converse of the above need not be true as seen in the following example.

Example:3.8

Let $X = \{ a,b,c,d,e \}$, $\tau = \{ \emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{e\}, \{a,e\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,c,d\}, \{a,c,d,e\}, \{c,d,e\} \}$
 Let $A = \{a,c,e\} \subset X, B = \{d\} \subset X$. Then $\tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A) = \{a,b,c,e\}$, $\tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(B) = \{b,d\}$
 But $\tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A) \cap \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(B) = \{b\} \subsetneq \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(A \cap B)$.

Remark: 3.9

We denote τ_{gr} -closure of A by $\tau_{GRCL}(X)$, τ_{gr} -closed sets in a topological space by $\tau_{gr}C(X)$, τ_{gr} -open sets by $\tau_{gr}O(X)$.

Definition:3.10

$$\tau_{\pi gr}^* = \{ V \subset X / \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(X-V) = X-V \}$$

Theorem:3.11

If $\tau_{gr}O(X)$ is a topology, then $\tau_{\pi gr}^*$ is a topology.

Proof:

Clearly, $\emptyset, X \in \tau_{\pi gr}^*$. Let $\{A_i : i \in A\} \in \tau_{\pi gr}^*$.
 $\tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(X - (\cup A_i)) = \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(\cap (X - A_i))$
 $\subset \cap \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(X - A_i)$
 $= \cap (X - A_i)$
 $= X - \cup A_i$
 Hence $\cup A_i \in \tau_{\pi gr}^*$.

Let $A, B \in \tau_{\pi gr}^*$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(X - (A \cap B)) &= \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}((X-A) \cup (X-B)) \\ &= \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(X-A) \cup \tau_{gr}\text{-cl}(X-B) \\ &= (X-A) \cup (X-B) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A \cap B \in \tau_{\pi gr}^*$ and hence $\tau_{\pi gr}^*$ is a topology.

Definition: 3.12

Let X be a topological space and let $x \in X$. A subset N of X is said to be τ_{gr} -nbhd of x if there exists a τ_{gr} -open set G such that $x \in G \subset N$.

Definition :3.13

Let A be a subset of X . A point $x \in A$ is said to be τ_{gr} -interior point of A if A is a τ_{gr} -nbhd of x . The set of all τ_{gr} -interior of A and is denoted by $\tau_{gr}\text{-int}(A)$

Theorem: 3.1 4

If A be a subset of X. Then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) = \cup \{G: G \text{ is } \pi_{gr}\text{-open, } G \subset A\}$

Proof: Straight forward.

Theorem:3.15

Let A and B be subsets of X. Then

- (i) $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(X) = X, \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$
- (ii) $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \subset A$
- (iii) If B is any π_{gr} -open set contained in A, then $B \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A)$
- (iv) If $A \subset B$, then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B)$
- (v) $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A)) = \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A)$

Proof:

Straight Forward.

Theorem:3.16

If a subset A of a space X is π_{gr} -open, then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) = A$.

Proof: Obvious.

Remark:3.17

The converse of the above need not be true as seen in the following example.

Example:3.18

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$.

Let $A = \{c, d\}$. Then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) = \{c, d\} = A$. But $A = \{c, d\}$ is not π_{gr} -open.

Theorem:3.19

If A and B are subsets of X, then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cup \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cup B)$

Proof:

We know that $A \subset A \cup B$ and $B \subset A \cup B$

Then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cup B), \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cup B)$

Hence $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cup \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cup B)$.

Theorem:3.20

If A and B are subsets of a space X, then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B) = \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cap \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B)$

Proof:

We know that $A \cap B \subset A, A \cap B \subset B$. Then $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A)$ and $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B)$.

$\Rightarrow \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B) = \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cap \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B)$ -----(1)

Again, let $x \in \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cap \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B)$. Then $x \in \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A)$ and $x \in \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B)$. Hence x is a π_{gr} -interior point of each of sets A and B. It follows that A and B are π_{gr} -nbhds of x, so that their intersection $A \cap B$ is also a π_{gr} -nbhd of x. Hence $x \in \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B)$

Thus, $x \in \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cap \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B) \Rightarrow x \in \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B)$

Therefore, $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cap \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B)$ ------(2)

From (1) and (2), $\pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A \cap B) = \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A) \cap \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(B)$.

Theorem: 3.21

If A is a subset of X, then

(i) $r\text{-int}(A) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A)$ and

(ii) $(X - \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(A)) = \pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(X - A)$ and $(X - \pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(A)) = \pi_{gr}\text{-int}(X - A)$.

Proof:

Straight forward.

4. π_{gr} -continuous functions and Almost π_{gr} -continuous functions.

Theorem:4.1

Let X be a $\pi_{gr}\text{-}T_{1/2}$ -space and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Then f is π_{gr} -continuous iff f is regular continuous.

Proof:

Let f be a π gr-continuous function. Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is π gr-closed in X for every closed set V in Y . Since X is a π gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space, every π gr-closed set is regular closed. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X for every closed set V in Y and hence f is regular continuous.

Let f be a regular continuous function in X . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X for every closed set V in Y . Since every regular closed set is π gr-closed. Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is π gr-closed in X for every closed set V in Y and hence f is π gr-closed.

Theorem:4.2

Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function, then the following are equivalent.

- a) f is π gr-continuous
- b) The inverse image of every open set in Y is π gr-open in X .

Proof:

Follows from the definitions.

Theorem:4.3

If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is π gr-continuous, then $f(\pi\text{gr-cl}(A)) \subset \text{cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X .

Proof:

Let $A \subset X$. Since f is π gr-continuous and $A \subset f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$, we obtain $\pi\text{gr-cl}(A) \subset f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(A)))$ and then $f(\pi\text{gr-cl}(A)) \subset \text{cl}(f(A))$

Remark:4.4

The converse of the above need not be true as seen in the following example.

Example:4.5

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{c, d\}\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an identity map. Let $A = \{a, b\}$. Then $\pi\text{gr-cl}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\} \subset f^{-1}(\text{cl}(f(\{a, b\}))) = X$. But $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not π gr-closed in X . Hence f is not π gr-continuous.

Proposition:4.6

Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a π gr-continuous function and H be π -open, π gr-closed subset of X . Assume that $\pi\text{gr}C(X, \tau)$ closed under finite intersections. Then the restriction be $f/H: (H, \tau/H) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is π gr-continuous.

Proof:

Let F be any regular closed subset in Y . By hypothesis and our assumption $f^{-1}(F) \cap H_1$, it is π gr-closed in X . Since $(f/H)^{-1}(F) = H_1$, it is sufficient to show that H_1 is π gr-closed in H . Let $H_1 \subset G_1$, where G_1 is any π -open set in H . We know that a subset A of X is open, then $\pi O(A, \tau/A) = \{V \cap A : V \in \pi O(X, \tau)\}$ ------(1). By (1), $G_1 = G \cap H$ for some π -open set G in X .

Then $H_1 \subset G_1 \subset G$ and H_1 is π gr-closed in X implies $\text{rcl}_X(H_1) = \text{rcl}_X(H_1) \cap H \subset G \cap H = G_1$ and so H_1 is π gr-closed in H . Therefore, f/H is π gr-continuous.

Generalization of Pasting Lemma for π gr-continuous maps.

Theorem:4.7

Let $X = G \cup H$ be a topological space with topology τ and Y be a topological space with topology σ . Let $f: (G, \tau/G) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g: (H, \tau/H) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be π gr-continuous functions such that $f(x) = g(x)$ for every $x \in G \cap H$. Suppose that both G and H are π -open and π gr-closed in X . Then their combination $(f \nabla g): (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ defined by $(f \nabla g)(x) = f(x)$ if $x \in G$ and $(f \nabla g)(x) = g(x)$ if $x \in H$ is π gr-continuous.

Proof:

Let F be any closed set in Y . Clearly $(f \nabla g)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(F) \cup g^{-1}(F)$. Since $f^{-1}(F)$ is π gr-closed in G and G is π -open in X and π gr-closed in X , $f^{-1}(F)$ is π gr-closed in X . Similarly, $g^{-1}(F)$ is π gr-closed in X . Therefore, $(f \nabla g)^{-1}(F)$ is π gr-continuous.

Proposition :4.8

If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is π gr-irresolute, then

- (i) $f(\pi\text{gr-cl}(A)) \subset \pi\text{gr-cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X .
- (ii) $\pi\text{gr-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\pi\text{gr-cl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y .

Proof:

(i) For every $A \subset X$, $\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(f(A))$ is π_{gr} -closed in Y . By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(f(A)))$ is π_{gr} -closed in X . Also, $A \subset f^{-1}(\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(f(A)))$. By the definition of π_{gr} -closure, we have $\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(A) \subset f^{-1}(\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(f(A)))$. Hence, we get $f(\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(A)) \subset \pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(f(A))$

(ii) $\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(B)$ is π_{gr} -closed in Y and so by hypothesis, $f^{-1}(\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(B))$ is π_{gr} -closed in X . Since $f^{-1}(B) \subset f^{-1}(\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(B))$, it follows that $\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\pi_{gr}\text{-cl}(B))$.

Definition:4.9

A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called almost- π_{gr} -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π_{gr} -closed in X for every regular closed set V of Y .

Theorem:4.10

For a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$, the following are equivalent to one another.

- (i) f is almost π_{gr} -continuous.
- (ii) $f^{-1}(V)$ is π_{gr} -open in X for every regular open set V of Y .
- (iii) $f^{-1}(\text{int-cl}(V))$ is π_{gr} -open in X for every open set V of Y .
- (iv) $f^{-1}(\text{cl-int}(V))$ is π_{gr} -closed in X for every closed set V of Y .

Proof:(i) \Rightarrow (ii)

Let V be a regular open subset of Y . Since $Y-V$ is regular closed and f is almost π_{gr} -continuous, then $f^{-1}(Y-V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$ is π_{gr} -closed in X . Thus $f^{-1}(V)$ is π_{gr} -open in X .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i)

Let V be a regular closed subset of Y . Then $Y-V$ is regular open. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(Y-V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$ is π_{gr} -open in X . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is π_{gr} -closed and hence f is almost π_{gr} -continuous.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)

Let V be an open subset of Y . Then $\text{int}(\text{cl}(V))$ is regular open. By hypothesis $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$ is π_{gr} -open in X .

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii)

Let V be a regular open subset of Y . Since $V - \text{int}(\text{cl}(V))$ and every regular open set is open, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is π_{gr} -open in X .

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv)

Let V be a closed subset of Y . Then $Y-V$ is open. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(Y-V))) = f^{-1}(Y - \text{cl}(\text{int}(V))) = X - f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(V)))$ is π_{gr} -open in X .

Hence $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(V)))$ is π_{gr} -closed in X .

(iv) \Rightarrow (iii)

Let V be an open subset of Y . Then $Y-V$ is closed. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(Y-V))) = f^{-1}(Y - \text{int}(\text{cl}(V))) = X - f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$ is π_{gr} -closed in X . Hence $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$ is π_{gr} -open in X .

Remark:4.11

Every π_{gr} -continuous function is almost π_{gr} -continuous but not conversely.

Example:4.12

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be defined by $f(a)=c$, $f(b)=a$, $f(c)=d$ and $f(d)=b$. Here f is almost π_{gr} -continuous but not π_{gr} -continuous.

Remark:4.13

An R -map is almost π_{gr} -continuous

Proof: Follows from the definitions.

Remark :4.14

The converse of the above need not be true as seen in the following example.

Example:4.15

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$,

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Here f is almost π_{gr} -continuous but not an R-map.

Theorem:4.16

Let X be a $\pi_{gr}\text{-}T_{1/2}$ -space. Then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost π_{gr} -continuous iff f is an R-map.

Proof: Necessity

Let A be a regular closed set of Y and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an almost π_{gr} -continuous function. Then $f^{-1}(A)$ is π_{gr} -closed in X . Since X is a $\pi_{gr}\text{-}T_{1/2}$ -space, $f^{-1}(A)$ is regular closed in X . Hence f is an R-map.

Sufficiency:

Suppose that f is an R-map and let A be a regular closed subset of Y . Then $f^{-1}(A)$ is regular closed in X . Since every regular closed set is π_{gr} -closed, then $f^{-1}(A)$ is π_{gr} -closed. Therefore, f is almost π_{gr} -continuous.

Result:4.17

Every almost π_{gr} -continuous function is almost π_{gb} -continuous, almost $\pi_{g\alpha}$ -continuous, almost π_{g} -continuous, almost π^*g -continuous, almost gpr -continuous.

Remark:4.18

The converse of the above need not be true as seen in the following examples.

Example: 4.19

$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$,
 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Here f is almost π_{gb} -continuous but not almost π_{gr} -continuous.

Example: 4.20

$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{b\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$,
 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Here f is almost gpr -continuous but not almost π_{gr} -continuous.

Example: 4.21

$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b, d\}, \{c\}\}$,
 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Here f is almost $\pi_{g\alpha}$ -continuous but not almost π_{gr} -continuous.

Example: 4.22

$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b, d\}, \{c\}\}$,
 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Here f is almost π^*g -continuous but not almost π_{gr} -continuous.

Example: 4.23

$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, c, d\}, \{b\}\}$,
 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Here f is almost π_{g} -continuous but not almost π_{gr} -continuous.

Proposition:4.24

If f is π_{gr} -irresolute, then it is almost- π_{gr} -continuous.

Proof: Straight forward.

Remark :4.25

The converse of the above need not be true as seen in the following example.

Example:4.26

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$,
 $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by $f(a)=b, f(b)=a, f(c)=c, f(d)=d$.
 The function f is almost- π_{gr} -continuous but not π_{gr} -irresolute.

Definition:4.27

A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called a π -open map [4] if $f(U)$ is π -open in (Y, σ) for every π -open set U in (X, τ) .

Proposition:4.28

If f is bijective, π -open, almost- π_{gr} -continuous, then f is π_{gr} -irresolute.

Proof:

Let F be a π_{gr} -closed set of Y . Let $f^{-1}(F) \subset U$, where U is π -open in X . Then $F \subset f(U)$. Since f is π -open, $f(U)$ is π -open in Y , F is π_{gr} -closed set in Y and $F \subset f(U) \Rightarrow rcl(F) \subset f(U)$
 (i.e) $f^{-1}(rcl(F)) \subset U$. Since f is almost- π_{gr} -continuous, $rcl(f^{-1}(rcl(F))) \subset U$.
 So, $rcl(f^{-1}(F)) \subset rcl(f^{-1}(rcl(F))) \subset U$.
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(F)$ is π_{gr} -closed in X . Hence f is π_{gr} -irresolute.

Corollary:4.29

Let a bijection $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be π -open, almost π gr-continuous and pre-regular closed. If X is π gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space, then (Y, σ) is π gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space.

Proof:

Let F be π gr-closed subset of Y . By proposition 4.28, $f^{-1}(F)$ is π gr-closed in X . Since X is π gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space, $f^{-1}(F)$ is regular closed in X . Since f is bijective, pre-regular closed, $F=f(f^{-1}(F))$ is regular closed in Y . Hence Y is π gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space.

Proposition:4.30

If f is bijective, π -open, R -map, then f is π gr-irresolute.

Proof:

Since f is an R -map, it is almost π gr-continuous. By proposition 4.28, f is π gr-irresolute.

Corollary:4.31

Let a bijection $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be π -open, R -map and pre-regular closed. If X is π gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space, then (Y, σ) is π gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space.

Proof: Obvious.

5. π gr-compactness.

Definition: 5.1

A collection $\{A_i : i \in A\}$ of π gr-open sets in a topological space X is called a π gr-open cover of a subset S if $S \subset \cup \{A_i / i \in A\}$ holds.

Definition : 5.2

A topological space (X, τ) is called π gr-compact if every π gr-open cover of X has a finite subcover.

Definition: 5.3

A subset S of a topological space X is said to be π gr-compact relative to X , if for every collection $\{A_i : i \in A\}$ of π gr-open subsets of X such that $S \subset \cup \{A_i / i \in A\}$, there exists a finite subset Λ_o of A such that $S \subset \cup \{A_i / i \in \Lambda_o\}$

Definition:5.4

A subset S of a topological space X is said to be π gr-compact if S is π gr-compact as a subspace of X .

Proposition: 5.5

A π gr-closed subset of π gr-compact space is π gr-compact relative to X .

Proof:

Let A be a π gr-closed subset of a π gr-compact space X . Then $X-A$ is π gr-open. Let θ be a π gr-open cover for A . Then $\{\theta, X-A\}$ is a π gr-open cover for X . Since X is π gr-compact, it has a finite subcover, say $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\} = \theta_1$.

If $X-A \notin \theta_1$, then θ_1 is a finite subcover of A . If $X-A \in \theta_1$, then $\theta_1 - (X-A)$ is a subcover of A . Thus A is π gr-compact relative to X .

Proposition: 5.6

Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a surjective, π gr-continuous map. If X is π gr-compact, then Y is compact.

Proof:

Let $\{A_i : i \in A\}$ be an open cover of Y . Then $\{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in A\}$ is a π gr-open cover of X . Since X is π gr-compact, it has a finite subcover, say $\{f^{-1}(A_1), f^{-1}(A_2), \dots, f^{-1}(A_n)\}$. Surjectiveness of f implies $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ is an open cover of Y and hence Y is compact.

Proposition: 5.7

If a map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is π gr-irresolute and a subset S of X is π gr-compact relative to X , then the image $f(S)$ is π gr-compact relative to Y .

Proof:

Let $\{A_i : i \in A\}$ be a collection of π gr-open sets in Y such that $f(S) \subset \cup \{A_i / i \in A\}$. Then $S \subset \cup \{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in A\}$, where $f^{-1}(A_i)$ is π gr-open in X for each i . Since S is π gr-compact relative to X , there exists a finite subcollection $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ such that $S \subset \cup \{f^{-1}(A_i) : i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$

That is $f(S) \subset \cup \{(A_i): i=1,2,\dots,n\}$. Hence $f(S)$ is π gr-compact relative to Y .

Lemma :5.8

Let $\theta: X \times Y \rightarrow X$ be a projection . If A is π gr-closed in X , then $\theta^{-1}(A) = A \times Y$ is π gr-closed in $X \times Y$.

Proof:

Suppose $A \times Y \subset O$, where O is π -open in $X \times Y$. Then $O = U \times Y$, where U is π -open in X . Since U is a π -open set in X containing A and A is π gr-closed in X , we have $\text{rcl}_X(A) \subset U$. The above implies $\text{rcl}_{X \times Y}(A \times Y) \subset U \times Y$

(i.e) $\text{rcl}_{X \times Y}(A \times Y) \subset U \times Y$. Hence $A \times Y = \theta^{-1}(A)$ is π gr-closed in $X \times Y$.

Theorem:5.9

If the product space of two non-empty spaces is π gr-compact , then each factor space is π gr-compact.

Proof:

Let $X \times Y$ be the product space of the non-empty spaces X and Y and suppose $X \times Y$ is a π gr-compact. Then the projection $\theta: X \times Y \rightarrow X$ is a π gr-irresolute map.

Hence $\theta(X \times Y) = X$ is π gr-compact.

Similarly , we prove for the space Y .

6. π gr-connectedness.

Definition:6.1

A topological space (X, τ) is said to be π gr-connected if X cannot be written as the disjoint union of two non-empty π gr-open sets.

A subset of X is π gr-connected if it is π gr-connected as a subspace.

Proposition:6. 2

For a topological space X , the following are equivalent.

- (i) X is π gr- connected.
- (ii) The only subsets of X which are both π gr-open and π gr-closed are the empty set \emptyset and X .
- (iii) Each π gr -continuous map of X into a discrete space Y with atleast two points is a constant map.

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Suppose $S \subset X$ is a proper subset which is both π gr-open and π gr-closed. Then its complement $X-S$ is also π gr-open and π gr-closed. Then $X = S \cup (X-S)$, a disjoint union of two non-empty π gr-open sets which contradicts the fact that X is π gr-connected. Hence $S = \emptyset$ or X .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Suppose $X = A \cup B$, where $A \cap B = \emptyset$, $A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset$ and A and B are π gr-open. Since $A = X - B$, A is π gr-closed but by assumption $A = \emptyset$ or X , which is a contradiction. Hence (i) holds.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a π gr-continuous map, where Y is a discrete space with atleast two points. Then $f^{-1}(y)$ is π gr-closed and π gr-open for each $y \in Y$ and $X = \cup \{f^{-1}(y): y \in Y\}$. By assumption , $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$ for all $y \in Y$, then f will not be a map. Also, there cannot exist more than one $y \in Y$ such that $f^{-1}(y) = X$. Hence , there exists only one $y \in Y$ such that $f^{-1}(y) = X$ and $f^{-1}(y_1) = \emptyset$, where $y \neq y_1 \in Y$. This shows that f is a constant map.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) : Let S be both π gr-open and π gr-closed set in X . Suppose $S \neq \emptyset$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a π gr-continuous map defined by $f(S) = \{a\}$, $f(X-S) = \{b\}$, where $a \neq b$ and $a, b \in Y$. By assumption, f is constant. Therefore, $S = X$.

Remark:6.3

Every π gr-connected space is regular connected but the converse is not true as seen in the following example.

Example:6.4

Let $X = \{ a,b,c\}$, $\tau = \{ \emptyset, X, \{a,b\}, \{a\} \}$. Here the space X is regular connected.

The space X is not π gr-connected, since every subset of X is both π gr-open and π gr-closed.

Remark:6.5

π gr-connectedness and connectedness are independent.

Example:6.6

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$. Here the space is not connected, since $\{a, c, d\}, \{b\}$ are both open and closed. But no subset of X is both π_{gr} -closed and π_{gr} -open. Hence the space X is π_{gr} -connected.

Example:6.7

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$. Here the space is connected. But every subset of X is both π_{gr} -closed and π_{gr} -open. Hence the space X is not π_{gr} -connected

Proposition:6.8

If X is topological space with atleast two points and if π -open $(X) = \pi$ -closed (X) , then X is not π_{gr} -connected.

Proof:

Since π -open $(X) = \pi$ -closed (X) , then there exists a proper subset of X , which is both π_{gr} -open and π_{gr} -closed. Hence the space X is not π_{gr} -connected.

Proposition:6.9

Suppose X is a topological space with $\tau_{\pi_{gr}}^* = \tau$, then X is regular connected iff X is π_{gr} -connected .

Proof:

Follows from the definitions.

Proposition: 6.10

- (i) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is π_{gr} -continuous and onto, X is π_{gr} -connected, then Y is regular connected.
- (ii) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is π_{gr} -irresolute and onto, X is π_{gr} -connected, then Y is π_{gr} -connected.

Proof:

Assume the contrary. Suppose Y is not regular connected. Then $Y = A \cup B$, where $A \cap B = \emptyset$, $A \neq \emptyset$, $B \neq \emptyset$ and A and B are regular open in Y . Since f is π_{gr} -continuous and onto, $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$ are disjoint non-empty π_{gr} -open subsets of X . This contradicts the fact that X is π_{gr} -connected. Hence the result.

(ii) Obvious

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