

## On $\pi$ gr-Continuous functions.

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### Abstract:

The aim of this paper is to consider and characterize  $\pi$ gr-closure,  $\pi$ gr-interior,  $\pi$ gr-continuous and almost  $\pi$ gr-continuous functions and to relate these concepts to the classes of  $\pi$ gr-compact spaces,  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ -closed sets in topological space. Dontchev.J and Noiri.T [4] introduced the concept of  $\pi$ 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.V and Janaki.C [9] introduced and studied the properties of  $\pi$ gr-closed sets in topological spaces. The purpose of this paper is to study  $\pi$ gr-closure,  $\pi$ gr-interior, almost  $\pi$ gr-continuous functions and some of its basic properties. Further, we introduce the concepts of  $\pi$ gr-compact spaces,  $\pi$ gr-connected spaces and study their behaviours under  $\pi$ gr-continuous functions.

### 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, X and Y denote the topological spaces (X,  $\tau$ ) and (Y,  $\sigma$ ) 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)  $\pi$ -open [16] if A is the finite union of regular open sets and the complement of  $\pi$ -open is  $\pi$ -closed set in X.

The family of all open sets [regular open,  $\pi$ -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  $\pi$ -generalized closed [4] (briefly  $\pi$ g-closed set) if  $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U \in \pi O(X)$ .
- (5) a  $\pi$ g $\alpha$ -closed set [8] if  $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U \in \pi O(X)$ .
- (6) a  $\pi$ \*g-closed set [6] if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U \in \pi O(X)$ .
- (7) a  $\pi$ gb-closed set [15] if  $\text{bcl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U \in \pi O(X)$ .
- (8) a  $\pi$ gp-closed set [13] if  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U \in \pi O(X)$ .

(9) a  $\pi$ gs-closed set [1] if  $\text{scI}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U \in \pi\mathcal{O}(X)$ .

(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  $\pi$ gr- closed set [9] in  $X$  if  $\text{rcl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open in  $X$ . The complement of  $\pi$ gr- closed set is  $\pi$ gr-open set.

We denote the family of all  $\pi$ gr-closed (resp.  $\pi$ 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)  $\pi$ gr- continuous [9] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ -continuous [4] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi$ -closed in  $X$  for every regular closed set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (6) almost  $\pi$ gb-continuous [15] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi$ gb-closed in  $X$  for every regular closed set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (7) almost  $\pi$ ga-continuous [8] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi$ ga-closed in  $X$  for every regular closed set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (8) almost  $\pi$ g-continuous [4] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi$ g-closed in  $X$  for every regular closed set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (9) almost  $\pi^*$ g-continuous [6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi^*$ 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)  $\pi$ gr- irresolute [9] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi$ gr- closed in  $X$  for every  $\pi$ gr- closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

## 3. $\pi$ gr –Closure and Interior

### Definition: 3.1

For any set  $A \subset X$ , the  $\pi$ gr-closure of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of  $\pi$ gr- closed sets containing  $A$ . The complement of  $\pi$ gr-closure is  $\pi$ 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  $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\pi$ gr-open set  $V$  containing  $x$ .

### Proof:

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

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  $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\pi$ gr-open set  $V$  containing  $x$ .

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

### Lemma :3.3

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $(X, \tau)$ . 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  $\pi$ gr-closed, then  $\pi$ gr-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  $A = \{a\}$ ,  $\pi$ gr-cl( $A$ ) =  $\{a\} = A$ , but  $A = \{a\}$  is not  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $X$ .

**Lemma: 3.6**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\pi$ gr-cl( $A \cap B$ )  $\subset$   $\pi$ gr-cl( $A$ )  $\cap$   $\pi$ gr-cl( $B$ )

**Proof:**

Since  $A \cap B \subset A, B$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow \pi\text{gr-cl}(A \cap B) \subset \pi\text{gr-cl}(A) \cap \pi\text{gr-cl}(B)$$

**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  $\pi$ gr-cl( $A$ ) =  $\{a, b, c, e\}$ ,  $\pi$ gr-cl( $B$ ) =  $\{b, d\}$   
But  $\pi$ gr-cl( $A$ )  $\cap$   $\pi$ gr-cl( $B$ ) =  $\{b\} \not\subset \pi$ gr-cl( $A \cap B$ ).

**Remark: 3.9**

We denote  $\pi$ gr-closure of  $A$  by  $\pi$ GRCL( $X$ ),  $\pi$ gr-closed sets in a topological space by  $\pi$ grC( $X$ ),  $\pi$ gr-open sets by  $\pi$ grO( $X$ ).

**Definition:3.10**

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

**Theorem:3.11**

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

**Proof:**

Clearly,  $\emptyset, X \in \tau_{\pi\text{gr}}^*$ . Let  $\{A_i : i \in A\} \in \tau_{\pi\text{gr}}^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \pi\text{gr-cl}(X - (\cup A_i)) &= \pi\text{gr-cl}(\cap (X - A_i)) \\ &\subset \cap \pi\text{gr-cl}(X - A_i) \\ &= \cap (X - A_i) \\ &= X - \cup A_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \cup A_i \in \tau_{\pi\text{gr}}^*.$$

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

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

Thus  $A \cap B \in \tau_{\pi\text{gr}}^*$  and hence  $\tau_{\pi\text{gr}}^*$  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  $\pi$ gr-nbhd of  $x$  if there exists a  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-interior point of  $A$  if  $A$  is a  $\pi$ gr-nbhd of  $x$ . The set of all  $\pi$ gr-interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\pi$ gr-int( $A$ )

**Theorem: 3.1 4**

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

**Proof:** Straight forward.

**Theorem:3.15**

Let A and B be subsets of X. Then

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

**Proof:**

Straight Forward.

**Theorem:3.16**

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

**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  $\pi\text{gr-int}(A) = \{c, d\} = A$ . But  $A = \{c, d\}$  is not  $\pi\text{gr-open}$ .

**Theorem:3.19**

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

**Proof:**

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

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

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

**Theorem:3.20**

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

**Proof:**

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

$\Rightarrow \pi\text{gr-int}(A \cap B) \subset \pi\text{gr-int}(A) \cap \pi\text{gr-int}(B)$ ----- (1)

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

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

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

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

**Theorem: 3.21**

If A is a subset of X, then

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

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

**Proof:**

Straight forward.

**4.  $\pi\text{gr-continuous}$  functions and Almost  $\pi\text{gr-continuous}$  functions.**

**Theorem:4.1**

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



**Proof:**

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

**Theorem:4.2**

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

a)  $f$  is  $\pi$ gr-continuous

b) The inverse image of every open set in  $Y$  is  $\pi$ gr-open in  $X$ .

**Proof:**

Follows from the definitions.

**Theorem:4.3**

If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $\pi$ gr-continuous.

**Proposition:4.6**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $\pi$ gr-continuous function and  $H$  be  $\pi$ -open,  $\pi$ gr-closed subset of  $X$ . Assume that  $\pi\text{gr}C(X, \tau)$  closed under finite intersections. Then the restriction  $f|_H: (H, \tau|_H) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $X$ . Since  $(f|_H)^{-1}(F) = H_1$ , it is sufficient to show that  $H_1$  is  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $H$ . Let  $H_1 \subset G_1$ , where  $G_1$  is any  $\pi$ -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  $\pi$ -open set  $G$  in  $X$ .

Then  $H_1 \subset G_1 \subset G$  and  $H_1$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $H$ . Therefore,  $f|_H$  is  $\pi$ gr-continuous.

**Generalization of Pasting Lemma for  $\pi$ gr-continuous maps.**

**Theorem:4.7**

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

**Proof:**

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

**Proposition :4.8**

If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\pi$ 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  $A \subset X$ ,  $\pi\text{gr-cl}(f(A))$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -closed in  $Y$ . By hypothesis,  $f^{-1}(\pi\text{gr-cl}(f(A)))$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -closed in  $X$ . Also,  $A \subset f^{-1}(\pi\text{gr-cl}(f(A))) \subset f^{-1}(\pi\text{gr-cl}(A))$ . By the definition of  $\pi\text{gr}$ -closure, we have  $\pi\text{gr-cl}(A) \subset f^{-1}(\pi\text{gr-cl}(A))$ . Hence, we get  $f(\pi\text{gr-cl}(A)) \subset \pi\text{gr-cl}(f(A))$

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

**Definition:4.9**

A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called almost- $\pi\text{gr}$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -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  $\pi\text{gr}$ -continuous.
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -open in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (iii)  $f^{-1}(\text{int-cl}(V))$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (iv)  $f^{-1}(\text{cl-int}(V))$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -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  $\pi\text{gr}$ -continuous, then  $f^{-1}(Y-V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -closed in  $X$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -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  $\pi\text{gr}$ -open in  $X$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi\text{gr}$ -closed and hence  $f$  is almost  $\pi\text{gr}$ -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  $\pi\text{gr}$ -open in  $X$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)

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

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

**Remark:4.11**

Every  $\pi\text{gr}$ -continuous function is almost  $\pi\text{gr}$ -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  $\pi\text{gr}$ -continuous but not  $\pi\text{gr}$ -continuous.

**Remark:4.13**

An  $R$ -map is almost  $\pi\text{gr}$ -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  $\pi$ gr-continuous but not an R-map.

**Theorem:4.16**

Let  $X$  be a  $\pi$ gr- $T_{1/2}$ - space. Then  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  is almost  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-continuous function. Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a  $\pi$ gr- $T_{1/2}$ -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  $\pi$ gr-closed, then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\pi$ gr-closed. Therefore,  $f$  is almost  $\pi$ gr-continuous.

**Result:4.17**

Every almost  $\pi$ gr-continuous function is almost  $\pi$ gb-continuous, almost  $\pi$ g $\alpha$ -continuous, almost  $\pi$ g-continuous, almost  $\pi^*$ 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  $\pi$ gb-continuous but not almost  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ 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  $\pi^*$ g-continuous but not almost  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ g-continuous but not almost  $\pi$ gr-continuous.

**Proposition:4.24**

If  $f$  is  $\pi$ gr-irresolute, then it is almost-  $\pi$ 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- $\pi$ gr-continuous but not  $\pi$ gr-irresolute.

**Definition:4.27**

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

**Proposition:4.28**

If  $f$  is bijective,  $\pi$ -open , almost-  $\pi$ gr-continuous, then  $f$  is  $\pi$ gr-irresolute.

**Proof:**

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

**Corollary:4.29**

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

**Proof:**

Let  $F$  be  $\pi$ gr-closed subset of  $Y$ . By proposition 4.28,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr- $T_{1/2}$ -space.

**Proposition:4.30**

If  $f$  is bijective,  $\pi$ -open,  $R$ -map, then  $f$  is  $\pi$ gr-irresolute.

**Proof:**

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

**Corollary:4.31**

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

**Proof:** Obvious.

**5.  $\pi$ gr-compactness.**

**Definition: 5.1**

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

**Definition : 5.2**

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\pi$ gr-compact if every  $\pi$ gr-open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition: 5.3**

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

**Definition:5.4**

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

**Proposition: 5.5**

A  $\pi$ gr-closed subset of  $\pi$ gr-compact space is  $\pi$ gr-compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $A$  be a  $\pi$ gr-closed subset of a  $\pi$ gr-compact space  $X$ . Then  $X-A$  is  $\pi$ gr-open. Let  $\Theta$  be a  $\pi$ gr-open cover for  $A$ . Then  $\{\Theta, X-A\}$  is a  $\pi$ gr-open cover for  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\pi$ gr-compact, it has a finite subcover, say  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\} = \Theta_1$ .

If  $X-A \notin \Theta_1$ , then  $\Theta_1$  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  $\pi$ gr-compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proposition: 5.6**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a surjective,  $\pi$ gr-continuous map. If  $X$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-irresolute and a subset  $S$  of  $X$  is  $\pi$ gr-compact relative to  $X$ , then the image  $f(S)$  is  $\pi$ gr-compact relative to  $Y$ .

**Proof:**

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



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

**Lemma :5.8**

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

**Proof:**

Suppose  $A \times Y \subset O$ , where  $O$  is  $\pi$ open in  $X \times Y$ . Then  $O = U \times Y$ , where  $U$  is  $\pi$ open in  $X$ . Since  $U$  is a  $\pi$  open set in  $X$  containing  $A$  and  $A$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-closed in  $X \times Y$ .

**Theorem:5.9**

If the product space of two non-empty spaces is  $\pi$ gr-compact, then each factor space is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-compact. Then the projection  $\theta: X \times Y \rightarrow X$  is a  $\pi$ gr-irresolute map.

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

Similarly, we prove for the space  $Y$ .

**6.  $\pi$ gr-connectedness.**

**Definition:6.1**

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

A subset of  $X$  is  $\pi$ gr-connected if it is  $\pi$ gr-connected as a subspace.

**Proposition:6.2**

For a topological space  $X$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $X$  is  $\pi$ gr-connected.
- (ii) The only subsets of  $X$  which are both  $\pi$ gr-open and  $\pi$ gr-closed are the empty set  $\emptyset$  and  $X$ .
- (iii) Each  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-open and  $\pi$ gr-closed. Then its complement  $X-S$  is also  $\pi$ gr-open and  $\pi$ gr-closed. Then  $X = S \cup (X-S)$ , a disjoint union of two non-empty  $\pi$ gr-open sets which contradicts the fact that  $X$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-open. Since  $A = X - B$ ,  $A$  is  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-continuous map, where  $Y$  is a discrete space with atleast two points. Then  $f^{-1}(y)$  is  $\pi$ gr-closed and  $\pi$ gr-open for each  $y \in Y$  and  $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(y): y \in Y\}$ . 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  $\pi$ gr-open and  $\pi$ gr-closed set in  $X$ . Suppose  $S \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ 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  $\pi$ gr-connected, since every subset of  $X$  is both  $\pi$ gr-open and  $\pi$ gr-closed.

**Remark:6.5**

$\pi$ 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  $\tau_{gr}$ -closed and  $\tau_{gr}$ -open. Hence the space  $X$  is  $\tau_{gr}$ -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  $\tau_{gr}$ -closed and  $\tau_{gr}$ -open. Hence the space  $X$  is not  $\tau_{gr}$ -connected

**Proposition:6.8**

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

**Proof:**

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

**Proposition:6.9**

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

**Proof:**

Follows from the definitions.

**Proposition: 6.10**

- (i) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\tau_{gr}$ -continuous and onto,  $X$  is  $\tau_{gr}$ -connected, then  $Y$  is regular connected.
- (ii) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\tau_{gr}$ -irresolute and onto,  $X$  is  $\tau_{gr}$ -connected, then  $Y$  is  $\tau_{gr}$ -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  $\tau_{gr}$ -continuous and onto,  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint non-empty  $\tau_{gr}$ -open subsets of  $X$ . This contradicts the fact that  $X$  is  $\tau_{gr}$ -connected. Hence the result.

(ii) Obvious

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