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A GENERALIZATION OF ω -CONTINUITY

ABSTRACT. In this paper, by using mg^* -closed sets [23], we define and investigate the notion of mg^* -continuity which is a generalization of ω -continuity [32] or \hat{g} -continuity [35].

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1. Introduction

The concept of generalized closed (briefly g -closed) sets in topological spaces was introduced by Levine [15]. These sets also considered by Dunham [10] and Dunham and Levine [11]. In 1981, Munshi and Bassan [20] introduced the notion of generalized continuous (briefly g -continuous) functions. The notion of g -continuity is also studied in [5], [6], [7], [8] and other papers. The notions of sg^* -closed sets, pg^* -closed sets, αg^* -closed sets, and βg^* -closed sets are introduced and studied in [21] by using semi-open sets, preopen sets, α -open sets, and β -open sets, respectively. The notion of sg^* -closed sets is called ω -closed [34], \hat{g} -closed [35], or semi-star generalized closed [30]. The notion of ω -continuous (or \hat{g} -continuous) functions is introduced and studied in [35], [29], [33], and [34].

In [25] and [26], the present authors introduced and studied the notions of m -structures, m -spaces and m -continuity. In [23], the present authors introduced the notion of mg^* -closed sets in order to establish the unified theory of the notions: sg^* -closed sets, pg^* -closed sets, αg^* -closed sets, and βg^* -closed sets and obtain the basic properties, characterizations and preserving properties.

In this paper, by using mg^* -closed sets and m -continuity, we introduce the notion of mg^* -continuous functions as a generalization of ω -continuity or \hat{g} -continuity. We obtain some characterizations and properties of mg^* -continuity. In the last section, we introduce new generalizations of ω -continuous functions.

2. Preliminaries

Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . The closure of A and the interior of A are denoted by $\text{Cl}(A)$ and $\text{Int}(A)$, respectively. We recall some generalized open sets in topological spaces.

Definition 1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset A of X is said to be

- (1) α -open [22] if $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)))$,
- (2) semi-open [14] if $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$,
- (3) preopen [17] if $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$,
- (4) β -open [1] or semi-preopen [3] if $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$.

The family of all α -open (resp. semi-open, preopen, β -open) sets in (X, τ) is denoted by $\alpha(X)$ (resp. $\text{SO}(X)$, $\text{PO}(X)$, $\beta(X)$).

Definition 2. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset A of X is said to be α -closed [18] (resp. semi-closed [9], preclosed [17], β -closed [1]) if the complement of A is α -open (resp. semi-open, preopen, β -open).

Definition 3. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . The intersection of all α -closed (resp. semi-closed, preclosed, β -closed) sets of X containing A is called the α -closure [18] (resp. semi-closure [9], preclosure [12], β -closure [2]) of A and is denoted by $\alpha\text{Cl}(A)$ (resp. $\text{sCl}(A)$, $\text{pCl}(A)$, $\beta\text{Cl}(A)$).

Definition 4. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . The union of all α -open (resp. semi-open, preopen, β -open) sets of X contained in A is called the α -interior [18] (resp. semi-interior [9], preinterior [12], β -interior [2]) of A and is denoted by $\alpha\text{Int}(A)$ (resp. $\text{sInt}(A)$, $\text{pInt}(A)$, $\beta\text{Int}(A)$).

3. Minimal structures and m -continuity

Definition 5. Let X be a nonempty set and $\mathcal{P}(X)$ the power set of X . A subfamily m_X of $\mathcal{P}(X)$ is called a minimal structure (briefly m -structure) on X [25], [26] if $\emptyset \in m_X$ and $X \in m_X$.

By (X, m_X) , we denote a nonempty set X with an m -structure m_X on X and call it an m -space. Each member of m_X is said to be m_X -open and the complement of an m_X -open set is said to be m_X -closed.

Remark 1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then the family $\alpha(X)$ is a topology which is finer than τ . The families $\text{SO}(X)$, $\text{PO}(X)$, and $\beta(X)$ are all m -structures on X .

Definition 6. Let X be a nonempty set and m_X an m -structure on X . For a subset A of X , the m_X -closure of A and the m_X -interior of A are defined in [16] as follows:

- (1) $mCl(A) = \cap\{F : A \subset F, X - F \in m_X\}$,
- (2) $mInt(A) = \cup\{U : U \subset A, U \in m_X\}$.

Remark 2. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . If $m_X = \tau$ (resp. $SO(X)$, $PO(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\beta(X)$), then we have

- (1) $mCl(A) = Cl(A)$ (resp. $sCl(A)$, $pCl(A)$, $\alpha Cl(A)$, $\beta Cl(A)$),
- (2) $mInt(A) = Int(A)$ (resp. $sInt(A)$, $pInt(A)$, $\alpha Int(A)$, $\beta Int(A)$).

Lemma 1 (Maki et al. [16]). Let X be a nonempty set and m_X a minimal structure on X . For subsets A and B of X , the following properties hold:

- (1) $mCl(X - A) = X - mInt(A)$ and $mInt(X - A) = X - mCl(A)$,
- (2) If $(X - A) \in m_X$, then $mCl(A) = A$ and if $A \in m_X$, then $mInt(A) = A$,
- (3) $mCl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $mCl(X) = X$, $mInt(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ and $mInt(X) = X$,
- (4) If $A \subset B$, then $mCl(A) \subset mCl(B)$ and $mInt(A) \subset mInt(B)$,
- (5) $A \subset mCl(A)$ and $mInt(A) \subset A$,
- (6) $mCl(mCl(A)) = mCl(A)$ and $mInt(mInt(A)) = mInt(A)$.

Lemma 2 (Popa and Noiri [25]). Let X be a nonempty set with a minimal structure m_X and A a subset of X . Then $x \in mCl(A)$ if and only if $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in m_X$ containing x .

Definition 7. A minimal structure m_X on a nonempty set X is said to have property \mathcal{B} [16] if the union of any family of subsets belong to m_X belongs to m_X .

Remark 3. If (X, τ) is a topological space, then $SO(X)$, $PO(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, and $\beta(X)$ have property \mathcal{B} .

Lemma 3 (Popa and Noiri [28]). Let X be a nonempty set and m_X an m -structure on X satisfying property \mathcal{B} . For a subset A of X , the following properties hold:

- (1) $A \in m_X$ if and only if $mInt(A) = A$,
- (2) A is m_X -closed if and only if $mCl(A) = A$,
- (3) $mInt(A) \in m_X$ and $mCl(A)$ is m_X -closed.

Definition 8. A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be m -continuous [26] if for each $x \in X$ and each open set V containing $f(x)$, there exists $U \in m_X$ containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$.

Theorem 1 (Popa and Noiri [26]). For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is m -continuous;

- (2) $f^{-1}(V) = \text{mInt}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every open set V of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(F) = \text{mCl}(f^{-1}(F))$ for every closed set F of Y ;
- (4) $\text{mCl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (5) $f(\text{mCl}(A)) \subset \text{Cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X ;
- (6) $f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) \subset \text{mInt}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of Y .

Corollary 1 (Popa and Noiri [26]). *For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, where m_X has property \mathcal{B} , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is m -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(V)$ is m_X -open in X for every open set V of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(F)$ is m_X -closed in X for every closed set F of Y .

Definition 9. *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be m^* -continuous [19] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is m_X -open in X for each open set V of Y .*

Remark 4. (1) *If $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is m^* -continuous, then it is m -continuous. By Example 3.4 of [19], an m -continuous function may not be m^* -continuous.*

(2) *Let m_X have property \mathcal{B} , then it follows from Corollary 1 that f is m -continuous if and only if f is m^* -continuous.*

4. m -continuity and mg^* -continuity

Definition 10. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset A of X is said to be g -closed [15] (resp. sg^* -closed, pg^* -closed, αg^* -closed, βg^* -closed [21]) if $\text{Cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is open (resp. semi-open, preopen, α -open, β -open) in X .*

Remark 5. (1) *An sg^* -closed set is called ω -closed [34], \hat{g} -closed [35], or semi-star generalized closed [30].*

(2) *By the definitions, we obtain the following diagram:*

DIAGRAM I

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 g\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \alpha g^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & pg^*\text{-closed} \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 & & sg^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \beta g^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \text{closed}
 \end{array}$$

Definition 11. *A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be g -open (resp. sg^* -open or ω -open, pg^* -open, αg^* -open, βg^* -open [21]) if $X - A$ is g -closed (resp. sg^* -closed, pg^* -closed, αg^* -closed, βg^* -closed).*

The family of all g -open (resp. sg^* -open, pg^* -open, αg^* -open, βg^* -open) sets of X is denoted by $\text{GO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{SG}^*\text{O}(X)$ or $\omega(X)$, $\text{PG}^*\text{O}(X)$, $\alpha\text{G}^*\text{O}(X)$, $\beta\text{G}^*\text{O}(X)$).

Definition 12. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . The intersection of all g -closed (resp. sg^* -closed, pg^* -closed, αg^* -closed, βg^* -closed) sets of X containing A is called the g -closure [10] (resp. sg^* -closure or ω -closure [33], pg^* -closure, αg^* -closure, βg^* -closure) of A and is denoted by $gCl(A)$ (resp. $sg^*Cl(A)$ or $\omega Cl(A)$, $pg^*Cl(A)$, $\alpha g^*Cl(A)$, $\beta g^*Cl(A)$).

Definition 13. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . The union of all g -open (resp. sg^* -open, pg^* -open, αg^* -open, βg^* -open) sets of X contained in A is called the g -interior [8] (resp. sg^* -interior, pg^* -interior, αg^* -interior, βg^* -interior) of A and is denoted by $gInt(A)$ (resp. $sg^*Int(A)$, $pg^*Int(A)$, $\alpha g^*Int(A)$, $\beta g^*Int(A)$).

Remark 6. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X .

(1) Then, $GO(X)$, $SG^*O(X)$, $PG^*O(X)$, $\alpha G^*O(X)$ and $\beta G^*O(X)$ are all m -structures on X . Hence, if we put $m_X = GO(X)$ (resp. $SG^*O(X)$, $PG^*O(X)$, $\alpha G^*O(X)$, $\beta G^*O(X)$), then we have

- (i) $mCl(A) = gCl(A)$ (resp. $sg^*Cl(A)$, $pg^*Cl(A)$, $\alpha g^*Cl(A)$, $\beta g^*Cl(A)$),
- (ii) $mInt(A) = gInt(A)$ (resp. $sg^*Int(A)$, $pg^*Int(A)$, $\alpha g^*Int(A)$, $\beta g^*Int(A)$).

(2) If $m_X = GO(X)$, then by Lemma 1 we obtain Theorem 2.1 (5) and Theorem 2.8 (2), (3), (5), (6), (7) established in [8]. By Lemma 2, we obtain Theorem 2.1 (4) in [8].

(3) If $m_X = SG^*O(X)$, then by Lemma 2 we obtain Proposition 3.16 of [33].

(4) The m -structures $GO(X)$, $PG^*O(X)$, $\alpha G^*O(X)$, $\beta G^*O(X)$ do not have property \mathcal{B} , in general. However, it is known in [32] that $SG^*O(X)$ is a topology for X .

Definition 14. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and m_X an m -structure on X . A subset A of X is said to be mg^* -closed [23] if $Cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in m_X$.

Remark 7. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and m_X an m -structure on X . We put $m_X = \tau$ (resp. $SO(X)$, $PO(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\beta(X)$). Then, an mg^* -closed set is a g -closed (resp. sg^* -closed, pg^* -closed, αg^* -closed, βg^* -closed) set.

Lemma 4 (Noiri and Popa [23]). Let (X, τ) be a topological space and m_X an m -structure on X . Let $\tau \subset m_X$. Then the following implications hold: $closed \Rightarrow mg^*$ -closed $\Rightarrow g$ -closed.

Remark 8. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and m_X an m -structure on X . Let $\tau \subset m_X$.

(1) By Lemma 4, we obtain Propositions 2.4 and 2.5 in [33], Theorem 1.33 (a) and (c) in [30], and Theorem 3.01 in [35].

(2) The implications in Lemma 4 are strict as seen from Examples 3.01 and 3.02 in [35] or Examples 1.3.5 and 1.3.6 in [30].

The complement of an mg^* -closed set is said to be mg^* -open. The family of all mg^* -open sets is denoted by $mG^*O(X)$. Obviously, $mG^*O(X)$ is an m -structure on X and is called an mg^* -structure on X . If $m_X = \tau$ (resp. $SO(X)$, $PO(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\beta(X)$), then $mG^*O(X) = GO(X)$ (resp. $SG^*O(X)$, $PG^*O(X)$, $\alpha G^*O(X)$, $\beta G^*O(X)$).

Definition 15. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be ω -continuous [32] or \hat{g} -continuous [35] if $f^{-1}(K)$ is ω -closed in X for every closed set K of Y .

Remark 9. (1) Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $m_X = SG^*O(X) = \omega(X)$, then $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is ω -continuous if and only if $f : (X, \omega(X)) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is m^* -continuous.

(2) By Lemma 4, we have the following implications: continuity \Rightarrow ω -continuity \Rightarrow g -continuity. The implications are strict as seen from Examples 3.8 and 3.9 of [33].

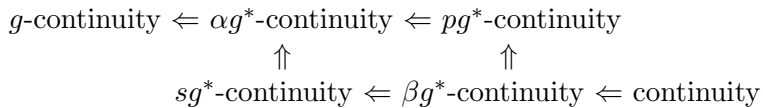
Definition 16. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be

(1) mg^* -continuous if $f : (X, mG^*O(X)) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is m -continuous, equivalently if for each $x \in X$ and each open set V containing $f(x)$ there exists an mg^* -open set U containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$,

(2) m^*g^* -continuous if $f : (X, mG^*O(X)) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is m^* -continuous, equivalently if $f^{-1}(K)$ is mg^* -closed in X for each closed set K of Y .

By DIAGRAM I and Definition 16, we obtain the following diagram:

DIAGRAM II



Definition 17. Let X be a nonempty set and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . For a subset A of X , the mg^* -closure of A and the mg^* -interior of A are defined as follows:

- (1) $mg^*Cl(A) = \cap\{F : A \subset F, X - F \in mG^*O(X)\}$,
- (2) $mg^*Int(A) = \cup\{U : U \subset A, U \in mG^*O(X)\}$.

By Theorem 1, we obtain the following theorem and corollary.

Theorem 2. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is mg^* -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(V) = mg^*\text{Int}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every open set V of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(F) = mg^*\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F))$ for every closed set F of Y ;
- (4) $mg^*\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (5) $f(mg^*\text{Cl}(A)) \subset \text{Cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X ;
- (6) $f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) \subset mg^*\text{Int}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of Y .

Corollary 2. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure with property \mathcal{B} on X . Then, for a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is m^*g^* -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(V)$ is mg^* -open in X for every open set V of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(F)$ is mg^* -closed in X for every closed set F of Y .

Remark 10. If $mG^*O(X) = SG^*O(X)$, then by Theorem 2 and Corollary 2 we obtain the result established in Theorem 3.17 of [33].

Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . A point $x \in X$ is called a θ -cluster point of A if $\text{Cl}(V) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every open set V containing x . The set of all θ -cluster points of A is called the θ -closure of A and is denoted by $\text{Cl}_\theta(A)$ [36]. If $A = \text{Cl}_\theta(A)$, then A is said to be θ -closed. The complement of a θ -closed set is said to be θ -open.

Theorem 3. *Let (Y, σ) be a regular space. For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is m -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\theta(B)) = m\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\theta(B)))$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(K) = m\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(K))$ for every θ -closed set K of Y ;
- (4) $f^{-1}(V) = m\text{Int}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every θ -open set V of Y .

Proof. It is known in [36] that $\text{Cl}_\theta(B)$ is closed in Y for every subset B of Y . Since (Y, σ) is regular, every open (resp. closed) set of Y is θ -open (resp. θ -closed). Therefore, the proof follows easily from Theorem 1. ■

Corollary 3. *Let (Y, σ) be a regular space and m_X an m -structure with property \mathcal{B} . For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is m -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\theta(B))$ is m -closed for every subset B of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(K)$ is m -closed in X for every θ -closed set K of Y ;
- (4) $f^{-1}(V)$ is m -open in X for every θ -open set V of Y .

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 3 and Theorem 3. ■

Theorem 4. *Let (Y, σ) be a regular space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is mg^* -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\theta(B)) = mg^*\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\theta(B)))$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(K) = mg^*\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(K))$ for every θ -closed set K of Y ;
- (4) $f^{-1}(V) = mg^*\text{mInt}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every θ -open set V of Y .

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 16 and Theorem 3. ■

Corollary 4. *Let (Y, σ) be a regular space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure with property \mathcal{B} on X . For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is mg^* -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\theta(B))$ is mg^* -closed in X for every subset B of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(K)$ is mg^* -closed in X for every θ -closed set K of Y ;
- (4) $f^{-1}(V)$ is mg^* -open in X for every θ -open set V of Y .

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 4 and Lemma 3. ■

Corollary 5. *Let (Y, σ) be a regular space. For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) f is ω -continuous;
- (2) $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\theta(B))$ is ω -closed in X for every subset B of Y ;
- (3) $f^{-1}(K)$ is ω -closed in X for every θ -closed set K of Y ;
- (4) $f^{-1}(V)$ is ω -open in X for every θ -open set V of Y .

Proof. The proof follows from Corollary 4 because the family of ω -open sets is a topology for X and hence it has property \mathcal{B} . ■

5. Some properties of mg^* -continuity

In this section, we investigate the relationships between mg^* -continuity and mg^* -compactness, mg^* -connectedness and strongly mg^* -closed graphs.

Definition 18. *An m -space (X, m_X) is said to be m - T_2 [26] if for any distinct points x, y of X , there exist $U, V \in m_X$ such that $x \in U, y \in V$, and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.*

Remark 11. (1) Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X , then (X, τ) is said to be mg^* - T_2 if the m -space $(X, mG^*O(X))$ is m - T_2 .

(2) If $mG^*O(X) = SG^*O(X) = \omega(X)$, then (X, τ) is said to be ω - T_2 [29].

Lemma 5 (Popa and Noiri [26]). *If $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an m -continuous injection and (Y, σ) is a T_2 -space, then (X, m_X) is m - T_2 .*

Theorem 5. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an m^*g^* -continuous injection and (Y, σ) is a T_2 -space, then (X, τ) is mg^* - T_2 .*

Proof. The proof follows from Remark 4 and Lemma 5. ■

Corollary 6. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an ω -continuous injection and (Y, σ) is a T_2 -space, then (X, τ) is ω - T_2 .*

Definition 19. *An m -space (X, m_X) is said to be m -compact [26] if every cover of X by sets of m_X has a finite subcover.*

A subset K of an m -space (X, m_X) is said to be m -compact [26] if every cover of K by subsets of m_X has a finite subcover.

Remark 12. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X .

(1) (X, τ) is said to be mg^* -compact if $(X, mG^*O(X))$ is m -compact.

(2) If $mG^*O(X) = SG^*O(X) = \omega(X)$, then (X, τ) is said to be ω -compact.

Lemma 6 (Popa and Noiri [26]). *If a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is m -continuous and K is an m -compact set of X , then $f(K)$ is compact.*

Theorem 6. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an m^*g^* -continuous function and K is an mg^* -compact set of X , then $f(K)$ is compact.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 19, Remark 4 and Lemma 6. ■

Corollary 7. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an ω -continuous function and K is an ω -compact set of X , then $f(K)$ is compact.*

Definition 20. *An m -space (X, m_X) is said to be m -connected [26] if X cannot be written as the union of two nonempty disjoint m -open sets.*

Remark 13. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X .

(1) (X, τ) is said to be mg^* -connected if $(X, mG^*O(X))$ is m -connected.

(2) If $mG^*O(X) = SG^*O(X) = \omega(X)$, then (X, τ) is said to be ω -connected [32].

Lemma 7. *If $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an m^* -continuous surjection and (X, m_X) is m -connected, then (Y, σ) is connected.*

Proof. Assume that (Y, σ) is not connected. Then there exist nonempty open sets V_1 and V_2 such that $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ and $V_1 \cup V_2 = Y$. Hence we have $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \emptyset$ and $f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2) = X$. Since f is an

m^* -continuous surjection, $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$ are nonempty m -open sets. Therefore, (X, m_X) is not m -connected. This is a contradiction and hence Y is connected. ■

Theorem 7. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an m^*g^* -continuous surjection and (X, τ) is mg^* -connected, then (Y, σ) is connected.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 20, Remark 13 and Lemma 7. ■

Corollary 8. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an ω -continuous surjection and (X, τ) is ω -connected, then (Y, σ) is connected.*

Definition 21. *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to have a strongly m -closed graph (resp. m -closed graph) [26] if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$, there exist $U \in m_X$ containing x and an open set V of Y containing y such that $[U \times Cl(V)] \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ (resp. $[U \times V] \cap G(f) = \emptyset$).*

Remark 14. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X .

(1) A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to have a *strongly mg^* -closed graph* (resp. *mg^* -closed graph*) if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$, there exist $U \in mG^*O(X)$ containing x and an open set V of Y containing y such that $[U \times Cl(V)] \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ (resp. $[U \times V] \cap G(f) = \emptyset$).

(2) If $mG^*O(X) = GO(X)$ (resp. $SG^*O(X)$, $PG^*O(X)$, $\alpha G^*O(X)$, $\beta G^*O(X)$) and f has a strongly mg^* -closed graph, then f has a strongly g -closed graph (resp. strongly sg^* -closed graph or strongly ω -closed graph, strongly pg^* -closed graph, strongly αg^* -closed graph, strongly βg^* -closed graph). For mg^* -closed graphs, we define similarly.

Lemma 8 (Popa and Noiri [26]). *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is m -continuous and (Y, σ) is a Hausdorff space, then f has a strongly m -closed graph.*

Theorem 8. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is mg^* -continuous and (Y, σ) is a Hausdorff space, then f has a strongly mg^* -closed graph.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 21, Remark 14 and Lemma 8. ■

Corollary 9. *If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an ω -continuous function and (Y, σ) is a Hausdorff space, then f has a strongly ω -closed graph.*

Lemma 9 (Popa and Noiri [26]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space and (Y, σ) a topological space. If $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a surjective function with a strongly m -closed graph, then Y is Hausdorff.*

Theorem 9. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a surjective function with a strongly mg^* -closed graph, then Y is Hausdorff.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 21 and Lemma 9. ■

Corollary 10. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a surjective function with a strongly ω -closed graph, then Y is Hausdorff.*

Lemma 10 (Popa and Noiri [26]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space, where m_X has property \mathcal{B} . If $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an m -continuous injection with an m -closed graph, then X is mT_2 .*

Theorem 10. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure satisfying property \mathcal{B} . If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an mg^* -continuous injection with an mg^* -closed graph, then X is mg^*T_2 .*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 21, Remark 14 and Lemma 10. ■

Corollary 11. *If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an injective ω -continuous function with an ω -closed graph, then Y is ωT_2 .*

Definition 22. *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space and A a subset of X . The m_X -frontier of A , $mFr(A)$, [26] is defined by $mFr(A) = mCl(A) \cap mCl(X - A) = mCl(A) - mInt(A)$.*

If (X, τ) is a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ is an mg^* -structure, then $mg^*Fr(A) = mg^*Cl(A) \cap mg^*Cl(X - A) = mg^*Cl(A) - mg^*Int(A)$. If $mG^*O(X) = GO(X)$, then we obtain the g -frontier in Definition 4 of [8].

Theorem 11. *The set of all points of X at which a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is not m -continuous is identical with the union of the m -frontiers of the inverse images of open sets containing $f(x)$.*

Proof. Suppose that f is not m -continuous at $x \in X$. There exists an open set V of Y containing $f(x)$ such that $U \cap (X - f^{-1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ for every m -open set U containing x . By Lemma 2, we have $x \in mCl(X - f^{-1}(V))$. On the other hand, we have $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ and hence $x \in mFr(f^{-1}(V))$.

Conversely, suppose that f is m -continuous at $x \in X$. Then, for any open set V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists $U \in m_X$ containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$; hence $U \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, we have $x \in U \subset mInt(f^{-1}(V))$. This contradicts to the fact that $x \in mFr(f^{-1}(V))$. ■

Theorem 12. *Let (X, τ) is a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure. Then, the set of all points of X at which a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is not mg^* -continuous is identical with the union of the mg^* -frontiers of the inverse images of open sets containing $f(x)$.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 22 and Theorem 11. ■

Corollary 12. *The set of all points at $x \in X$ which a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is not ω -continuous is identical with the union of the ω -frontiers of the inverse images of open sets containing $f(x)$.*

Proof. Since $\omega(X)$ is a topology for X , m -continuity coincides with m^* -continuity and hence the result follows from Theorem 12. ■

For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, we define $D_m(f)$ as follows:

$$D_m(f) = \{x \in X : f \text{ is not } m\text{-continuous at } x\}.$$

Lemma 11 (Popa and Noiri [27]). *For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} D_m(f) &= \bigcup_{G \in \sigma} \{f^{-1}(G) - m\text{Int}(f^{-1}(G))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) - m\text{Int}(f^{-1}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{m\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) - f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \{m\text{Cl}(A) - f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(f(A)))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \{m\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) - f^{-1}(F)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{F} is the family of closed sets of (Y, σ) .

Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, we denote by $D_{mg^*}(f)$ the set of all points of X at which the function f is not mg^* -continuous.

Theorem 13. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $mG^*O(X)$ an mg^* -structure on X . For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} D_{mg^*}(f) &= \bigcup_{G \in \sigma} \{f^{-1}(G) - mg^*\text{Int}(f^{-1}(G))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) - mg^*\text{Int}(f^{-1}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{mg^*\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) - f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \{mg^*\text{Cl}(A) - f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(f(A)))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \{mg^*\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) - f^{-1}(F)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{F} is the family of closed sets of (Y, σ) .

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 11. ■

Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. By $D_\omega(f)$, we denote the set of all points $x \in X$ at which f is not ω -continuous. Then by Theorem 13 we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 13. *For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} D_\omega(f) &= \bigcup_{G \in \sigma} \{f^{-1}(G) - \omega \text{Int}(f^{-1}(G))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) - \omega \text{Int}(f^{-1}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{\omega \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) - f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \{\omega \text{Cl}(A) - f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(f(A)))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \{\omega \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) - f^{-1}(F)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{F} is the family of closed sets of (Y, σ) .

6. Other generalizations of ω -continuity

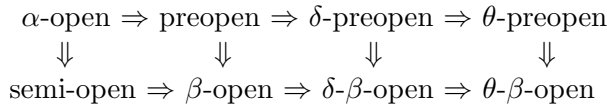
First, we recall the δ -closure of a subset in a topological space. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . A point $x \in X$ is called a δ -cluster point of A if $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V)) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every open set V containing x . The set of all δ -cluster points of A is called the δ -closure of A and is denoted by $\text{Cl}_\delta(A)$ [36].

Definition 23. *A subset of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be*

- (1) δ -preopen [31] (resp. θ -preopen [24]) if $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}_\delta(A))$
(resp. $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}_\theta(A))$),
- (2) δ - β -open [13] (resp. θ - β -open [24]) if $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}_\delta(A)))$
(resp. $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}_\theta(A)))$),
- (3) b -open [4] if $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) \cup \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$.

By $\delta\text{PO}(X)$ (resp. $\delta\beta(X)$, $\theta\text{PO}(X)$, $\theta\beta(X)$, $\text{BO}(X)$), we denote the collection of all δ -preopen (resp. δ - β -open, θ -preopen, θ - β -open, b -open) sets of a topological space (X, τ) . These five collections are m -structures with property \mathcal{B} . In [24], the following diagram is known:

DIAGRAM III



For the new collections of subsets of a topological space (X, τ) , we can define many new variations of g -closed sets. For example, in case $m_X = \delta\text{PO}(X)$, $\delta\beta(X)$, $\theta\text{PO}(X)$, $\theta\beta(X)$, or $\text{BO}(X)$ we can define new types of g -closed sets as follows:

Definition 24. *A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be δpg^* -closed (resp. θpg^* -closed, $\delta\beta g^*$ -closed, $\theta\beta g^*$ -closed, bg^* -closed) if $\text{Cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is δ -preopen (resp. θ -preopen, δ - β -open, θ - β -open, b -open) in (X, τ) .*

By DIAGRAM I and Definition 24, we have the following diagram:

DIAGRAM IV

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 g\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \alpha g^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & pg^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \delta pg^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \theta pg^*\text{-closed} \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 sg^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \beta g^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \delta \beta g^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \theta \beta g^*\text{-closed} & \Leftarrow & \text{closed}
 \end{array}$$

Definition 25. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be δpg^* -continuous (resp. θpg^* -continuous, $\delta \beta g^*$ -continuous, $\theta \beta g^*$ -continuous, bg^* -continuous) if $f^{-1}(K)$ is δpg^* -closed (resp. θpg^* -closed, $\delta \beta g^*$ -closed, $\theta \beta g^*$ -closed, bg^* -closed) in X for each closed set K of Y .

Finally, we have to state the following remark:

Remark 15. The families $\delta PO(X)$, $\delta \beta(X)$, $\theta PO(X)$, $\theta \beta(X)$, and $BO(X)$ have property \mathcal{B} and we can apply the results established in Sections 4 and 5 to the functions in Definition 25.

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