

Weak Insertion of a γ – Continuous Function¹

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Abstract A sufficient condition in terms of lower cut sets are given for the weak insertion of a γ -continuous function between two comparable real-valued functions.

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1. Introduction

The concept of a preopen set in a topological space was introduced by H. H. Corson and E. Michael in 1964[5]. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called preopen or locally dense or nearly open if $A \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$. A set A is called preclosed if its complement is preopen or equivalently if $\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)) \subseteq A$. The term ,preopen, was used for the first time by A. S. Mashhour, M. E. Abd El-Monsef and S. N. El-Deeb[13], while the concept of a , locally dense, set was introduced by H. H. Corson and E. Michael[5].

The concept of a semi-open set in a topological space was introduced by N. Levine in 1963[12]. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called semi-open[12] if $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$. A set A is called semi-closed if its complement is semi-open or equivalently if $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) \subseteq A$.

Recall that a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called γ -open if $A \cap S$ is preopen, whenever S is preopen [2]. A set A is called γ -closed if its complement is γ -open or equivalently if $A \cup S$ is preclosed, whenever S is preclosed. The class γ -open sets is a topology on X [1].

A real-valued function f defined on a topological space X is called A -continuous[14] if the preimage of every open subset of \mathbb{R} belongs to A , where A is a collection of subset of X . Most of the definitions of function used throughout this paper are consequences of the definition of A -continuity. However, for unknown concepts the reader may refer to[6,7].

Hence, a real-valued function f defined on a topological space X is called precontinuous (resp. semi-continuous or γ -continuous) if the preimage of every open subset of \mathbb{R} is preopen (resp. semi-open or γ -open) subset of X . Precontinuity was called by V. Ptak nearly continuity[15]. Nearly continuity or precontinuity is known also as almost continuity by T. Husain[8]. Precontinuity was studied for real-

valued functions on Euclidean space by Blumberg back in 1922[3].

Results of Katětov[9,10] concerning binary relations and the concept of an indefinite lower cut set for a real-valued function, which is due to Brooks[4], are used in order to give a sufficient condition for the insertion of a γ -continuous function between two comparable real-valued functions.

If g and f are real-valued functions defined on a space X , we write $g \leq f$ in case $g(x) \leq f(x)$ for all x in X .

The following definitions are modifications of conditions considered in[11].

A property P defined relative to a real-valued function on a topological space is a γ -property provided that any constant function has property P and provided that the sum of a function with property P and any γ -continuous function also has property P . If P_1 and P_2 are γ -property, the following terminology is used: A space X has the weak γ -insertion property for (P_1, P_2) if and only if for any functions g and f on X such that $g \leq f$, g has property P_1 and f has property P_2 , then there exists a γ -continuous function h such that $g \leq h \leq f$.

In this paper, is given a sufficient condition for the weak γ -insertion property. Also several insertion theorems are obtained as corollaries of this result.

2. The Main Result

Before giving a sufficient condition for insertability of a γ -continuous function, the necessary definitions and terminology are stated.

Let (X, τ) be a topological space, the family of all γ -open, γ -closed, semi-open, semi-closed, preopen and preclosed will be denoted by $\gamma O(X, \tau)$, $\gamma C(X, \tau)$, $sO(X, \tau)$, $sC(X, \tau)$, $pO(X, \tau)$ and $pC(X, \tau)$, respectively.

Definition 2.1. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . Respectively, we define the γ -closure, γ -interior, s -closure, s -interior, p -closure and p -interior of a set A , denoted by $\gamma \text{Cl}(A)$, $\gamma \text{Int}(A)$, $s \text{Cl}(A)$, $s \text{Int}(A)$, $p \text{Cl}(A)$ and $p \text{Int}(A)$ as follows:

$$\gamma \text{Cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F : F \supseteq A, F \in \gamma C(X, \tau)\},$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\gamma\text{Int}(A) &= \bigcup \{O : O \subseteq A, O \in \gamma O(X, \tau)\}, \\ s\text{Cl}(A) &= \bigcap \{F : F \supseteq A, F \in sC(X, \tau)\}, \\ s\text{Int}(A) &= \bigcup \{O : O \subseteq A, O \in sO(X, \tau)\}, \\ p\text{Cl}(A) &= \bigcap \{F : F \supseteq A, F \in pC(X, \tau)\} \text{ and} \\ p\text{Int}(A) &= \bigcup \{O : O \subseteq A, O \in pO(X, \tau)\}.\end{aligned}$$

If $\{A_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of preopen (resp. semi-open) sets, since $A_i \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A_i)) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\}))$ (resp. $A_i \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A_i)) \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\}))$), then $\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\}))$ (resp. $\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\}))$), i. e., $\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\}$ is a preopen (resp. semi-open) set. Therefore, both preopen and semi-open sets are preserved by arbitrary unions.

Hence, respectively, we have $\gamma\text{Cl}(A)$, $s\text{Cl}(A)$, $p\text{Cl}(A)$ are γ -closed, respectively, semi-closed, preclosed and $\gamma\text{Int}(A)$, $s\text{Int}(A)$, $p\text{Int}(A)$ are γ -open, semi-open, pre-open.

The following first two definitions are modifications of conditions considered in [9, 10].

Definition 2.2. If ρ is a binary relation in a set S then ρ^- is defined as follows: $x \rho^- y$ if and only if $y \rho v$ implies $x \rho v$ and $u \rho x$ implies $u \rho y$ for any u and v in S .

Definition 2.3. A binary relation ρ in the power set $P(X)$ of a topological space X is called a strong binary relation in $P(X)$ in case ρ satisfies each of the following conditions:

1) If $A_i \rho B_j$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and for any $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, then there exists a set C in $P(X)$ such that $A_i \rho C$ and $C \rho B_j$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and any $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

2) If $A \subseteq B$, then $A \rho^- B$.

3) If $A \rho B$, then $\gamma\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq B$ and $A \subseteq \gamma\text{Int}(B)$.

The concept of a lower indefinite cut set for a real-valued function was defined by Brooks [4] as follows:

Definition 2.4. If f is a real-valued function defined on a space X and if $\{x \in X : f(x) < t\} \subseteq A(f, t) \subseteq \{x \in X : f(x) \leq t\}$ for a real number t , then $A(f, t)$ is called a lower indefinite cut set in the domain of f at the level

We now give the following main result:

Theorem 2.1. Let g and f be real-valued functions on a topological space X with $g \leq f$. If there exists a strong binary relation ρ on the power set of X and if there exist lower indefinite cut sets $A(f, t)$ and $A(g, t)$ in the domain of f and g at the level t for each rational number t such that if $t_1 < t_2$ then $A(f, t_1) \rho A(g, t_2)$, then there exists a γ -continuous function h defined on X such that $g \leq h \leq f$.

Proof. Let g and f be real-valued functions defined on X such that $g \leq f$. By hypothesis there exists a strong binary relation ρ on the power set of X and there exist lower indefinite cut sets $A(f, t)$ and $A(g, t)$ in the domain of f and g at the level t for each rational number t such that if $t_1 < t_2$ then $A(f, t_1) \rho A(g, t_2)$.

Define functions F and G mapping the rational numbers Q into the power set of X by $F(t) = A(f, t)$ and $G(t) = A(g, t)$. If t_1 and t_2 are any elements of Q with $t_1 < t_2$, then $F(t_1) \rho^- F(t_2)$, $G(t_1) \rho G(t_2)$, and $F(t_1) \rho G(t_2)$. By Lemmas 1 and 2 of [10] it follows that there exists a function H mapping Q into the power set of X such that if t_1 and t_2 are any rational numbers with $t_1 < t_2$, then $F(t_1) \rho H(t_2)$, $H(t_1) \rho H(t_2)$ and $H(t_1) \rho G(t_2)$.

For any x in X , let $h(x) = \inf\{t \in Q : x \in H(t)\}$.

We first verify that $g \leq h \leq f$: If x is in $H(t)$ then x is in $G(k)$ for any $k > t$; since x is in $G(k) = A(g, k)$ implies that $g(x) \leq k$, it follows that $g(x) \leq t$. Hence $g \leq h$. If x is not in $H(t)$, then x is not in $F(k)$ for any $k < t$; since x is not in $F(k) = A(f, k)$ implies that $f(x) > k$, it follows that $f(x) \geq t$. Hence $h \leq f$.

Also, for any rational numbers t_1 and t_2 with $t_1 < t_2$, we have $h(t_1, t_2) = \gamma\text{Int}(H(t_2)) \setminus \gamma\text{Cl}(H(t_1))$. Hence $h(t_1, t_2)$ is a γ -open subset of X , i. e., h is a γ -continuous function on X .

The above proof used the technique of proof of Theorem 1 of [9].

3. Applications

The abbreviations pc and sc are used for precontinuous and semicontinuous, respectively.

Before stating the consequences of Theorem 2.1, we suppose that X is a topological space that γ -open sets are semi-open and preopen.

Corollary 3.1. If for each pair of disjoint preclosed (resp. semi-closed) sets F_1, F_2 , there exist γ -open sets G_1 and G_2 such that $F_1 \subseteq G_1$, $F_2 \subseteq G_2$ and $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ then every precontinuous (resp. semi-continuous) function is γ -continuous.

Proof. First verify that X has the weak γ -insertion property for (pc, pc) (resp. (sc, sc)): Let g and f be real-valued functions defined on the X , such that f and g are pc (resp. sc), and $g \leq f$. If a binary relation ρ is defined by $A \rho B$ in case $p\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq p\text{Int}(B)$ (resp. $s\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq s\text{Int}(B)$), then by hypothesis ρ is a strong binary relation in the power set of X . If t_1 and t_2 are any elements of Q with $t_1 < t_2$, then

$$A(f, t_1) \subseteq \{x \in X : f(x) \leq t_1\} \subseteq \{x \in X : g(x) < t_2\} \subseteq A(g, t_2);$$

since $\{x \in X : f(x) \leq t_1\}$ is a preclosed (resp. semi-closed) set and since $\{x \in X : g(x) < t_2\}$ is a preopen (resp. semi-open) set, it follows that $p\text{Cl}(A(f, t_1)) \subseteq p\text{Int}(A(g, t_2))$ (resp. $s\text{Cl}(A(f, t_1)) \subseteq s\text{Int}(A(g, t_2))$). Hence $t_1 < t_2$ implies that $A(f, t_1) \rho A(g, t_2)$. The proof follows from Theorem 2.1.

Also, if f be a real-valued precontinuous (resp. semi-continuous) function defined on the X , by setting $g = f$, then there exists a γ -continuous function h such that $g = h = f$.

Corollary 3.2. If for each pair of disjoint subsets F_1, F_2 of X , such that F_1 is preclosed and F_2 is semi-closed, there exist γ -open subsets G_1 and G_2 of X such that $F_1 \subseteq G_1$, $F_2 \subseteq G_2$ and $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$ then X have the weak γ -insertion property for (pc, sc) and (sc, pc) .

Proof. Let g and f be real-valued functions defined on the X , such that g is pc (resp. sc) and f is sc (resp. pc), with $g \leq f$. If a binary relation ρ is defined by $A \rho B$ in case $s\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq p\text{Int}(B)$ (resp. $p\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq s\text{Int}(B)$), then by hypothesis ρ is a strong binary relation in the power set of X . If t_1 and t_2 are any elements of Q with $t_1 < t_2$, then

$$A(f, t_1) \subseteq \{x \in X : f(x) \leq t_1\} \subseteq \{x \in X : g(x) < t_2\} \subseteq A(g, t_2).$$

t_2);

since $\{x \in X : f(x) \leq t_1\}$ is a semi-closed (resp. preclosed) set and since $\{x \in X : g(x) < t_2\}$ is a preopen (resp. semi-open) set, it follows that $sCl(A(f, t_1)) \subseteq pInt(A(g, t_2))$ (resp. $pCl(A(f, t_1)) \subseteq sInt(A(g, t_2))$). Hence $t_1 < t_2$ implies that $A(f, t_1) \rho A(g, t_2)$. The proof follows from Theorem 2.1.

Remark 3.1. See [1,2], for examples of topological spaces are said in corollaries 3.1 and 3.2.

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