

On $\hat{\mu}$ -Irresolute functions in topological spaces

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the concept of $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute maps, strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps, perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps, totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps and contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps in topological spaces and their properties are studied.

Key words : $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute map, strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map, perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map, totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map, contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map.

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1. Introduction

Irresolute maps are introduced and studied by Crossley and Hildebrand¹. Dontchev² introduced the notion of contra continuity in 1996. Dontchev and Noiri³ introduced contra-semicontinuous functions in 1999. Jafari and Noiri⁴ introduced contra α -continuous functions between topological spaces.

M.K.R.S.Veerakumar¹³ introduced μ -closed sets in topological spaces. Recently author^{11,12} introduced $\hat{\mu}$ -closed sets and $\hat{\mu}$ -continuity in topological spaces. In this paper we introduce $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute maps, strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps, perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps, totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps and contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps in topological spaces and their properties.

2. Preliminaries :

Throughout this paper, we consider spaces on which no separations are assumed unless explicitly stated. For $A \subset X$, the closure and interior of A is denoted by $\text{cl}(A)$ and $\text{int}(A)$ respectively. The complement of A is denoted by A^c , the power set of X is denoted by $P(X)$.

Definition : 2.1

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

1. a preopen set⁸ if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ and preclosed if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$.
2. a semiopen set⁶ if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ and a semiclosed set if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$.
3. an α -open set⁹ if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$ and α -closed set if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$.

The intersection of all α -closed (resp. semiclosed) subsets of (X, τ) containing a subset A of X is called α -closure (resp. semiclosure) of A is denoted by $\alpha\text{cl}(A)$ (resp. $\text{scl}(A)$).

Definition : 2.2

A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called

1. a $g\alpha^*$ -closed set⁷ if $\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq \text{int}(U)$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is α -open in (X, τ) . The complement of $g\alpha^*$ -closed set is called $g\alpha^*$ -open set.
2. a μ -closed set¹³ if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is $g\alpha^*$ -open in (X, τ) . The complement of μ -closed is called μ -open.
3. a $\hat{\mu}$ -closed set¹¹ if $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is μ -open in (X, τ) . The complement of $\hat{\mu}$ -closed set is called $\hat{\mu}$ -open set.

Notation : 2.3

1. The class of $\hat{\mu}$ -closed subsets of (X, τ) is denoted by $c(X, \tau)$ ¹¹.
2. The class of $\hat{\mu}$ -open subsets of (X, τ) is denoted by $\hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$ ¹¹.
3. For every set $E \subset X$, $\hat{\mu}$ -closure of E to be the intersection of all $\hat{\mu}$ -closed sets containing E . In symbols, $\hat{\mu} \text{cl}(E) = \bigcap \{A : E \subset A, A \in \hat{\mu}c(X, \tau)\}$ ¹².
4. For every set $E \subset X$, $\hat{\mu}$ -interior of E to be the union of all $\hat{\mu}$ -open sets contained in E . In symbols, $\hat{\mu} \text{int}(E) = \bigcup \{A : A \subset E \text{ and } A \in \hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)\}$ ¹².

Definition : 2.4

A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is

- (i) strongly continuous⁵ if $f^{-1}(V)$ is both open and closed in (X, τ) for each subset V of (Y, σ) .
- (ii) perfectly continuous¹⁰ if $f^{-1}(V)$ is both open and closed in (X, τ) for each open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iii) contra continuous² if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for each open subset V of (Y, σ) .
- (iv) contra α -continuous⁴ if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α -closed in (X, τ) for each open subset V of (Y, σ) .
- (v) contra semi continuous³ if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semiclosed in (X, τ) for each open subset V of (Y, σ) .
- (vi) μ -continuous¹³ if $f^{-1}(V)$ is μ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (vii) $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous¹² if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.5:

A topological space (X, τ) is a

- (i) $T\hat{\mu}$ space¹¹ if every $\hat{\mu}$ -closed subset of (X, τ) is closed in (X, τ) .
- (ii) $\mu T\hat{\mu}$ space¹¹ if every $\hat{\mu}$ -closed subset of (X, τ) is μ -closed in (X, τ) .

3. $\hat{\mu}$ - Irresolute maps :

We introduce the following definition.

Definition 3.1 :

A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X for every $\hat{\mu}$ -closed set V in Y .

Example 3.2 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{x, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Clearly the identity map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute, since every subset of X is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X .

Proposition 3.3 :

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute, then f is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof :

Since every closed set is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed, we get the proof.

Example 3.4 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$.

Here $\hat{\mu}c(X, \tau) = P(X) - \{a, b\}$ and $\hat{\mu}c(X, \tau) = P(X)$. Clearly the identity map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute, since $\{a, b\}$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in Y but $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X .

Proposition 3.5 :

A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in X for every $\hat{\mu}$ -open set V of Y .

Proof :

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute and V be an $\hat{\mu}$ -open set in Y . Then $f^{-1}(V^c)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X . But $f^{-1}(V^c) = (f^{-1}(V))^c$ and so $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in X . Converse is similar.

Proposition 3.6 :

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be any two maps. Then

- a) $g \circ f$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute if both f and g are $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute.
- b) $g \circ f$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous if g is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous and f is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute.

Proof (a) :

Let F be $\hat{\mu}$ -closed set in Z . Since g is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute, $g^{-1}(F)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in Y . Since f is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X . Thus $g \circ f$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute.

Proof (b) :

Let F be closed set in Z . Since g is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(F)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in Y . Since f is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X . Thus $g \circ f$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proposition 3.7 :

Let X be a topological space, Y be a $T\hat{\mu}$ -space and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. Then the following are equivalent.

- (i) f is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute.
- (ii) f is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof :

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) : Follows from Proposition 3.3

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) : Let F be a $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in Y . Since Y is $T\hat{\mu}$ -space, F is a closed set in Y and by hypothesis, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X . Therefore f is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute.

Theorem 3.8 :

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute. Then f is μ -continuous if X is a $\mu T\hat{\mu}$ -space.

Proof :

Let F be a closed subset of Y . Since every closed set is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed, F is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in Y . Since $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X . Also X is a $T\hat{\mu}$ -space, we get $f^{-1}(F)$ is μ -closed in X .

4. Strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -Continuous, Perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -Continuous and Totally $\hat{\mu}$ -Continuous :

Definition 4.1 :

A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous if the inverse image of every $\hat{\mu}$ -open set of Y is open in X .

Proposition 4.2 :

If a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, then f is continuous but not conversely.

Proof :

Since every open set is $\hat{\mu}$ -open, we get the proof.

Example 4.3 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$. Let $f : x \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Then f is continuous but

not strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, since for the $\hat{\mu}$ -open set $\{b\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$ is not open in X .

Proposition 4.4 :

Let X be a topological space, Y be a $T\hat{\mu}$ -space and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. Then the following are equivalent.

(i) f is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

(ii) f is continuous.

Proof : (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Follows from Proposition 4.2

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Let V be $\hat{\mu}$ -open in Y . Since Y is a $T\hat{\mu}$ -space, V is open in Y . By (ii) $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X . Therefore f is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proposition 4.5 :

If a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is strongly continuous, then f is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof : Follows from definitions.

The following example supports that the converse of the Proposition 4.5 is not true.

Example 4.6 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let f be an identity map. Clearly f is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not strongly continuous. Since $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ which is open but not closed in X .

Definition 4.7 :

A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous if the inverse image of every $\hat{\mu}$ -open set in Y is both open and closed in X .

Proposition 4.8 :

If a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous then f is perfectly continuous (resp. continuous) but not conversely.

Proof :

Let V be an open set in Y . Then V is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in Y . Since f is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is both open and closed in X . Thus f is perfectly continuous and also continuous.

Example 4.9 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}\}$.

Here $\hat{\mu}o(Y, \sigma) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Clearly the identity map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is perfectly continuous and continuous but not perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous. Since the set $\{a, b\}$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in Y but $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ is neither open nor closed in X .

Proposition 4.10 :

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous then it is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof :

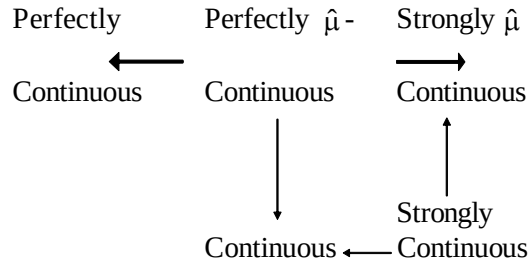
Similar to the proof of the Proposition 4.8.

Example 4.11 :

Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be defined as in Example 4.6, then f is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous. Since the set $\{a, c\}$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in Y and $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is open but not closed in X .

From the above discussions we have the following implications. $A \rightarrow B$ represents

A implies B but not conversely.

**Proposition 4.12 :**

Let X be a discrete topological space, Y be any topological space and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. Then the following are equivalent.

- (i) f is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.
- (ii) f is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof : (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) : Follows from Proposition 4.10

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) : Let V be any $\hat{\mu}$ -open set in Y . By hypothesis $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X . Since X is a discrete space, $f^{-1}(V)$ is also closed in X and so f is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proposition 4.13 :

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous then their composition $gf : X \rightarrow Z$ is also perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof :

Let V be a $\hat{\mu}$ -open set in Z . Since g is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is both open and closed in Y . Also f is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is both open and closed in X . Thus $g \circ f$ is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proposition 4.14 :

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be any two

maps. Then their composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is

- (i) $\hat{\mu}$ -irresolute if g is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous and f is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.
- (ii) strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous if g is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous and f is continuous.
- (iii) perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous if g is strongly continuous and f is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof :

Similar to the proof of the Proposition 4.13.

Definition 4.15:

A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous if the inverse image of every open subset of Y is $\hat{\mu}$ -clopen subset of X .

Example 4.16 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$.

Here $\hat{\mu}c(X, \tau) = P(X)$. Define a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(a) = b$ $f(b) = c$ and $f(c) = a$. Clearly f is totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proposition 4.17 :

Every perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map is totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof :

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be perfectly -continuous map. Let V be an open set in Y . Then V is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in Y . Since f is perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X implies that $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -clopen in X .

The following example shows that the converse of the above Proposition 4.17 is not true.

Example 4.18 :

Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be defined as in Example 4.16, then $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous. Since the set $\{a\}$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in (Y, σ) but $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{c\}$ is not clopen in (X, τ) .

The following two examples shows that totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous and strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous are independent⁵.

Example 4.19 :

Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be defined as in Example 4.16, then $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not strongly -continuous, since the set $\{a\}$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -open in (Y, σ) but $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{c\}$ is not open in (X, τ) .

Example 4.21 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an identity map. Then f is strongly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous. Since the set $\{a\}$ is open in Y but $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$ which is $\hat{\mu}$ -open but not $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X .

Proposition 4.22 :

Every totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof :

Clearly follows from definitions.

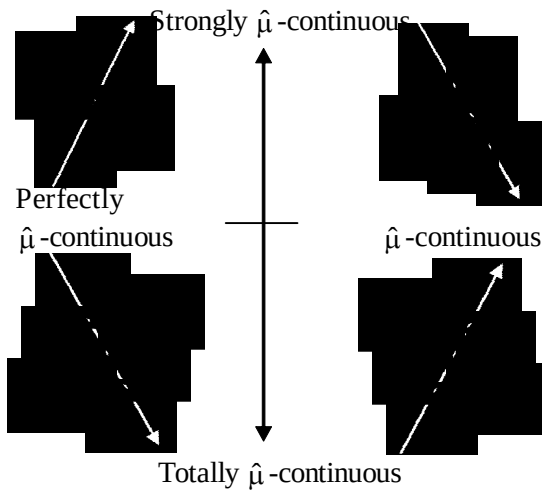
The following example supports that the converse of the Proposition 4.22 is not true.

Example 4.23 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a

map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(a) = c$, $f(b) = a$ and $f(c) = b$. Here the map f is $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, since for the open set $\{b, c\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ which is $\hat{\mu}$ -open but not $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X .

From the above Propositions and examples we have the following diagram. $A \rightarrow B$ (resp. $A \longleftrightarrow B$) represents A implies B but not conversely (resp. A and B are independent of each others).



Remark 4.24 :

It is clear that the totally $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map is stronger than $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map and weaker than perfectly $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map.

5. Contra $\hat{\mu}$ -Continuous :

Definition 5.1 :

A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X for each open set V of Y .

Proposition 5.2 :

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra continuous, then it is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof :

The proof follows from the fact that every closed set is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed.

The following example shows that the converse of the Proposition 5.2 is not true.

Example 5.3 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$. Here $\hat{\mu}c(X, \tau) = P(X)$. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an identity map. Here the map f is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not contra-continuous, since for the open set $\{a\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$ is not closed in X .

Proposition 5.4 :

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra α -continuous (resp. contra semi-continuous) then f is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof :

The proof follows from the fact that every α -closed (resp. semiclosed) set is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed.

Example 5.5 :

Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be defined as in Example 5.3, then f is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous but it is neither contra α -continuous nor contra semi-continuous. Since for the open set $\{a\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$ is neither α -closed nor semiclosed in X .

Proposition 5.6 :

Let X be a $T\hat{\mu}$ -space. If a map $f : X$

Y is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, then f is contra continuous.

Proof :

The proof follows from definitions.

Remark 5.7 :

The following two examples shows that the contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuity and continuity are independent.

Example 5.8 :

Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be defined in Example 5.3 is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, but not continuous, since for the open set $\{a\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$ is not open in X .

Example 5.9 :

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{c\}\}$. Here $\hat{\mu}c(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(a) = c$, $f(b) = a$ and $f(c) = b$. Here the map f is continuous but not contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous, since for the open set $\{c\}$ in Y , $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{a\}$ is not $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X .

Proposition 5.10 :

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra -continuous map and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ is a continuous map then $gf : X \rightarrow Z$ is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous.

Proof :

Clearly follows from definitions.

Remark 5.11 :

The following example shows that the composition of two contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps

is not contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map.

Example 5.12 :

Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$, $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$ and $\eta = \{Z, \phi, \{b\}\}$. Define a map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b$, $f(b) = c$ and $f(c) = a$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is the identity map. Here $\hat{\mu}c(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\hat{\mu}c(Y, \sigma) = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Clearly f and g are contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous maps but $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is not a contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous map, since for the open set $\{b\}$ in Z , $(g \circ f)^{-1}(b) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(b)) = f^{-1}(b) = \{a\}$ is not $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X .

Lemma 5.13 :

The following properties hold for subsets A and B of a space X .

- i) $x \in \ker(A)$ if and only if $A \cap F \neq \phi$ for any closed set F of X containing x .
- ii) $A \subset \ker(A)$ and $A = \ker(A)$ if A is open in X .
- iii) If $A \subset B$, then $\ker(A) \subset \ker(B)$.

Theorem 5.14 :

Assume that $\hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$ is closed under arbitrary union. Then for a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following are equivalent.

- i) f is contra $\hat{\mu}$ -continuous;
- ii) for every closed subset F of Y , $f^{-1}(F) \in \hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$;
- iii) for each $x \in X$ and each closed set F of

Y containing $f(x)$, there exists $U \in \hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$ and $x \in U$ such that $f(U) \subset F$;

iv) $f(\hat{\mu}cl(A)) \subset \ker f(A)$, for every subset A of X;

v) $\hat{\mu}cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(B))$, for every subset B of Y.

Proof :

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) : Obvious

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) : Let x be any point of X and F be any closed set of Y containing $f(x)$. By (ii), $f^{-1}(F) \in \hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$ and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ put $U = f^{-1}(F)$. Then $U \in \hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$ and $f(U) \subset F$.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) : Let F be any closed set of Y and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. Then $f(x) \in F$ and there exists $U_x \in \hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$ and $x \in U_x$ such that $f(U_x) \subset F$. Therefore, by hypothesis $f^{-1}(F) = \cup \{U_x / x \in f^{-1}(F)\} \in \hat{\mu}o(X, \tau)$.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv) : Let A be any subset of X. Suppose that $y \notin \ker(f(A))$. Then by Lemma 5.13, there exists a closed set F of Y containing y such that $f(A) \cap F = \emptyset$. Thus we have $A \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$ and $\hat{\mu}cl(A) \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$. Therefore, we obtain $f(\hat{\mu}cl(A)) \cap F = \emptyset$ and $y \notin f(\hat{\mu}cl(A))$. This implies that $f(\hat{\mu}cl(A)) \subset \ker f(A)$

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (v) : Let B be any subset of Y. By (v) and Lemma 5.13, we have $f(\hat{\mu}cl f^{-1}(B)) \subset \ker f(f^{-1}(B)) \subset \ker(B)$ and $\hat{\mu}cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(B))$.

(v) $\Rightarrow$ (i) : Let V be any open subset

of Y. Then by (v) and Lemma 5.13, we have $\hat{\mu}cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$. Thus $f^{-1}(V) = \hat{\mu}cl(f^{-1}(V))$. This shows that $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\hat{\mu}$ -closed in X by Proposition 4.10 on α -continuous functions in topological spaces¹².

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