



## Some Results About $\alpha$ -Continuous Functions

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### Abstract

The main aim of this paper is to study new class of continuous function is called  $\alpha$ -continuous function. for this aim, the notion of  $\alpha$ -open and pre-open sets and  $\alpha$ -compact space are introduced. and we shall study the relationship between  $\alpha$ -continuous and  $pc$ -continuous functions.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , we denote the complement of  $A$  in  $X$  by  $A^c$ , the closure and the interior of  $A$  respectively by  $\bar{A}$  and  $A^\circ$  we recall the following function :-

**Definition 1-1** :- Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space, A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is called

- 1) a **semi open set** [5] if  $A \subseteq (\bar{A}^\circ)$  and semi-closed if  $(\bar{A})^\circ \subseteq A$ .
- 2) a **pre-open set** [10] if  $A \subseteq (\bar{A})^\circ$  and pre-closed set if  $(\bar{A}^\circ) \subseteq A$ .
- 3) an  **$\alpha$ -open set** [13] if  $A \subseteq ((A^\circ)^\circ)$  and  $\alpha$ -closed set if  $((\bar{A})^\circ) \subseteq A$
- 4) a **regular open set** if  $A = (\bar{A})^\circ$  and regular closed set if  $A = (\bar{A}^\circ)$ .

The complement of an  $\alpha$ -open (resp. semi-open, pre-open, regular open) set is called  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi-closed, pre-closed, regular closed) set. The smallest  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi-closed, pre-closed, regular closed) set containing  $A \subseteq X$  is called  $\alpha$ -closure (resp. semi-closure, pre-closure, regular-closure) of  $A$  and shall be denoted by  $\bar{A}^\alpha$  (resp.  $\bar{A}^s, \bar{A}^p, \bar{A}^R$ ). we denote the family of  $\alpha$ -open (resp. semi-open, pre-open, regular open) sets by  $T^\alpha$  (resp.  $T^s, T^p, T^R$ ) sets, it is shown in [ ] that  $T \subset T^\alpha \subset T^s$  and  $T^\alpha$  is a topology for  $X$ , It is also shown that  $T^\alpha = T^s \cap T^p$ . an  $\alpha$ -open set is precisely semi-open and pre-open [14, Lemma 1]

In 1970, Gentry and Hoyle [4] introduce the concept of **C-continuous function**. A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called **C-continuous function** if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $V^c$  is compact, there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . in 1987, F. Cammroto and T. Noiri [3] define new concept of function is called **WC-continuous function** by replacing **compact** in the definition of C-continuous function with **weakly-compact** relative to  $Y$ . and a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called **PC-continuous function** [5] if and only if for each  $x \in X$ , and each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , such that  $V^c$  is **P-compact relative to Y**, there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

#### 1- $\alpha$ -compact space.

**Definition 2.1** :- A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -compact space [9] if every  $\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite sub cover.

It is shown in [9] that every  $\alpha$ -compact space is compact but not conversely, the following is obvious from **definition 2.1**. the subspace  $(A, \tau/A)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact, where  $\tau/A$  denotes the induced topology on  $A$ .

**Proposition 2.2** :- A space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact if and only if  $(X, \tau^\alpha)$  is compact.

**Definition 2.3** :- A subset  $A$  of space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , if every cover of  $A$  by  $\alpha$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau)$  has a finite sub cover.

**Theorem 2.4** :- A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if is compact in  $(X, \tau^\alpha)$

**Proof :-**

**Necessity :** Let  $A = \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$  and  $W_\lambda \in \tau^\alpha/A$  for each  $\lambda \in \Omega$ .

For each  $\lambda \in \Omega$ , there exists  $V_\lambda \in \tau^\alpha$ , such that  $W_\lambda = V_\lambda \cap A$ . since  $\{V_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$  is a cover of  $A$ , there exists a finite subset  $\Omega_o$  of  $\Omega$  such that  $A \subset \cup \{V_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_o\}$ . Therefore, we obtain  $A = \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_o\}$ . Hence  $A$  is compact set of  $(X, \tau^\alpha)$ .

**Sufficiency :** Let  $A \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$  and  $W_\lambda \in \tau^\alpha$  for each  $\lambda \in \Omega$ .

Then, we have  $A = \cup \{W_\lambda \cap A | \lambda \in \Omega\}$  and  $W_\lambda \cap A \in \tau^\alpha/A$  for each  $\lambda \in \Omega$ .

Therefore, for some finite subset  $\Omega_o$  of  $\Omega$

$$A = \cup \{W_\lambda \cap A | \lambda \in \Omega_o\} \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_o\}$$

This shows that  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $(X, \tau^\alpha)$ .

**Proposition 2.5 :-** Let  $A$  be a subset of space  $(X, \tau)$  if  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -compact.

**Proof :-** Let  $A = \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$  and  $W_\lambda \in (\tau/A)^\alpha$  for each  $\lambda \in \Omega$ . it follows from proposition 2.1 of [8] that  $(\tau/A)^\alpha \subset \tau^\alpha/A$ .

For each  $\lambda \in \Omega$ , there exists,  $V_\lambda \in \tau^\alpha$  such that  $W_\lambda = V_\lambda \cap A$ .

Since  $\{V_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$  is a cover of  $A$ , there exists  $\Omega_o$  of  $\Omega$ , such that  $A \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_o\}$

Therefore, we obtain  $A = \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_o\}$ .

So  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -compact of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Lemma 2.6 :-** [8], A space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact if and only if every proper  $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Corollary 2.7 :-** if a space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha$ -compact and  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -compact.

**Proof :-**

This is an immediate consequence of lemma 2.6 and proposition 2.5 By corollary 2.7, we observe that the assumption “open” of statement (a) in the following corollary is superfluous.

**Corollary 2.8 :-** [9] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $\alpha$ -compact space and  $A$  a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , then we have

- a) if  $A$  is open and  $\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ , then it is  $\alpha$ -compact.
- b) if  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , then it is compact.

**2-  $\alpha c$  – continuous function**

**Definition 3.1 :-** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $\alpha c$  – continuous function if and only if for each  $x \in X$ , and each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , such that  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.2 :-** for a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau')$  the following are equivalent :-

- 1)  $f$  is  $\alpha c$  – continuous function.
- 2) if  $V$  is open in  $Y$  and  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open set in  $X$ .
- 3) if  $F$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed set in  $X$

**proof :-** of 1  $\rightarrow$  2

Let  $V$  an open set of  $Y$  such that  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

Let  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ , then  $f(x) \in V$ , and there exists an open set  $U$  of  $X$ , such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

So, we have  $x \in U \subset f^{-1}(V)$ .

Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

of 2  $\rightarrow$  3

let  $F$  is closed set and  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

then  $F^c$  is open, and since  $F = (F^c)^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

then  $f^{-1}(F^c)$  is open set

so  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed.

of 3  $\rightarrow$  1

let  $x \in X$ , and  $V$  an open containing  $f(x)$ , such that  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

so  $f^{-1}(V^c)$  is closed set in  $X$ .

and hence  $U = f^{-1}(V)$  is an open set containing  $x$ , such that  $f(U) \subset V$  so  $f$  is  $\alpha c$  – continuous function.

**Proposition 3.3 :-** if  $A \subseteq X$  is  $\mathbf{p}$  – compact relative to  $X$  then it is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $X$ .

**proof :-**

let  $A \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$ , such that  $W_\lambda$  is  $\alpha$ -open set.

then  $W_\lambda$  is pre – open set.

since  $A$  is  $\mathbf{P}$  – compact relative to  $X$ .

so there exists a finite subset  $\Omega_o$  of  $\Omega$ , such that  $A \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_o\}$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.4 :-** if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $X$  then  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $X$

**proof:-** let  $A_1 \cup A_2 \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$ , such that  $W_\lambda$  is  $\alpha$ -open set.

then  $A_1 \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$  and  $A_2 \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega\}$ .

So for each  $i = 1, 2$ , there exists a finite subset  $\Omega_i$  of  $\Omega$ ,

such that  $A_i \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_i\}$

so, we have  $A_1 \cup A_2 \subset \cup \{W_\lambda | \lambda \in \Omega_i\}$ .

Then  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $X$

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space, it follows from **proposition 3.4** that the family of open sets having the complement  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $X$  may be used as a base for a topology  $\tau_{\alpha c}$ . it has been shown that the family of open sets having the complement  $P$ -compact relative to  $X$  may be used as base for a topology  $\tau_{PC}$  and the family of open sets having the complement compact relative to  $X$  may be used as base for a topology  $\tau_c$  and the family of open sets having the complement almost-compact relative to  $X$  may be used as base for a topology  $\tau_A$  and the family of open sets having the complement weakly-compact relative to  $X$  may be used as base for a topology  $\tau_{WC}$ .

**Remark 3.5** :- for space  $X$ , we have  $\tau_{\alpha c} \subset \tau_{PC} \subset \tau_c \subset \tau_A \subset \tau_{WC} \subset \tau$ .

**Definition 3.6** :- A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau')$  is said to be

- 1)  **$\alpha$ -continuous** function [12] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every  $V$  is open in  $Y$ .
- 2) **Weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous** function if for each  $x \in X$ , and each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ , such that  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists an  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.7** :- A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is **continuous** if and only if  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$   **$\alpha$ -continuous** function.

**Proof** :- **Necessity** :let  $V$  is open in  $Y$ , since  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is continuous.

Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ .

So,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .

Therefore  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is  $\alpha$ -continuous function.

**Sufficiency** : let  $V$  is open in  $Y$ .

Then  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

From **proposition 3.2**, Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ .

Then  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is continuous function.

**Theorem 3.8** :- A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is  **$\alpha c$ -continuous** function if and only if  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is **continuous** function.

**Proof** :- **Necessity** : let  $V$  is open in  $Y$ .

Then  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

From **proposition 3.2**, Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ .

Then  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is continuous function.

**Sufficiency** : Let  $x \in X$ , and each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , such that  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open set in  $X$  containing  $x$ .

Let  $f^{-1}(V) = U$ , then  $f(U) \subset V$ .

Therefore  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is  $\alpha c$ -continuous function.

**Corollary 3.9** :- A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is  $\alpha c$ -continuous function if and only if  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is  $\alpha$ -continuous function.

**Proof** :- this is an immediate from **theorem 3.8**.

**Theorem 3.10** :- if  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is  **$\alpha c$ -continuous** function then  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is **weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous** function.

**Proof** :- let  $x \in X$ , and each an open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

Then  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

Since  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is  $\alpha c$ -continuous function, then there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

So,  $f(U) \subset V$ .

Therefore  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau'_{\alpha c})$  is weakly  $\alpha$ -continuous function.

**Theorem**

**3.11:-**

Let  $(X, \tau), (Y, \tau')$  be two topological spaces, if  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau')$  is  **$\alpha$ -continuous function** then  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau')$  is **PC-continuous function**.

**Proof** :- let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  is open set containing  $f(x)$ , such that  $V^c$  is  $P$ -compact space relative to  $Y$

Then  $V^c$  is  $\alpha$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

Since  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\alpha c$ -continuous function.

So there exists open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

Therefore  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $PC$ -continuous function.

**Theorem 3.12** :- if  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau')$  is  $\alpha c$ -continuous function, and  $A$  is subset of  $X$ , then restriction  $f/A: A \rightarrow Y$  is  $\alpha c$ -continuous function.

**Theorem 3.13 :-** if  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau')$  is **continuous** function and  $g: (Y, \tau') \rightarrow (Z, \sigma)$  is  **$\alpha$ - continuous** function, then the composition  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  **$\alpha$  – continuous**.

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