

SOME PROPERTIES OF SUBSETS AND  
ALMOST CLOSED MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT

In the paper some properties of  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff subsets and almost closed mappings are studied.

1. INTRODUCTION

No separation properties are assumed for spaces unless explicitly stated.

A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is *regularly open* iff  $\text{IntCl}A=A$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is *regularly closed* iff  $C_1\text{Int}A = A$ , [9].

A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -*paracompact* ( $\alpha$ -*nearly paracompact*) iff for every open (regularly open) cover

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$\mathcal{U}$  of  $A$  there is an open  $X$ -locally finite family  $\mathcal{V}$  which refines  $\mathcal{U}$  and covers  $A$ , [13],[5].

A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact ( $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact) with respect to a subset  $B$  iff for every open (regularly open) cover  $\mathcal{U}=\{U_i:i\in I\}$  of  $A$  there exists an open family  $\mathcal{V}=\{V_j:j\in J\}$  such that:

- $\mathcal{V}$  refines  $\mathcal{U}$ ,
- $A \subset \cup\{V_j: j\in J\}$ ,
- $\mathcal{V}$  is locally finite at each point  $x\in B$ , [6].

Subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a space  $X$  are mutually  $\alpha$ -paracompact (mutually  $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact) iff the subset  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact ( $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact) with respect to the subset  $B$  and the subset  $B$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact ( $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact) with respect to the subset  $A$ , [6].

A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -nearly compact or  $N$ -closed iff every regularly open cover  $\mathcal{U}=\{U_i:i\in I\}$  of  $A$  has a finite subcover of  $A$ , [1].

A space  $X$  is nearly compact iff every regularly open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover, [11].

A space  $X$  is locally nearly compact iff for each point  $x\in X$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $ClU$  is  $\alpha$ -nearly compact, [1].

A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff iff for any two points  $a,b$  of a space  $X$ , where  $a\in A$  and  $b\in X\setminus A$ , there are disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $a$  and  $b$  respectively. A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -regular ( $\alpha$ -almost regular) iff for any point  $a\in A$  and any open (regularly open) subset  $U$  containing  $a$  there is an open subset  $V$  such that  $a\in V\subset ClV\subset U$ , [7];[4].

A space  $X$  is almost regular iff for any regularly closed set  $F$  and any point  $x\notin F$ , there are disjoint open sets containing  $F$  and  $x$  respectively, [10].

A mapping  $f:X\rightarrow Y$  is almost closed (almost open) iff for any regularly closed (regularly open) set  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $f(F)$

is closed (open) in  $Y$ , [9].

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is *almost continuous* at a point  $x \in X$  iff for every open neighbourhood  $M$  of  $f(x)$  there is an open neighbourhood  $N$  of  $x$  such that  $f(N) \subset \text{IntCl}M$ .  $f$  is almost continuous iff it is almost continuous at each point of  $X$ , [9].

## 2. RESULTS

The following theorem was proved in [7]:

**Theorem A.** If  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of a space  $X$ , then  $\text{Cl}A$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact.

We can generalize this result with the following results:

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact subset with respect to a subset  $B$ , then  $\text{Cl}A$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $B$ .

Proof. It is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.4 in [7].

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -almost regular  $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact subset with respect to a subset  $B$ , then  $\text{Cl}A$  is  $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact with respect to  $B$ .

Proof. It is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.2 in [4].

**Lemma 2.1.** Let

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U_i : i \in I\}$$

be a family of open  $\alpha$ -regular subsets of a space  $X$  such that:

- a)  $\mathcal{U}$  is locally finite at each point of a subset  $B$
- b)  $U_i$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $B$ , for each  $i \in I$ .
- Then,  $U = \bigcup \{U_i : i \in I\}$  is an open  $\alpha$ -regular subset which is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $B$ .

Proof. By Lemma 2.1 in [2], the set  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -regular. Let  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_j : j \in J\}$  be an open covering of  $U$ . Then,  $\{V_j \cap U_i : j \in J\}$  is an open covering of  $U_i$ , for each  $i \in I$ . Since  $U_i$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $B$ , there is a family  $\mathcal{V}_i = \{D_k : k \in K^i\}$  of open sets such that:

- $\mathcal{V}_i$  refines  $\{V_j \cap U_i : j \in J\}$ ,
- $U_i \subset \bigcup \{D_k : D_k \in \mathcal{V}_i\}$ ,
- $\mathcal{V}_i$  is locally finite at each point of  $B$ .

Consider the family

$$\mathcal{V} = \{D_k : k \in K^i, i \in I\}.$$

It follows that

- $\mathcal{V}$  refines  $\mathcal{V}$ ,
- $U \subset \bigcup \{D : D \in \mathcal{V}\}$ ,
- $\mathcal{V}$  is locally finite at each point of  $B$ .

Thus,  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $B$ .

Similarly, we can prove the next result:

Lemma 2.2. Let

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U_i : i \in I\}$$

be a family of regularly open  $\alpha$ -almost regular subset of a space  $X$  such that:

- a)  $\tilde{U}$  is locally finite at each point of a subset  $B$ ,  
 b) for each  $i \in I$ ,  $U_i$  is  $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact with respect to  $B$ .

Then,  $U = \bigcup \{U_i : i \in I\}$  is an open  $\alpha$ -almost regular subset which is  $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact with respect to  $B$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  
 $\tilde{U} = \{U_i : i \in I\}$

be a family of open  $\alpha$ -regular subsets of a space  $X$  such that:

- a)  $\tilde{U}$  is locally finite at each point of  $X \setminus U \neq \emptyset$  ( $U = \bigcup \{U_i : i \in I\}$ ),  
 b)  $U_i$  is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $X \setminus U$ , for each  $i \in I$ .

Then,  $U$  is an open - and - closed  $\alpha$ -regular subset which is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $X \setminus U$ .

Proof. By Lemma 2.1,  $\tilde{U}$  is an open  $\alpha$ -regular subset which is  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $X \setminus U$ . By Theorem 2.6. in [6], it follows that there is an open set  $V$  such that

$$U \subset V \subset ClV \subset U.$$

Thus  $ClU = U$ . Hence, the result.

In [12], Singal M.K. and Arya S.P. proved the next theorem:  
**Theorem B.** Every nearly paracompact Hausdorff space is almost regular. In that theorem the Hausdorff property can be weakened as is shown by following result:

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a paracompact (nearly paracompact) space such that every closed (regularly closed) set is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff. Then  $X$  is regular (almost regular).

Proof. Let  $X$  be a paracompact (nearly paracompact) space and let  $F$  be any closed (regularly closed) subset of a space  $X$  and let  $x \notin F$ . Since every closed (regularly closed)

subset of a paracompact (nearly paracompact) space is  $\alpha$ -paracompact ( $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact) and  $F$  is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff, it follows that there are open (regularly open) sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that

$$x \in U, F \subset V, U \cap V = \emptyset.$$

It follows that  $X$  is regular (almost regular).

Similarly, we have

Corollary 2.1. Let  $X$  be a compact (nearly compact) space such that every closed (regularly closed) subset is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff. Then,  $X$  is regular (almost regular).

Theorem 2.5. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed almost continuous mapping of a space  $X$  onto a locally compact space  $Y$  such that for each  $y \in Y$   $f^{-1}(y)$  is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff  $\alpha$ -nearly compact. Then  $X$  is locally nearly compact.

Proof. By Theorem 2.3 in [4]  $Y$  is Hausdorff. Since  $Y$  is locally compact and Hausdorff it follows that, for each point  $x \in X$  there is a closed compact neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is almost continuous, the set  $U = f^{-1}(\text{Int}V)$  is open in  $X$ . By Theorem 1 in [8], the set  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -nearly compact in  $X$ . Since for each point  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(y)$  is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff and the union of  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff sets is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff, it follows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff. By Theorem 2.1 in [4]  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed. Now, we have

$$x \in U \subset \text{Cl}U \subset f^{-1}(V).$$

Since every regularly closed subset of an  $\alpha$ -nearly compact set is  $\alpha$ -nearly compact, it follows that  $\text{Cl}U$  is  $\alpha$ -nearly compact. Now,  $U$  is an open neighbourhood of  $x$  such that  $\text{Cl}U$  is  $\alpha$ -nearly compact, hence  $X$  is locally nearly compact.

Corollary 2.2. ([8]) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed almost continuous surjection with  $N$ -closed point inverses. If  $X$  is Hausdorff and  $Y$  is locally compact, then  $X$  is locally nearly compact.

Theorem 2.6. Let  $f$  be an almost closed mapping of a space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . Let  $B$  be a closed subset of  $X$  such that for each  $x \in X \setminus B$  the set  $f^{-1}(f(x))$  is  $\alpha$ -regular and  $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $B$ . Then,  $f(B)$  is closed.

Proof. Let

$$y \in Y \setminus f(B).$$

Then

$$f^{-1}(y) \subset X \setminus B.$$

By Theorem 2.6 in [6],

there is an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f^{-1}(y)$  such that

$$f^{-1}(y) \subset V \subset \text{Cl}V \subset X \setminus B.$$

Since  $f$  is almost closed, then there is an open set  $W$  in  $Y$  such that  $y \in W$  and  $f^{-1}(y) \subset f^{-1}(W) \subset \text{IntCl}V \subset X \setminus B$ . Thus, we have  $y \in W \subset Y \setminus f(B)$ . Hence the statement.

Theorem 2.7. Let  $X$  be an  $R_0$  space such that for each  $x \in X$   $\text{IntCl}(x) \neq \emptyset$ . If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an almost closed mapping of the space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$  such that the family  $\{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$  consists of  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff subsets which are mutually  $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact, then  $f$  is continuous.

Proof. Suppose that  $f$  is not continuous at some point  $x \in X$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}(x)$  denote the family of all the open neighbourhoods of  $x$ . Let  $y = f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is not continuous at  $x$ , there is an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that

$$f(U) \cap (Y \setminus V) \neq \emptyset$$

for every  $U \in \mathcal{U}(x)$ . Thus,

$$A = \{f(\text{Cl}U) \cap (Y \setminus V) : U \in \mathcal{U}(x)\}$$

is a family of closed subsets of  $Y$  such that

$$\bigcap \{f(\text{Cl}U) \cap (Y \setminus V) : U \in \mathcal{U}(x)\} \neq \emptyset$$

( $X$  is  $R_0$  such that  $\text{IntCl}(x) \neq \emptyset$ , for each  $x \in X$ ). Thus,  $U_0 = \bigcap \{U : U \in \mathcal{U}(x)\}$  is an open set containing  $x$  and hence a member of  $\mathcal{U}(x)$ . So  $(Y \setminus V) \cap f(U_0) \neq \emptyset$ . i.e.

$$\bigcap \{A : A \in A\} = f(\text{Cl}U_0) \cap (Y \setminus V) \neq \emptyset.$$

Thus, there is a point  $y_0 \in \bigcap \{A : A \in A\}$ . Hence we have  $y_0 \in Y \setminus V$  and  $x \notin f^{-1}(y_0)$ . Since the family  $\{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$  consists of  $\alpha$ -Hausdorff subsets which are mutually  $\alpha$ -nearly paracompact, there are disjoint regularly open sets  $U_x$  and  $U_0$  such that

$$x \in U_x \text{ and } f^{-1}(y_0) \subset U_0.$$

From

$$\text{Cl}U_x \cap f^{-1}(y_0) \subset \text{Cl}U_x \cap U_0 = \emptyset$$

we have

$$y_0 \notin f(\text{Cl}U_x).$$

On the other hand, since  $U_x$  belongs to  $\mathcal{U}(x)$ , we have

$$y_0 \in f(\text{Cl}U_x) \cap (Y \setminus V) \subset f(\text{Cl}U_x).$$

This is a contradiction. Hence,  $f$  must be continuous at  $x$ .



Thus,  $f$  is continuous.

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## REZIME

NEKE OSOBINE PODSKUPOVA I SKORO  
ZATVORENIH PRESLIKAVANJA

U radu se ispituju neke osobine  $\alpha$ -Hausdorfovih,  $\alpha$ -regularnih i  $\alpha$ -skoro regularnih podskupova topološkog prostora  $X$ . Daju se i uslovi kada je blizu parakompaktan prostor skoro regularan u prostoru koji ne mora da bude Hausdorfov. Daju se takodje i uslovi kada je skoro zatvoreno preslikavanje neprekidno nad prostorom koji ne mora da bude Hausdorfov.

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