

$s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous functions in topological spaces

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Abstract: In this paper we introduced $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous functions and investigate their properties. Also we derive some basic properties of $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous functions and three new class $s^*g\alpha -T_1$, $s^*g\alpha -T_2$, $s^*g\alpha -T_0$.

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1.INTRODUCTION

N.Levine [9] introduced the class of $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions. Jain [8] introduced totally continuous. T.M. Nour [12] introduced the concept of totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions as a generalization of totally continuous functions and several properties of totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous. S.Ayawarya[1] introduced a new class of sets namely $s^*g\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces and derive its properties, and also find the relationship between $s^*g\alpha$ -closed sets and other sets. In this paper we introduced the $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous functions. Also we derive some basic properties of $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous functions and three new class $s^*g\alpha -T_1$, $s^*g\alpha -T_2$, $s^*g\alpha -T_0$.

II. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, γ) represent non-empty topological spaces. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ denote the closure and the interior of A in X respectively. The power set of X is denoted by $P(X)$.

Definition 2.1: A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

- 1) a generalized closed (briefly g - closed) set [9] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) the complement of a g - closed set is called a g - open,

- 2) a semi-generalized closed (briefly sg -closed) set [2] if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) ; the complement of sg -closed set is called sg - open set,

- 3) a generalized semi-closed (briefly gs -closed) set [4] if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) ; the complement of gs -closed set is gs -open set,

- 4) a $s^*g\alpha$ -closed set [1] $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is $s^*g\alpha$ -open (X, τ) ,

- 5) a generalized α -closed set (briefly $g\alpha$ -closed) [5] if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is α -open in (X, τ) ,

Definition 2.2: A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

- 1) $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous [1] if the inverse image of each open subset of Y is $s^*g\alpha$ -open in X .
- 2) totally-continuous [9] if the inverse image of each open subset of Y is clopen subset of X .
- 3) strongly-continuous [14] if the inverse image of each subset of Y is clopen subset of X .

- 4) totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous [13] if the inverse image of each open subset of Y is $s^*g\alpha$ -clopen subset of X .
- 5) strongly $s^*g\alpha$ - continuous [13] if the inverse image of each subset of Y is $s^*g\alpha$ - clopen subset of X .
- 6) pre $s^*g\alpha$ - open [3] if the inverse image of every $s^*g\alpha$ - open set in X is $s^*g\alpha$ - open in Y .

Definition 2.3 The topological space (X, τ) is said to be

- 1) a $T_{1/2}^*$ space [10] if every g^* - closed set is closed.
- 2) a T_b space [6] if every g_s - closed set is closed.
- 3) a T_c space [11] if every g_s - closed set is g^* - closed.
- 4) a ${}_aT_b$ space [5] if every αg - closed set is closed.
- 5) a ${}_aT_c$ space [5] if every αg - closed set is g^* - closed.
- 6) a ${}_aT_{1/2}^{**}$ space [16] if every $*g\alpha$ - closed set is closed.
- 7) a T_c^{**} space [17] if every g_s - closed set is $*g\alpha$ - closed.
- 8) a ${}_aT_c^{**}$ space [17] if every αg -closed set is $*g\alpha$ - closed.

Definition 2.4 Let A be a subset of a space (X, τ) .

- 1) The set $\cap\{U \in \tau : A \subset U\}$ is called the kernel of A is denoted by $\ker(A)$.
- 2) The set $\cap\{F \subset X : A \subseteq F, F \text{ is } s^*g\alpha\text{-closed}\}$ is called the $s^*g\alpha$ -closure of A and is denoted by $s^*g\alpha cl(A)$.
- 3) The set $\cup\{F \subset X : F \subseteq A, F \text{ is } s^*g\alpha\text{-open}\}$ is called the $s^*g\alpha$ -interior of A and is denoted by $s^*g\alpha int(A)$.

- 4) Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function, the subset $\{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\} \subseteq X \times Y$ is called the graph of f and is denoted by $Gr(f)$.
- 5) Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function, the subset $\{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\} \subseteq X \times Y$ is called the graph of f and is denoted by $Gr(f)$.

DEFINITION 2.5

- 1) a locally indiscrete [10] if each open subset of X is closed in X ;
- 2) $s^*g\alpha$ -connected [15] if X cannot be written as a disjoint union of two non-empty $s^*g\alpha$ -open;
- 3) ultra normal [13] if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets;
- 4) weakly hausdorff [13] if each element of X is an intersection of regular closed sets;
- 5) ultrahausdorff [15] if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exist clopen sets A and B containing x and y , respectively, such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$;

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Definition 3.1

Let X be a topological space and $x \in X$. Then the set of all points y in X such that x and y cannot be separated by $s^*g\alpha$ -separation of X is said to be the quasi $s^*g\alpha$ -component of x . A quasi $s^*g\alpha$ - component of a point x in a space X means the intersection of all $s^*g\alpha$ -clopen sets containing x .

Definition 3.2

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous function if the inverse image of every $s^*g\alpha$ -open subset of Y is clopen in X .

Example 3.3

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ Then $S^*GO\alpha(Y) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Define $f(a) = a, f(b) = b$

and $f(c) = c$. Clearly the inverse image of each $s^*g\alpha$ -open is clopen in X . Therefore f is a $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous function.

Theorem 3.4

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous if and only if the inverse image of every $s^*g\alpha$ -closed subset of Y is clopen in X .

Proof

Let F be any $s^*g\alpha$ -closed set in Y . Then $Y - F$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in Y . By definition $f^{-1}(Y - F)$ is clopen in X . That is $X - f^{-1}(F)$ is clopen in X . This implies $f^{-1}(F)$ is clopen in X . if V is $s^*g\alpha$ -open in Y , then $Y - V$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -closed in Y . By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(Y - V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X , which implies $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X . Thus, inverse image of every $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in Y is clopen in X . Therefore f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous function.

Theorem 3.5

Every $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous function is a totally continuous function.

Proof

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous and U is any open subset of Y . Since every open set is $s^*g\alpha$ -open, U is $s^*g\alpha$ -open in Y and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, it follows $f^{-1}(U)$ is clopen in X . Thus inverse image of every open set in Y is clopen in X . Therefore the function f is totally continuous. The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example 3.6

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$. Then $S^*G\alpha(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ as $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = b$, $f(c) = c$. Clearly the inverse image of every open set is clopen. Therefore f is totally continuous. But f is not $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, because for the $s^*g\alpha$ -open set $\{a, b\}$, $f^{-1}\{a, c\} = \{a, c\}$ is not clopen in X .

Theorem 3.7

Every $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous function is totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous function and A is any open set in Y . Since every open set is $s^*g\alpha$ -open and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, it follows that $f^{-1}(A)$ is clopen and

hence $s^*g\alpha$ -clopen in X . Thus the inverse image of each open set in Y is $s^*g\alpha$ -clopen in X . Therefore f is totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous. The converse of the above need not be true.

Example 3.8

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$. $S^*G\alpha(X) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $S^*G\alpha(Y) = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ as $f(a) = a$ and $f(b) = f(c) = b$. Clearly the inverse image of every open set is $s^*g\alpha$ -clopen. Therefore f is totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous. But f is not $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, because for the $s^*g\alpha$ -open set $\{a\}$, $f^{-1}\{a, c\} = \{a, c\}$ is not clopen in X .

Theorem 3.9

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function, where X and Y are topological spaces. Then following are equivalent:

- (i) f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous.
- (ii) for each $x \in X$ and each $s^*g\alpha$ -open set V in Y with $f(x) \in V$, there is a clopen set U in X such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subset V$.

Proof

(i) \Rightarrow (ii)

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous and V be any $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in Y containing $f(x)$ so that $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X . Let $U = f^{-1}(V)$, then U is clopen set in X and $x \in U$. Also $f(U) = f(f^{-1}(V)) \subset V$. This implies $f(U) \subset V$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i)

Let V be $s^*g\alpha$ -open in Y . Let $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ be any arbitrary point. This implies $f(x) \in V$. Therefore by (ii) there is a clopen set $f(G_x) \subset X$ containing x such that $f(G_x) \subset V$, which implies $G_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$. We have $x \in G_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$. This implies $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen neighbourhood of x . Since x is arbitrary, it implies $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen neighbourhood of each of its points. Hence it is clopen set in X . Therefore f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous.

Definition 3.11

A space X is said to be $s^*g\alpha$ - T_1 iff for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exists $s^*g\alpha$ -open sets U and V containing x respectively, such $y \notin U$ and $x \notin V$.

Theorem 3.12

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous function from a space X into a s^*g space Y . Then f is constant on each quasi $s^*g\alpha$ - component of X .

Proof

Let a and b be two points of X that lie in the same quasi $s^*g\alpha$ - component of X . Then $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ are elements in Y . Assume $f(a) = \alpha \neq \beta = f(b)$. Since Y is semi-T1, $\{\alpha\}$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - closed in Y and so $Y - \{\alpha\}$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - open. Since $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous $f^{-1}(\{\alpha\})$ and $f^{-1}(Y - \{\alpha\})$ are disjoint clopen subsets of X . Further $a \in f^{-1}(\{\alpha\})$ and $b \in f^{-1}(Y - \{\alpha\})$, which is a contradiction in view of the fact that b belongs to quasi $s^*g\alpha$ - component of a and hence b must belong to every clopen set containing a . Hence the result.

Definition 3.13

$s^*g\alpha$ -connected if X cannot be written as a disjoint of two non-empty $s^*g\alpha$ - open.

Theorem 3.14

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous function from an s - connected space X onto any space Y , then Y is an indiscrete space.

Proof

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous function from an s - connected space X onto any space Y . If possible, suppose Y is not indiscrete. Let A be a proper non empty $s^*g\alpha$ - open subset of Y . Then $f^{-1}(A)$ is a proper non - empty clopen and hence $s^*g\alpha$ - clopen subset of X . This implies $f^{-1}(A)$ is a proper non - empty $s^*g\alpha$ - open subset of X , which is a contradiction to the fact that X is s - connected. Therefore Y must be indiscrete.

Theorem 3.15

The composition two $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous functions is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous.

Proof

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be any two $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous functions. Let V be a $s^*g\alpha$ - open set in Z . Since g is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous $g^{-1}(V)$ is clopen and hence open in Y . Since every open set is $s^*g\alpha$ - open, $g^{-1}(V)$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - open in Y . Further, since f is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X .

Hence $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous.

Theorem 3.16

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be any function. Then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous if and only if g is irresolute.

Proof

Let $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be irresolute. let $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ be semi-totally continuous. Let V be semiopen set in Z . Since $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is clopen in X . Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -open in Y . Thus the inverse image of each $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in Z is $s^*g\alpha$ -open in Y . Hence g is irresolute.

Definition 3.17

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Then the graph function of f is defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for each $x \in X$.

Theorem 3.18

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, if its graph function is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous.

Proof

Let $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$ be the graph function of $f: X \rightarrow Y$. Suppose g is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous and F be a $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in Y . Then $X \times F$ is a $s^*g\alpha$ -open set of $X \times Y$. Since g is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $g^{-1}(X \times F) = f^{-1}(F)$ is clopen in X . Thus the inverse image of every $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in Y is clopen in X . Therefore f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous. Let $\{X_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of topological spaces. Then the product space of $\{X_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is denoted by $\prod\{X_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ or simply $\prod X_\lambda$.

Theorem 3.19

If a function $f: X \rightarrow \prod Y_\lambda$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, then $p_\lambda \circ f: X \rightarrow Y_\lambda$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, where p_λ is the projection of $\prod Y_\lambda$ on to Y_λ .

Proof

For $\lambda \in \Lambda$, suppose V_λ is any $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in Y_λ . Then $p_\lambda^{-1}(V_\lambda)$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -open in $\prod Y_\lambda$. Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $f^{-1}(p_\lambda^{-1}(V_\lambda)) = (p_\lambda \circ f)^{-1}(V_\lambda)$ is clopen in X . Therefore $f: X \rightarrow Y_\lambda$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous. In the sequel, the relationships between $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous functions and separation axioms are investigated.

Theorem 3.20

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous injection and Y is $s^*g\alpha$ - T_0 , then X is ultra-Hausdorff.

Proof

Let a and b be any pair of distinct points of X and f be injective. Then $f(a) \neq f(b)$ in Y . Since Y is $s^*g\alpha-T_0$, there exists a $s^*g\alpha$ -open set U containing $f(a)$ but not $f(b)$. Then, we have $a \in f^{-1}(U)$ and $b \notin f^{-1}(U)$. Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous $f^{-1}(U)$ is clopen in X . Also $a \in f^{-1}(U)$ and $b \in X - f^{-1}(U)$. This implies every pair of distinct points of X can be separated by disjoint clopen set s in X . Therefore X is ultra-Hausdorff.

Theorem 3.21

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous injection and Y is s^*g-T_2 , then X is ultra-Hausdorff.

Proof

Let $x_1, x_2 \in X$ and $x_1 \neq x_2$. Then, since f is injective, $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ in Y . Further, since Y is $s^*g\alpha-T_2$, there exist V_1 and $V_2 \in SO(Y)$ such that $f(x_1) \in V_1$, $f(x_2) \in V_2$ and $V_1 \cap V_2 = \phi$. This implies $x_1 \in f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $x_2 \in f^{-1}(V_2)$. Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$ are clopen sets in X . Also $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = f^{-1}(V_1 \cap V_2) = \phi$. Thus every two distinct points of X can be separated by disjoint clopen sets. Therefore X is ultra-Hausdorff.

Theorem 3.22

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, closed injection and Y is s -normal, then X is ultra-normal.

Proof

Let F_1 and F_2 be disjoint closed subsets of X . Since f is closed and injective, $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are disjoint closed subsets of Y . Since Y is s -normal, $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are separated by disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ -open sets V_1 and V_2 respectively. Therefore we obtain, $F_1 \subset f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $F_2 \subset f^{-1}(V_2)$. Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$ are clopen sets in X . Also, $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = f^{-1}(V_1 \cap V_2) = \phi$. Thus each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets in X can be separated by disjoint clopen sets in X . Therefore X is ultra-normal.

Theorem 3.23

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous surjection and X is connected then Y is s -connected.

Proof

Suppose Y is not s -connected. Let A and B form disconnection of Y . Then A and B are $s^*g\alpha$ -open sets in Y and $Y = A \cup B$ where $A \cap B = \phi$. Also $X = f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(A \cup B) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$, where

$f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are non-empty clopen sets in X , because f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous. Further $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(A \cap B) = \phi$. This implies X is not connected, which is a contradiction. Hence Y is s -connected.

Theorem 3.24

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a totally continuous, closed injection. If Y is s -regular then X is ultra-regular.

Proof

Let F be a closed set not containing x . Since f is closed, we have $f(F)$ is a closed set in Y not containing $f(x)$. Since Y is s -regular, there exists disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ -open sets A and B such that $f(x) \in A$ and $f(F) \subset B$, which implies $x \in f^{-1}(A)$ and $F \subset f^{-1}(B)$, where $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are clopen sets in X because f is totally continuous. Moreover, since f is injective, we have $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(A \cap B) = f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi$. Thus, for a pair of a point and a closed set not containing the point, they can be separated by disjoint clopen sets. Therefore X is ultra-regular.

Theorem 3.25

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous injective $s^*g\alpha$ -open function from a clopen normal space X onto a space Y , then Y is $s^*g\alpha$ -normal.

Proof

Let F_1 and F_2 be any two disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ -closed sets in Y . Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $f^{-1}(F_1)$ and $f^{-1}(F_2)$ are clopen subsets of X . Take $U = f^{-1}(F_1)$ and $V = f^{-1}(F_2)$. Since f is injective $U \cap V = f^{-1}(F_1) \cap f^{-1}(F_2) = f^{-1}(F_1 \cap F_2) = f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi$. Since X is clopen normal there exist disjoint open sets A and B such that $U \subset A$ and $V \subset B$. This implies $F_1 = f(U) \subset f(A)$ and $F_2 = f(V) \subset f(B)$. Further, since f is injective $s^*g\alpha$ -open, $f(A)$ and $f(B)$ are disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ -open sets. Thus, each pair of disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ -closed sets can be separated by disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ -open sets. Therefore Y is $s^*g\alpha$ -normal.

Definition 3.26

A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be $s^*g\alpha$ -totally open if the image of every $s^*g\alpha$ -open set in X is clopen in Y .

Theorem 3.27

If a bijective function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally open, then the image of each $s^*g\alpha$ -closed set in X is clopen in Y .

Proof

Let F be a $s^*g\alpha$ - closed set in X . Then $X-F$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - open in X . Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open, $f(X - F) = Y - f(F)$ is clopen in Y . This implies $f(F)$ is clopen in Y .

Theorem 3.28

A surjective function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open if and only if for each subset B of Y and for each $s^*g\alpha$ -closed set U containing $f^{-1}(B)$, there is a clopen set V of Y such that $B \subset V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$.

Proof

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a surjective $s^*g\alpha$ -totally open function and $B \subset Y$. Let U be $s^*g\alpha$ -closed set of X such that $f^{-1}(B) \subset U$. Then $V = Y - f(X - U)$ is clopen subset of Y containing B such that $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$. On the other hand, suppose F is a $s^*g\alpha$ - closed set of X . Then $f^{-1}(Y - f(F)) \subset X - F$ and $X - F$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - open. By hypothesis, there exists a clopen set V of Y such that $Y - f(F) \subset V$, which implies $f^{-1}(V) \subset X - F$. Therefore $F \subset X - f^{-1}(V)$. Hence $Y - V \subset f(F) \subset f(X - f^{-1}(V)) \subset Y - V$. This implies, $f(F) = Y - V$, which is clopen in Y . Thus, the image of a $s^*g\alpha$ - openset in X is clopen in Y . Therefore f is a $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open function.

Theorem 3.29

The composition of two $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open functions is again $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open.

Proof

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ are any two $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open functions. Then their composition is $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$. Let V be a $s^*g\alpha$ - open set in X . Consider $(g \circ f)(V) = g(f(V))$. Since f is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open, $f(V)$ is clopen in Y . Hence it is open in Y . But every open set is $s^*g\alpha$ - open, which implies $f(V)$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - open in Y . Since g is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open, $g(f(V))$ is clopen in Z . Thus, the image of each $s^*g\alpha$ - open set in X is clopen in Z . Therefore $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally open.

Theorem 3.30

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ - totally continuous and $s^*g\alpha$ - totally closed surjection from an s - normal space X to a space Y , then Y is ultra - Hausdorff.

Proof

Let A and B be disjoint closed sets of Y . Since $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous, $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are clopen hence closed sets in X . Since X is s - normal, there exist disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ -open sets U and V

such that $f^{-1}(A) \subset U$ and $f^{-1}(B) \subset V$. There are clopen sets G and H such that $A \subset G$, $B \subset H$ and $f^{-1}(G) \subset U$, $f^{-1}(H) \subset V$. Then we have, $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) \subset U \cap V = \phi$, which implies $f^{-1}(G \cap H) \subset \phi$, which implies $G \cap H = \phi$. Thus every pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets. Therefore Y is ultra-Hausdorff.

Definition 3.31

A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous if the inverse image of every open set of (Y, σ) is a $s^*g\alpha$ -clopen subset of (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.32

Every totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous function is $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof

Let V be a open set of (Y, σ) . Since f is totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Since every closed set is $s^*g\alpha$ -closed. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is $s^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Therefore f is $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Example 3.33

Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma^c = \{\phi, Y, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. The function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be defined as $f(a) = b$, $f(b) = a$ and $f(c) = c$. The $s^*g\alpha$ - open sets of (X, τ) are $\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b\}$. Thus f is $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous but not totally $s^*g\alpha$ -continuous. Since the inverse image of the open set $f^{-1}\{a\} = \{a\}$ in (Y, σ) is not $s^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) .

Definition 3.35

A topological space (X, τ) is said to be $s^*g\alpha$ -connected union of two non - empty disjoint $s^*g\alpha$ - open sets.

Theorem 3.36

A space (X, τ) is $s^*g\alpha$ - connected if and only if every totally $s^*g\alpha$ - continuous function from a space (X, τ) into any T_0 space (Y, σ) is a constant map.

Proof

Necessity part

Suppose $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a totally $s^*g\alpha$ - continuous function, where (Y, σ) is a T_0 space. On the contrary if we suppose that f is not a constant map, then we can select two points x and y in X such that $f(x) \neq f(y)$. Since (Y, σ) is a T_0 space and $f(x)$ and $f(y)$ are distinct points of Y , then there exists an open set G in (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$ but not $f(y)$. Since f is totally $s^*g\alpha$ - continuous function, then $f^{-1}(G)$ is $s^*g\alpha$

- clopen subsets of (X, τ) . Clearly $x \in f^{-1}(G)$ and $f^{-1}(G)$. Now $X = f^{-1}(G) \subset (f^{-1}(G))$, which is the union of two non - empty $s^*g\alpha$ - open subsets of X . Thus X is not a $s^*g\alpha$ - connected space. A contradiction.

Sufficiency part

Suppose (X, τ) is not a $s^*g\alpha$ - connected space. Then there exists a proper non-empty $s^*g\alpha$ -

CONCLUSION

In this paper we introduced a new class of sets namely $s^*g\alpha$ -totally continuous function in topological spaces and using this sets we introduced three new class $s^*g\alpha$ - T_1 , $s^*g\alpha$ - T_2 , $s^*g\alpha$ - T_0 .

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clopen subset A of X . Let $Y = \{a, b\}$ and $X = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(x) = a$ for any x and $f(x) = b$ for any x . Clearly f is a non - constant and totally $s^*g\alpha$ - continuous map. Clearly (Y, σ) is a T_0 space. Thus we have produced a non - constant totally $s^*g\alpha$ - continuous function from (X, τ) into the T_0 space (Y, σ) . A contradiction.

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