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# $\theta(\Lambda,p)\text{-continuity for functions}$

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#### Abstract

This paper is concerned with the notion of  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions. Moreover, some characterizations and several properties concerning  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions are investigated.

### 1 Introduction

The concept of  $\theta$ -continuous functions was first introduced by Fomin [6]. Noiri [13] studied some properties of  $\theta$ -continuous functions. Arya and Bhamini [1] introduced the notion of  $\theta$ -semi-continuous functions. Noiri [12] investigated several characterizations of  $\theta$ -semi-continuous functions. Moreover, Jafari and Noiri [8] obtained some properties of  $\theta$ -semi-continuous functions. Di Maio and Noiri [4] introduced the concept of quasi-irresolute functions. It is shown in [3] that a function is quasi-irresolute if and only if it is  $\theta$ -irresolute in the sense of Dube et al. [5]. Noiri [11] introduced and investigated the notion of  $\theta$ -preirresolute functions. The notion of weakly  $\beta$ irresolute functions has been defined and studied in [10]. These four classes of functions have properties similar to the class of  $\theta$ -continuous functions.

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Viriyapong and Boonpok [15] investigated some characterizations of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ continuous functions. In [2], the present authors introduced and studied the notions of  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open sets and  $(\Lambda, p)$ -closed sets. In this paper, we introduce the concept of  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions. Moreover, some characterizations of  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions are investigated.

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout the present paper, spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply X and Y) always mean topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , Cl(A)and Int(A), represent the closure and the interior of A, respectively. A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be preopen [9] if  $A \subset Int(Cl(A))$ . The complement of a preopen set is called *preclosed*. The family of all preopen sets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $PO(X, \tau)$ . A subset  $\Lambda_p(A)$  [7] is defined as follows:  $\Lambda_p(A) = \cap \{ U \mid A \subseteq U, U \in PO(X, \tau) \}$ . A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\Lambda_p$ -set [2] (pre- $\Lambda$ -set [7]) if  $A = \Lambda_p(A)$ . A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $(\Lambda, p)$ -closed [2] if  $A = T \cap C$ , where T is a  $\Lambda_p$ -set and C is a preclosed set. The complement of a  $(\Lambda, p)$ closed set is called  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open. The family of all  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open (resp.  $(\Lambda, p)$ closed) sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\Lambda_p O(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $\Lambda_p C(X,\tau)$ ). Let A be a subset of a topological space  $(X,\tau)$ . A point  $x \in X$ is called a  $(\Lambda, p)$ -cluster point [2] of A if  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X containing x. The set of all  $(\Lambda, p)$ -cluster points of A is called the  $(\Lambda, p)$ -closure [2] of A and is denoted by  $A^{(\Lambda, p)}$ . The union of all  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open sets of X contained in A is called the  $(\Lambda, p)$ -interior [2] of A and is denoted by  $A_{(\Lambda,p)}$ . The  $\theta(\Lambda,p)$ -closure [2] of  $A, A^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ , is defined as follows:  $A^{\theta(\Lambda,p)} =$  $\{x \in X \mid A \cap U^{(\Lambda,p)} \neq \emptyset \text{ for each } (\Lambda,p) \text{-open set } U \text{ containing } x\}.$  A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -closed [2] if  $A = A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ . The complement of a  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -closed set is said to be  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -open. A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -interior point [14] of A if  $x \in U \subseteq U^{(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq A$  for some  $U \in \Lambda_p O(X, \tau)$ . The set of all  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -interior points of A is called the  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -interior [14] of A and is denoted by  $A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ .

## **3** $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions

We begin this section by introducing the concept of  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions.

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**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for each  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing f(x), there exists a  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $f(U^{(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq V^{(\Lambda, p)}$ . A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous if f has this property at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if and only if  $x \in [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$  for each  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing f(x).

Proof. Let  $x \in X$  and f be  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous at x. Let V be any  $(\Lambda, p)$ open set V of Y containing f(x). Then, there exists a  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set Uof X containing x such that  $f(U^{(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq V^{(\Lambda,p)}$ . Thus,  $x \in U \subseteq U^{(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq$   $f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})$  and hence  $x \in [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ .

Conversely, let V be any  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing f(x). Then, by the hypothesis,  $x \in [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ . There exists a  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X such that  $x \in U \subseteq U^{(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})$ ; hence  $f(U^{(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq V^{(\Lambda,p)}$ . This shows that f is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous at x.

**Theorem 3.3.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$  for each  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y.

Proof. Let V be any  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then,  $f(x) \in V$ . Since f is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous at x, by Theorem 3.2,  $x \in [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$  and hence  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in X$  and V be any  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing f(x). Then,  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$  and hence  $x \in [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ . By Theorem 3.2, f is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.4.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $f(A^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq [f(A)]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$  for every subset A of X;
- (3)  $[f^{-1}(B)]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f^{-1}(B^{\theta(\Lambda,p)})$  for every subset B of Y.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let A be any subset of X. Suppose that  $x \in A^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ . Let V be any  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set of Y containing f(x). Since f is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous, there exists a  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X containing x such that  $f(U^{(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq V^{(\Lambda,p)}$ . Since  $x \in A^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}, U^{(\Lambda,p)} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . It follows that  $\emptyset \neq f(U^{(\Lambda,p)}) \cap f(A) \subseteq V^{(\Lambda,p)} \cap f(A)$ . Thus,  $f(x) \in [f(A)]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ .  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : Let *B* be any subset of *Y*. Then, we have  $f([f^{-1}(B)]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq [f(f^{-1}(B)]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq B^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$  and hence  $[f^{-1}(B)]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f^{-1}(B^{\theta(\Lambda,p)})$ .

 $\begin{array}{ll} (3) \Rightarrow (1): \text{ Let } x \in X \text{ and } V \text{ be any } (\Lambda, p) \text{-open set of } Y \text{ containing } f(x).\\ \text{Since } V^{(\Lambda,p)} \cap (Y - V^{(\Lambda,p)}) = \emptyset, \text{ clearly } f(x) \notin [Y - V^{(\Lambda,p)}]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)} \text{ and hence } x \notin f^{-1}([Y - V^{(\Lambda,p)}]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}). \text{ By } (3), x \notin [f^{-1}(Y - V^{(\Lambda,p)})]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}. \text{ There exists a } (\Lambda, p) \text{-open set } U \text{ of } X \text{ containing } x \text{ such that } U^{(\Lambda,p)} \cap f^{-1}(Y - V^{(\Lambda,p)}) = \emptyset; \text{ hence } f(U^{(\Lambda,p)}) \cap (Y - V^{(\Lambda,p)}) = \emptyset. \text{ Thus, } f(U^{(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq V^{(\Lambda,p)}. \text{ This shows that } f \text{ is } \theta(\Lambda, p) \text{-continuous.} \end{array}$ 

Let A be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . The  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -frontier of  $A, \theta(\Lambda, p)Fr(A)$ , is defined by  $\theta(\Lambda, p)Fr(A) = A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \cap [X - A]^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is not  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -frontier of the inverse images of the  $(\Lambda, p)$ -closures of  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open sets containing f(x).

Proof. Suppose that f is not  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ . There exists a  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing f(x) such that  $f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})$  is not contained in  $V^{(\Lambda,p)}$  for every  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X containing x. Then, we have  $U^{(\Lambda,p)} \cap (X - f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U containing x and hence  $x \in [X - f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ . On the other hand, we have  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq [f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]^{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$  and hence  $x \in \theta(\Lambda, p)Fr(f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)}))$ .

Conversely, suppose that f is  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ . Let V be any  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set of Y containing f(x). By Theorem 3.3,  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq$  $[f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$ . Thus,  $x \notin \theta(\Lambda, p)Fr(f^{-1}(V^{(\Lambda,p)}))$  for each  $(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V containing f(x). This complete the proof.

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