

NOTES ON THE CONTINUITY IN  
IDEAL TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**Abstract:** In this paper it is investigated relationships between group action and  $w - I$ -continuity and  $w^* - I$ -continuity in ideal topological spaces. I try to find an answer to the following question “When  $w - I$ -continuity implies continuity?”. Similarly “when  $w^* - I$ -continuity implies continuity?”. Also it is given some results for specific ideals.

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1. Introduction

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. As it is well known a nonempty family  $I$  of subsets of  $X$  is called ideal if the two following conditions are fulfilled: (1) If  $A \in I$  and  $B \subset A$  then  $B \in I$ . (2) If  $A \in I$  and  $B \in I$  then  $A \cup B \in I$ . Observe that a family of sets is a filter if and only if the family of the complements of these sets is an ideal. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $I$  is called an ideal topological space which we denote this  $(X, \tau, I)$ . If  $A \subset X$ ,  $A^*(I) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin I \text{ for each neighbourhood } U \text{ of } x\}$  is called the local function of  $A$  with respect to  $I$  and  $\tau$ , see [4]. We simply write  $A^*$  instead of  $A^*(I)$ . Let  $(X, \tau, I)$  be an ideal topological space then there exists a topology  $\tau^*(I)$ , finer than  $\tau$ , generated by  $\beta(I, \tau) = \{U \setminus A : U \in \tau \text{ and } A \in I\}$  but in general  $\beta(I, \tau)$  is not always a topology, see [2]. In addition  $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A^* \cup A$  defines a

Kuratowski closure operator for  $\tau^*(I)$ .

A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is said to be weakly-I-continuous (briefly, w-I-c) if for each  $x \in X$  and each open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset \text{Cl}^*(V)$ . A complementary form of weak-I-continuity is weak\*-I-continuity.

A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is said to be weak\*-I-continuous (briefly,  $w^* - I - c$ ) if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(fr^*(V))$  is closed in  $X$ . Here  $fr^*(V)$  denotes the  $*$ -frontier of  $V$ .

The notion of w-I-continuity and  $w^* - I$ -continuity was introduced and given a decomposition of continuity by Açıkgöz, Noiri and Yüksel [1]. In this paper some relations are given between w-I and  $w^* - I$ -continuities and group actions.

Recall that an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, I)$  is an  $RI-$  space if, for each  $x \in X$  and each open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $x$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $x \in U \subset \text{Cl}^*(U) \subset V$ . The notion of  $RI-$  space was introduced in [1]. It is clear that if  $Y$  be an  $RI-$  space then  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is w-I-c if and only if  $f$  is continuous. But this criteria is not adequate for many cases. Suppose there is a nonempty open set  $V$  in  $I$  such that  $V^* \neq \emptyset$ . If  $y \in V$  then  $y \notin V^*$  since  $V \in I$ . Thus  $V \cap V^* = \emptyset$ . Assume that  $Y$  is  $RI-$  space then there is an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $y$  such that  $y \in U \subset \text{Cl}^*(U) \subset V$ . But this is impossible unless  $U^* = \emptyset$ . It is because  $U \cap U^* = \emptyset$  since  $U$  is also contained in  $I$ .

On the other hand a triple  $(G, X, \theta)$  is called a topological transformation group, where  $G$  is a topological group,  $X$  is a Hausdorff topological space, and  $\theta : G \times X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous map such that: (1)  $\theta(g, \theta(h, x)) = \theta(gh, x)$  for all  $g, h \in G$  and  $x \in X$ . (2)  $\theta(e, x) = x$  for all  $x \in X$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ . The map  $\theta$  is called an action of  $G$  on  $X$ . The space  $X$ , together with a given action  $\theta$  of  $G$ , is called a  $G$  space. If  $G$  is an algebraic group and  $X$  be a set, where  $G$  acts on  $X$  then  $X$  is called a  $G$  set. Suppose that  $X$  is a  $G$  set and  $x \in X$ . The set  $G_x = \{g \in G : \theta(g, x) = x\}$  is clearly subgroup of  $G$ . Thus  $G_x$  is called the isotropy subgroup of  $G$  at  $x$ . A transformation group  $(G, X, \theta)$  is said to be trivial if  $G_x = G$  for all  $x \in X$ . Let  $K \subseteq G$ , then the set of points fixed under  $K$ ,  $X^K = \{x \in X : \theta(g, x) = x \text{ for all } g \in K\}$ .

## 2. Isotropy Subgroups and w-I-continuity

We start our discussion with considering an algebraic group  $G$  such that whenever  $H, K \neq \{e\}$  be subgroups of  $G$  then  $H \cap K \neq \{e\}$ . Let  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a

topological space and  $Y$  be a  $G$ -set with non-trivial action. Now we define  $I = \{A : \text{there exists a subgroup } K \text{ of } G \text{ such that } K \neq \{e\} \text{ and } A \subseteq Y^K\}$ . Clearly if  $A \in I$  and  $B \subset A$  then  $B \in I$  and if  $A, B \in I$  then  $A \subseteq Y^K$  and  $B \subseteq Y^H$  for some subgroups  $H, K$  of  $G$  which is different from  $\{e\}$ . Obviously  $I$  be an ideal on  $Y$  since  $A \cup B \subseteq Y^K \cup Y^H \subseteq Y^{K \cap H}$ .

In some cases w-I-c is not different from continuity. For example suppose  $(Y, \sigma)$  admits such kind of  $G$  action with finitely many distinct isotropy subgroups and all of them are different from  $\{e\}$ . Remember that  $I = \{A : \text{there exists a subgroup } K \text{ of } G \text{ such that } K \neq \{e\} \text{ and } A \subseteq Y^K\}$ . Then  $V^* = \emptyset$  for all open set  $V$  in  $Y$ . Because for any subspace  $A$  of  $Y$ , it is clear that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in A} Y^{G_a}$  since  $y \in Y^{G_y}$  for any  $y \in Y$ . On the other hand there are  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in A} Y^{G_a} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n Y^{G_{a_i}} \subseteq Y^{\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_{a_i}}$ , since there are finitely many distinct isotropy subgroups. Thus there is no difference between w-I-c and continuity for any  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$ . In this case, observe that each  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is  $w^* - I - c$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $Y$  be a compact, topological manifold. Suppose for any ideal  $J$  on  $Y$ , there is a continuous Abelian  $p$ -group action ( $p$ , prime) on  $Y$  such that all isotropy subgroups are different from  $\{e\}$  and all open sets of  $I$  contained in  $J$ . Then there is no difference between  $w - J - c$ , continuity for any  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ .*

*Proof.* Recall that any (continuous) compact Lie group action on any compact topological manifold, There are at most a finite number of non-conjugate isotropy subgroups, see [5]. Observe that an Abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  is a compact Lie group. Thus there are finitely many distinct isotropy subgroups of  $G$ . On the other hand if  $H, K$  are subgroups of  $G$  different from  $\{e\}$  then  $H \cap K \neq \{e\}$ . Let  $V$  be an open set in  $Y$  and suppose that  $V^* \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y \in V^*$  then for all open set  $U$  containing  $y$ ,  $V \cap U \notin J$ . This implies that  $V \cap U \notin I$  since for all open sets in  $I$  contained in  $J$ . Hence  $V \cap U \notin Y^K$  for all subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  different from  $\{e\}$ . But this is impossible because of finiteness of distinct isotropy subgroups. □

**Example 2.2.** Let  $p$  be a prime. Consider linear circle,  $S^1$ , action  $\varphi$  on  $2k - 1$  sphere,  $Y = S^{2k-1}$ , such that  $\varphi(\theta, (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k)) = (\theta^p z_1, \theta^{p^2} z_2, \dots, \theta^{p^k} z_k)$ . It is easy to see that isotropy subgroups of this action are  $S^1, \mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$ . Let  $S(k)$  be the subgroup of elements  $\theta$  of  $S^1$  such that  $p^k \theta = 1$ , the identity element of  $S^1$ . Clearly  $S(k) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$ . Consider the restricted  $S(k)$  action on  $Y$  then isotropy subgroups of this restricted action are  $\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}_p \subset \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \subset \dots \subset \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$ ,  $Y = Y^{\mathbb{Z}_p} \supseteq Y^{\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}} \supseteq \dots \supseteq Y^{\mathbb{Z}_{p^k}}$ . This implies that

all open sets in  $Y$  contained in  $I$ . Thus if  $J$  be an ideal on  $Y$  such that all open sets in  $Y$  contained in  $J$  then there is no difference between  $w - J - c$  and continuity for any  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (S^{2k-1}, \sigma, J)$  and each  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (S^{2k-1}, \sigma, J)$  is  $w^* - J - c$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Suppose that all isotropy subgroups of  $G$  are different from  $\{e\}$  (may not be finitely many number of distinct isotropy subgroups). Then a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is continuous if and only if it is  $w$ - $I$ - $c$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity is clear. Sufficiency part of theorem: Assume that  $f$  is not continuous at  $x_0 \in X$ . Then there exists an open set  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x_0) \in V$  and  $f(U) \not\subseteq V$  for all open set  $U$  containing  $x_0$ . On the other hand since  $f$  is  $w$ - $I$ - $c$ , there exists an open set  $W$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $f(W) \subset \text{Cl}^*V = V^* \cup V$ . Since  $f$  is not continuous at  $x_0$ ,  $f(W) \not\subseteq V$ . Hence there exists  $z \in W$  such that  $f(z) \in V^*$  and  $f(z) \notin V$ . Thus we obtain  $V \cap U \not\subseteq I$  for all open set  $U$  containing  $f(z)$ . This implies there exists an element  $z'$  of  $V$  such that  $z' \notin Y^K$  for all subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  different from  $\{e\}$ . But this contradicts the assumption since  $z' \in Y^{G_{z'}}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $(Y, \sigma, J)$  be an ideal topological space. If  $Y$  admits such kind of action such that all open sets of  $I$  contained in  $J$  then  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is continuous if and only if it is  $w - J - c$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $J$  be such an ideal on  $Y$ . Since open sets in  $I$  also contained in  $J$ , if  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is  $w - J - c$  then it is  $w$ - $I$ - $c$ . Hence the proof is quite similar to that of Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a Hausdorff space. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is continuous if and only if it is  $w - J - c$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity is clear. The sufficiency part: Suppose  $f$  is  $w - J - c$ . Let  $V$  be a non-empty open set in  $Y$  and  $y \notin V$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma)$  is Hausdorff topological space there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $y$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $y \notin V^*$  since  $\emptyset \in J$ . Hence  $(Y - V) \cap V^* = \emptyset$ . So  $V^* \subseteq V$  and  $f^{-1}(f_{r^*}(V)) = f^{-1}(V^* - V) = f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  for all  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ . This means that  $f$  is  $w^* - J - c$ . Since Decomposition Theorem (see [1]), we obtain that  $f$  is continuous.  $\square$

From now on  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a topological space such that whenever  $U, V \neq \emptyset$  be open sets of  $Y$  then  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  (for example, left ray or right ray topology on  $R$ ) and  $W \subset Y$  unless otherwise stated. Now we define  $I = \{A : A \subseteq W\}$ . Clearly  $I$  be an ideal on  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *Suppose that  $Y - W$  dense in  $Y$  then any function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, I)$  is  $w$ - $I$ - $c$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Let  $y \in Y$  and  $U$  be any open set of  $Y$  containing  $y$  then  $V \cap U \neq \emptyset$  since  $U, V \neq \emptyset$ . Thus there exists an element  $z' \in U \cap V$  such that  $z' \in Y - W$  since  $Y - W$  is dense in  $Y$ . This implies that  $U \cap V \notin I$  for all open set  $U$  containing  $y$ . Hence we obtain that  $V^* = Y$ . Thus,  $f$  is w-I-c.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal on  $Y$  such that  $J \subseteq I$  then a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is continuous if and only if it is  $w^* - I - c$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity is clear. Sufficiency part of theorem: Suppose  $f$  is  $w^* - J - c$ . Since  $f$  is w-I-c and  $J \subseteq I$ , it is easy to see that  $f$  is  $w - J - c$ . Thus we obtain that  $f$  is continuous by Decomposition Theorem (see [1]).  $\square$

There are many examples of group action such that complement of fixed point set is dense.

**Example 2.8.** Let  $Y = R$ , real numbers, with left ray (respectively right ray) topology. Let  $G$  be compact Lie group and it acts differentiably on  $Y$  (i.e action of  $G$  on  $Y$  is differentiable). If we consider the usual topology on  $Y$  then  $Y^G$  is a compact submanifold of  $R$  [3]. Thus  $Y^G$  must be zero dimensional. Otherwise  $Y^G$  is a circle but this is impossible since  $Y^G$  is a submanifold of  $R$ . This implies that  $Y^G$  must be a finite set.  $Y^G$  may not be submanifold of  $Y$  if we consider left ray topology (respectively right-ray topology) on  $R$  but  $Y - Y^G$  is dense in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $J$  be any ideal on  $Y$  such that  $(Y - V) \subseteq V^*$  for all open set  $V$  in  $Y$ . Then a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$  is continuous if and only if it is  $w^* - J - c$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity is clear. The sufficiency part of theorem: Suppose that  $f$  is not continuous then there exists an open set  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is not open in  $X$ . Hence there exists an element  $x_0$  of  $f^{-1}(V)$  such that  $f(U) \not\subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  for all open set  $U$  containing  $x_0$ . On the other hand  $X - f^{-1}(f r^*(V)) = X - f^{-1}(V^* - V)$  open in  $X$  since  $f$  is  $w^* - J - c$ . Observe that  $x_0 \in X - f^{-1}(V^* - V)$  since  $f(x_0) \in V$ . Therefore there exists an element  $z$  of  $X - f^{-1}(V^* - V)$  such that  $f^{-1}(V)$  does not contain  $z$ . This implies that  $f(z) \in Y - V^*$  and  $f(z) \notin V$ . Furthermore  $f(z) \in V$  because of  $(Y - V) \subseteq V^*$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

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