



Strong Insertion of a Contra-Continuous Function Between Two Comparable Contra-B–Continuous Functions

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Abstract

Enough condition in terms of lower cut sets are given for the strong insertion of a contra-continuous function between two comparable contra-b–continuous real-valued functions on such topological spaces that kernel of sets is open.

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1 Introduction

The concept of a preopen set in a topological space was introduced by H. H. Corson and E. Michael in 1964 [5]. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called preopen or locally dense or nearly open if $A \subseteq \text{Int}(C I(A))$. A set A is called preclosed if its complement is preopen or equivalently if $CI(\text{Int}(A)) \subseteq A$. The term ,preopen, was used for the first time by A. S. Mashhour, M. E. Abd El-Monsef and S. N. El-Deeb [22], while the concept of a , locally dense, set was introduced by H. H. Corson and E. Michael [5].

The concept of a semi-open set in a topological space was introduced by N. Levine in 1963 [19]. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called semi- open [19] if $A \subseteq CI(\text{Int}(A))$. A set A is called semi-closed if its complement is semi-open or equivalently if $\text{Int}(C I(A)) \subseteq A$.

D. Andrijevic introduced a new class of generalized open sets in a topological space, so called b -open sets [2]. This type of sets discussed by A. A. El-Atik under the name of γ -open sets [11]. This class is closed under arbitrary union. The class of b -open sets contains all semi-open sets and preopen sets. The class of b -open sets generates the same topology as the class of preopen sets. D. Andrijevic studied several fundamental and interesting properties of b -open sets. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called b -open if $A \subseteq CI(\text{Int}(A)) \cup \text{Int}(C I(A))$ [1]. A set A is called b -closed if its complement is b -open or equivalently if $CI(\text{Int}(A)) \cap \text{Int}(C I(A)) \subseteq A$.

A generalized class of closed sets was considered by Maki in [21]. He investigated the sets that can be represented as union of closed sets and called them V -sets. Complements of V -sets, i.e., sets that are intersection of open sets are called Λ -sets [21].

Recall that a real-valued function f defined on a topological space X is called A -continuous [26] if the preimage of every open subset of \mathbb{R} belongs to A , where A is a collection of subsets of X . Most of the definitions of function used throughout this paper are consequences of the definition of A -continuity. However, for unknown concepts the reader may refer to [6, 13].

In the recent literature many topologists had focused their research in the direction of investigating different types of generalized continuity.

J. Dontchev in [7] introduced a new class of mappings called contra-continuity. A good number of researchers have also initiated different types of contra-continuous like mappings in the papers [1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 25].

Hence, a real-valued function f defined on a topological space X is called contra-continuous (resp. contra- b -continuous) if the preimage of every open subset of \mathbb{R} is closed (resp. b -closed) in X [7].

Results of Katětov [16, 17] concerning binary relations and the concept of an indefinite lower cut set for a real-valued function, which is due to Brooks [3], are used in order to give a necessary and sufficient conditions for the insertion of a contra-continuous function between two comparable real-valued functions on such topological spaces that Λ -sets or kernel of sets are open [21]. If g and f are real-valued functions defined on a space X , we write $g \leq f$ in case $g(x) \leq f(x)$ for all x in X .

The following definitions are modifications of conditions considered in [18].

A property P defined relative to a real-valued function on a topological space is a cc -property provided that any constant function has property P and provided that the sum of a function with property P and any contra-continuous function also has property P . If P_1 and P_2 are cc -properties, the following terminology is used:(i) A space X has the weak cc -insertion property for (P_1, P_2) if and only if for any functions g and f on X such that $g \leq f$, g has property P_1 and f has property P_2 , then there



exists a contra-continuous function h such that $g \leq h \leq f$.(ii) A space X has the strong cc-insertion property for (P_1, P_2) if and only if for any functions g and f on X such that $g \leq f$, g has property P_1 and f has property P_2 , then there exists a contra-continuous function h such that $g \leq h \leq f$ and if $g(x) < f(x)$ for any x in X , then $g(x) < h(x) < f(x)$.

In this paper, for a topological space whose Λ -sets or kernel of sets are open, is given a sufficient condition for the weak cc-insertion property. Also for a space with the weak cc-insertion property, we give a sufficient conditions for the space to have the strong cc-insertion property. Several insertion theorems are obtained as corollaries of these results. In addition, the weak insertion of a contra-Baire-1 (Baire-.5) function has also recently considered by the author in [23].

2 The Main Result

Before giving a sufficient condition for insertability of a contra-continuous function, the necessary definitions and terminology are stated. The abbreviations cc and cbc are used for contra-continuous and contra-b-continuous, respectively.

Definition 2.1. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . We define the subsets A^\wedge and A^\vee as follows:

$$A^\wedge = \cap \{O : O \supseteq A, O \in (X, \tau)\} \text{ and } A^\vee = \cup \{F : F \subseteq A, F^c \in (X, \tau)\}.$$

In [8, 20, 24], A^\wedge is called the kernel of A .

The family of all b-open and b-closed will be denoted by $bO(X, \tau)$ and $bC(X, \tau)$, respectively. We define the subsets $b(A^\wedge)$ and $b(A^\vee)$ as follows:

$$b(A^\wedge) = \cap \{O : O \supseteq A, O \in bO(X, \tau)\} \text{ and } b(A^\vee) = \cup \{F : F \subseteq A, F \in bC(X, \tau)\}. b(A^\wedge) \text{ is called the b - kernel of } A.$$

Proposition 2.1. (D. Andrijevic [2]) (i) The union of any family of b-open sets is a b-open set.

(ii) The intersection of an open and a b-open is a b-open set. The following first two definitions are modifications of conditions considered in [16, 17].

Definition 2.2. If ρ is a binary relation in a set S then $\bar{\rho}$ is defined as follows: $x \bar{\rho} y$ if and only if $y \rho v$ implies $x \rho v$ and $u \rho x$ implies $u \rho y$ for any u and v in S .

Definition 2.3. A binary relation ρ in the power set $P(X)$ of a topological space X is called a strong binary relation in $P(X)$ in case ρ satisfies each of the following conditions:

1) If $A_i \rho B_j$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and for any $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, then there exists a set C in $P(X)$ such that $A_i \rho C$ and $C \rho B_j$ for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and any $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

2) If $A \subseteq B$, then $A \bar{\rho} B$.

3) If $A \rho B$, then $A^\wedge \subseteq B$ and $A \subseteq B^\vee$.

The concept of a lower indefinite cut set for a real-valued function was defined by Brooks [3] as follows:



Definition 2.4. If f is a real-valued function defined on a space X and if $\{x \in X : f(x) < i\} \subseteq A(f, i) \subseteq \{x \in X : f(x) \leq i\}$ for a real number i , then $A(f, i)$ is called a lower indefinite cut set in the domain of f at the level i .

We now give the following main result: **Theorem 2.1.** Let g and f be real-valued functions on the topological space X , in which kernel sets are open, with $g \leq f$. If there exists a strong binary relation ρ on the power set of X and if there exist lower indefinite cut sets $A(f, t)$ and $A(g, t)$ in the domain of f and g at the level t for each rational number t such that if $t_1 < t_2$ then $A(f, t_1) \rho A(g, t_2)$, then there exists a contra-continuous function h defined on X such that $g \leq h \leq f$.

Proof. Let g and f be real-valued functions defined on the X such that $g \leq f$. By hypothesis there exists a strong binary relation ρ on the power set of X and there exist lower indefinite cut sets $A(f, t)$ and $A(g, t)$ in the domain of f and g at the level t for each rational number t such that if $t_1 < t_2$ then $A(f, t_1) \rho A(g, t_2)$.

Define functions F and G mapping the rational numbers Q into the power set of X by $F(t) = A(f, t)$ and $G(t) = A(g, t)$. If t_1 and t_2 are any elements of Q with $t_1 < t_2$, then $F(t_1) \bar{\rho} F(t_2)$, $G(t_1) \bar{\rho} G(t_2)$, and $F(t_1) \rho G(t_2)$. By Lemmas 1 and 2 of [17] it follows that there exists a function H mapping Q into the power set of X such that if t_1 and t_2 are any rational numbers with $t_1 < t_2$, then $F(t_1) \rho H(t_2)$, $H(t_1) \rho H(t_2)$ and $H(t_1) \rho G(t_2)$.

For any x in X , let $h(x) = \inf\{t \in Q : x \in H(t)\}$.

We first verify that $g \leq h \leq f$: If x is in $H(t)$ then x is in $G(t^0)$ for any $t^0 > t$; since x is in $G(t^0) = A(g, t^0)$ implies that $g(x) \leq t^0$, it follows that $g(x) \leq t$. Hence $g \leq h$. If x is not in $H(t)$, then x is not in $F(t^0)$ for any $t^0 < t$; since x is not in $F(t^0) = A(f, t^0)$ implies that $f(x) > t^0$, it follows that $f(x) \geq t$. Hence $h \leq f$.

Also, for any rational numbers t_1 and t_2 with $t_1 < t_2$, we have $h^{-1}(t_1, t_2) = H(t_2)^V \setminus H(t_1)^\wedge$. Hence $h^{-1}(t_1, t_2)$ is closed in X , i.e., h is a contra-continuous function on X . The above proof used the technique of theorem 1 in [16].

3 Applications

Before stating the consequences of theorems 2.1, we suppose that X is a topological space whose kernel sets are open.

Corollary 3.1. If for each pair of disjoint b -open sets G_1, G_2 of X , there exist closed sets F_1 and F_2 of X such that $G_1 \subseteq F_1$, $G_2 \subseteq F_2$ and $F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$ then X has the weak cc -insertion property for (cbc, cbc) .

Proof. Let g and f be real-valued functions defined on X , such that f and g are cbc , and $g \leq f$. If a binary relation ρ is defined by $A \rho B$ in case $b(A^\wedge) \subseteq b(B^V)$, then by hypothesis ρ is a strong binary relation in the power set of X . If t_1 and t_2 are any elements of Q with $t_1 < t_2$, then

$$A(f, t_1) \subseteq \{x \in X : f(x) \leq t_1\} \subseteq \{x \in X : g(x) < t_2\} \subseteq A(g, t_2);$$



since $\{x \in X : f(x) \leq t_1\}$ is a b-open set and since $\{x \in X : g(x) < t_2\}$ is a b-closed set, it follows that $b(A(f, t_1)^\wedge) \subseteq b(A(g, t_2)^\vee)$. Hence $t_1 < t_2$ implies that $A(f, t_1) \rho A(g, t_2)$. The proof follows from Theorem 2.1.

Corollary 3.2. If for each pair of disjoint b-open sets G_1, G_2 , there exist closed sets F_1 and F_2 such that $G_1 \subseteq F_1$, $G_2 \subseteq F_2$ and $F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$ then every contra-b-continuous function is contra-continuous.

Proof. Let f be a real-valued contra-b-continuous function defined on X . Set $g = f$, then by Corollary 3.1, there exists a contra-continuous function h such that $g = h = f$.

Corollary 3.3. If for each pair of disjoint b-open sets G_1, G_2 of X , there exist closed sets F_1 and F_2 of X such that $G_1 \subseteq F_1$, $G_2 \subseteq F_2$ and $F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$ then X has the strong cc-insertion property for (cbc, cbc).

Proof. Let g and f be real-valued functions defined on the X , such that f and g are cbc, and $g \leq f$. Set $h = (f + g)/2$, thus $g \leq h \leq f$ and if $g(x) < f(x)$ for any x in X , then $g(x) < h(x) < f(x)$. Also, by Corollary 3.2, since g and f are contra-continuous functions hence h is a contra-continuous function.

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