

# Somewhat Preopen Functions

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## ABSTRACT

A weakened form of open function termed somewhat open function has been defined in this paper. Some basic properties of this function has been investigated.

## 1. Introduction

In 1971 K.R.Gentry [ 3] introduced a weakened form of continuity termed somewhat continuity and a weakened open function named Somewhat open function. In 1982, Mashhour et al. [5] defined preopen sets and precontinuous function. In this paper somewhat pre open function is defined with the aid of preopen sets. Composition of somewhat open functions and how these functions behave in subspaces have been discussed in detail. Finally some basic properties of this function have been investigated.

Section 2 of this paper contains some known definitions and results that have been frequently used in this paper.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper  $(X, \tau)$  or  $X$  always denotes a non trivial topological space. The closure and interior of  $A \subset X$  are respectively denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ . The restriction of a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to  $A \subset X$  has been denoted by  $f/A$  throughout the paper. The following definitions will be required for the presentation of the paper.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a preopen set [5] briefly p.o.(resp. semi preopen[ 1], an  $\alpha$ -set [6]) if  $A \subset Int(Cl(A))$  ( resp.  $A \subset Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$ ,  $A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$  ).

The family of all preopen (resp. semi preopen,  $\alpha$ -sets) sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $PO(X)$  (resp.  $SPO(X), \alpha(X)$ ). The complement of a p.o. set is called preclosed.

**Definition 2.2.** [ 5 ] The preclosure of  $A \subset X$  is denoted by  $pcl(A)$  and is defined by  $pcl(A) = \bigcap \{B : B \text{ is preclosed and } B \supset A\}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called weakly  $\alpha$  continuous iff [ 7] briefly w. $\alpha$ .c. iff for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$  in  $Y$  there exists an  $\alpha$  set  $U$  containing  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $f[U] \subset Cl(V)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [4]. Let  $A \subset Y \subset X$  and  $Y \in PO(X)$ , then  $A \in PO(X)$  iff  $A \in PO(Y)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [8]. In a space  $X$  if  $A \in PO(X)$ ,  $B \in \alpha(X)$ , then  $A \cap B \in PO(X)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [ 3 ] A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be somewhat open if for each  $U \in \tau$  with  $U \neq \phi$  there exists a  $V \in \sigma$  with  $V \neq \phi$  such that  $V \subset f[U]$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [ 2 ] Let  $X$  be a set with two topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ . Then  $\tau_1$  is termed weakly pre equivalent to  $\tau_2$  provided if  $U \in PO(X, \tau_1)$  and  $U \neq \phi$ , then there is a  $V \in PO(X, \tau_2)$  such that  $V \neq \phi$  and  $V \subset U$  and if  $U \in PO(X, \tau_2)$  and  $U \neq \phi$  then there exists a  $V \in PO(X, \tau_1)$  with  $V \neq \phi$  and  $V \subset U$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [ 2 ] A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be predense if  $pcl(A) = X$ .

## 3. Results and Discussions

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be somewhat preopen (briefly s.p.o.) provided that if  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  and  $U \neq \phi$ , then there is a  $V \in PO(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $V \neq \phi$  and  $V \subset f[U]$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Obviously every somewhat open function is s.p.o. but not conversely as is clear from the following example.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau =$  the discrete topology on  $X$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, X\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  is s.p.o. but not somewhat open.

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f_2 : Y \rightarrow Z$  are s.p.o. functions, then  $f_2 \circ f_1 : X \rightarrow Z$  is s.p.o..

**Proof :** Let  $U \in PO(X)$  and  $U \neq \phi$ . Since  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are s.p.o. there exist a non-empty sets  $V \in PO(Y)$  with  $V \subset f_1[U]$  and a non-empty set  $W \in PO(Z)$  such that  $W \subset f_2[V]$  respectively. This leads to  $W \subset f_2[V] \subset f_2 \circ f_1[U]$ . Hence  $f_2 \circ f_1$  is s.p.o..

### s.p.o. IN SUBSPACES

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y$  be endowed with the topology  $\tau_X = \{\phi, X, \{c, d\}\} = \tau_Y$ . Then the identity mapping  $f : (X,$

$\tau_X \rightarrow (Y, \tau_Y)$  is s.p.o. Taking  $A = \{a\}$ , it is easy to see that  $f/A : A \rightarrow Y$  is not s.p.o..

**Remark 3.2.** The above example shows that the s.p.o. of a function does not ensure the s.p.o. of the function in any subspace.

On the otherhand, it has been found that a function is s.p.o. in any preopen subspace if it is given to be so in the whole space. In fact the following holds.

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is s.p.o. and  $A \in PO(X)$ , then  $f/A : A \rightarrow Y$  is s.p.o..

**Proof :** Let  $U \in PO(A)$  and  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Now  $U \subset A \subset X$ ,  $A \in PO(X)$ ,  $U \in PO(A)$  imply that  $U \in PO(X)$ . Since  $f$  is s.p.o. there exists a  $V \in PO(Y)$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset f[U]$ . Hence  $f/A$  is s.p.o..

**Remark 3.3.** In the preceding example the failure of Theorem 3.2 is due to the fact that  $A \notin PO(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** For a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , if  $A \in \alpha(X)$  is predense and  $f/A : A \rightarrow Y$  is s.p.o., then  $f$  is s.p.o..

**Proof :** Let  $U \in PO(X)$  and  $U \neq \emptyset$ .  $A$  being an  $\alpha$ -set,  $U \cap A \in PO(X)$ . Again since  $A$  is predense in  $X$ ,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $U \cap A = G$ . Then  $G \in PO(X)$ . Now since every  $\alpha$ -set is a p.o. set,  $A \in PO(X)$ . Thus  $G \subset A \subset X$ ,  $G \in PO(X)$ ,  $A \in PO(X)$ . This implies that  $G \in PO(A)$ . S.p.o. of  $f/A$  guarantees the existence of a  $H \in PO(Y)$  such that  $H \neq \emptyset$ , and  $H \subset f[G]$ . Therefore,  $H \subset f[U \cap A] \subset f[U]$ . Hence  $f$  is s.p.o..

**Remark 3.4.** The condition “ $A$  is predense” cannot be dropped from the hypothesis of the above theorem as shown by the following Example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$  be the set with the topologies  $\tau_X = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_Y = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$  respectively. Let  $A = \{a\}$ , then  $A \in \alpha(X)$ , which is not predense. But the identity map  $f/A : A \rightarrow Y$  is s.p.o. On the otherhand, the identity map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is not s.p.o..

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping and  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$  where  $X_1, X_2 \in \alpha(X)$ . If both the restrictions  $f/X_i : X_i \rightarrow Y$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are s.p.o., then  $f$  is s.p.o..

**Proof :** Let  $U \in PO(X)$  and  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $U \subset X_1 \cup X_2$  at least one of  $U \cap X_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ )  $\neq \emptyset$ , otherwise  $U = \emptyset$  and it is contrary to our assumption. To fix our ideas we suppose  $U \cap X_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Because every  $\alpha$  set is a p.o. set  $U \cap X_1 \in PO(X)$ . Again  $U \cap X_1 \subset X_1 \subset X$ , produces that  $U \cap X_1 \in PO(X_1)$ . Since  $f/X_1$  is s.p.o. there exists a  $V \in PO(Y)$  such that  $V \subset (f/X_1)(U \cap X_1)$

$X_1) \subset f[U]$  which, in its turn, yields  $V \subset f[U]$ . This indicates that  $f$  is s.p.o. .

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**Theorem 3.5.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function, then the following two conditions are equivalent

- (i)  $f$  is s.p.o. ;
- (ii) if  $M$  is a predense subset of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}[M]$  is a predense subset of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be s.p.o. and  $M$  be a predense subset of  $Y$ . If possible  $f^{-1}[M]$  is not a predense subset of  $X$ . This then implies that there exists a non-empty set  $U \in PO(X)$  such that  $f^{-1}[M] \cap U = \emptyset \Rightarrow f[f^{-1}[M] \cap U] = \emptyset \Rightarrow M \cap f[U] = \emptyset$ . Now the s.p.o. of  $f$  and preopenness of the non-empty set  $U$  together imply the existence of a non-empty set  $V \in PO(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $V \subset f[U]$ . Then from above  $M \cap V = \emptyset$ , a contradiction to the hypothesis that  $M$  is a predense subset of  $Y$ . Thus  $f^{-1}[M]$  is a predense subset of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.7.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be quasi-semi-preopen (briefly qsp-open) if  $f[U] \in SPO(Y)$  for every  $U \in PO(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. If  $f$  is weakly  $\alpha$  continuous and s.p.o. then  $f$  is qsp-open.

**Proof :** Let  $A \in PO(X)$  and  $y \in f[A]$ . Then there exists a  $x \in A$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Let  $V$  be an open containing  $y$  in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is w.a.c. there exists a  $U \in \alpha(X, x)$  such that  $f[U] \subset Cl(V)$ . Clearly  $x \in A \cap U \Rightarrow A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Set  $W = A \cap U$ . Then  $W \neq \emptyset$  and by  $W \in PO(X)$ . Again since  $f$  is s.p.o. there exists a  $G \in PO(Y)$ ,  $G \neq \emptyset$ , such that  $G \subset f[W] \Rightarrow G \subset f[U \cap A] \subset f[U] \cap f[A] \subset Cl(V) \cap f[A] \subset Cl(V) \cap Cl(f[A])$ . From the forgoing it then follows that  $G \subset Cl(f[A]) \Rightarrow G \subset \text{int}(Cl(f[A]))$ .

$\Rightarrow G \subset f[A] \cap \text{int}(Cl(f[A])) \Rightarrow G \subset \text{int}(Cl(f[A]))$ . Also from above  $G \subset Cl(V)$ . Thus  $Cl(V) \cap \text{int}(Cl(f[A])) \supset G \neq \emptyset$   
 $\Rightarrow V \cap \text{int}(Cl(f[A])) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow f(x) \in Cl(\text{int}(Cl(f[A])))$   
 $\Rightarrow y \in Cl(\text{int}(Cl(f[A]))) \Rightarrow f[A] \subset Cl(\text{int}(Cl(f[A]))) \Rightarrow f[A] \in SPO(Y)$ . Therefore  $f$  is qsp-open.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be s.p.o.,  $\tau'$  and  $\sigma'$  are topologies for  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively such that  $\tau'$  is weakly pre equivalent to  $\tau$  and  $\sigma'$  is weakly pre equivalent to  $\sigma$ , then  $f : (X, \tau') \rightarrow (Y, \sigma')$  is s.p.o..

**Proof :** Let  $U' \in PO(X, \tau')$  and  $U' \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\tau'$  is weakly pre equivalent to  $\tau$  there exists a  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \subset U'$ . Since  $f$  is s.p.o. there exists a non-empty set  $V \in PO(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $V \subset f[U]$ . Again since  $\sigma'$  is weakly pre equivalent to  $\sigma$  there exists a  $V' \in PO(Y, \sigma')$  such that  $V' \neq \emptyset$  and  $V' \subset V$ . Then from above  $V' \subset f[U] \subset f[U']$ . Hence  $f$  is s.p.o..

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