

Slightly ν g-continuous functions

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Abstract

In this paper we discuss new type of continuous functions called slightly ν g-continuous functions; its properties and interrelation with other continuous functions are studied.

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1. Introduction

In 1995 T. M. Nour introduced slightly semi-continuous functions. After him T. Noiri and G. I. Chae further studied slightly semi-continuous functions in 2000. T. Noiri individually studied about slightly β -continuous functions in 2001. C. W. Baker introduced slightly precontinuous functions in 2002. Erdal Ekici and M. Caldas studied slightly γ -continuous functions in 2004. Arse Nagli Uresin and others studied slightly δ -continuous functions in 2007. Recently S. Balasubramanian and P. A. S. Vyjayanthi studied slightly ν -continuous functions in 2011. Inspired with these developments I introduce in this paper slightly ν g-continuous function and study its basic properties and interrelation with other type of such functions available in the literature. Throughout the paper a space X means a topological space (X, τ) .

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1: $A \subseteq X$ is called

- (i) closed if its complement is open.
- (ii) α -open [ν -open] if $\exists U \in \alpha O(X)[RO(X)]$ such that $U \subseteq A \subseteq \alpha cl(U)[U \subseteq A \subseteq cl(U)]$.
- (iii) semi- θ -open if it is the union of semi-regular sets and its complement is semi- θ -closed.
- (iv) Regular closed [α -closed; pre-closed; β -closed] if $A = cl\{A^\circ\}$ [resp: $cl(A^\circ)^\circ \subseteq A$; $cl(A^\circ) \subseteq A$; $cl((cl\{A\})^\circ) \subseteq A$].
- (v) Semi closed [ν -closed] if its complement is semi open [ν -open].
- (vi) g-closed [rg-closed] if $cl A \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
- (vii) sg-closed [gs-closed] if $s(cl A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semi-open {open} in X .
- (viii) pg-closed [gp-closed; gpr-closed] if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is pre-open [open; regular-open] in X .
- (ix) α g-closed [$g\alpha$ -closed; $rg\alpha$ -closed; $r\alpha g$ -closed] if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open [α -open; $r\alpha$ -open; r -open] in X .
- (x) ν g-closed if $\nu cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is ν -open in X .

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Definition 2.2: A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be

(i) continuous [resp: nearly-continuous; $r\alpha$ -continuous; ν -continuous; α -continuous; semi-continuous; β -continuous; pre-continuous] if inverse image of each open set is open [resp: regular-open; $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen].

(ii) nearly-irresolute [resp: $r\alpha$ -irresolute; ν -irresolute; α -irresolute; irresolute; β -irresolute; pre-irresolute] if inverse image of each regular-open [resp: $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen] set is regular-open [resp: $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen].

(iii) almost continuous [resp: almost nearly-continuous; almost $r\alpha$ -continuous; almost ν -continuous; almost α -continuous; almost semi-continuous; almost β -continuous; almost pre-continuous] if for each x in X and each open set $(V, f(x))$, \exists an open [resp: regular-open; $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen] set (U, x) such that $f(U) \subset (cl(V))^{\circ}$.

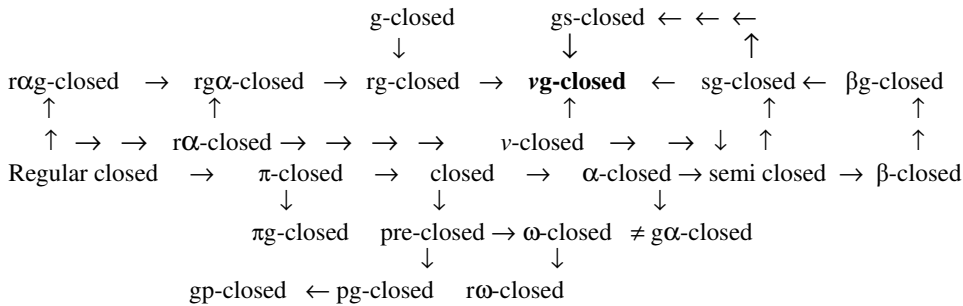
(iv) weakly continuous [resp: weakly nearly-continuous; weakly $r\alpha$ -continuous; weakly ν -continuous; weakly α -continuous; weakly semi-continuous; weakly β -continuous; weakly pre-continuous] if for each x in X and each open set $(V, f(x))$, \exists an open [resp: regular-open; $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen] set (U, x) such that $f(U) \subset cl(V)$.

(v) slightly continuous [resp: slightly semi-continuous; slightly pre-continuous; slightly β -continuous; slightly γ -continuous; slightly α -continuous; slightly r -continuous; slightly ν -continuous] at x in X if for each clopen subset V in Y containing $f(x)$, $\exists U \in \tau(X)$ [$\exists U \in SO(X)$; $\exists U \in PO(X)$; $\exists U \in \beta O(X)$; $\exists U \in \gamma O(X)$; $\exists U \in \alpha O(X)$; $\exists U \in RO(X)$; $\exists U \in \nu O(X)$] containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.

(vi) slightly continuous [resp: slightly semi-continuous; slightly pre-continuous; slightly β -continuous; slightly γ -continuous; slightly α -continuous; slightly r -continuous; slightly ν -continuous] if it is slightly-continuous [resp: slightly semi-continuous; slightly pre-continuous; slightly β -continuous; slightly γ -continuous; slightly α -continuous; slightly r -continuous; slightly ν -continuous] at each x in X .

(vii) almost strongly θ -semi-continuous [resp: strongly θ -semi-continuous] if for each x in X and for each $V \in \sigma(Y, f(x))$, $\exists U \in SO(X, x)$ such that $f(scl(U)) \subset scl(V)$ [resp: $f(scl(U)) \subset V$].

Note 1: From the above Definitions we have the following interrelations among the closed sets.



Definition 2.3: X is said to be a

(i) compact [resp: nearly-compact; $r\alpha$ -compact; ν -compact; α -compact; semi-compact; β -compact; pre-compact; mildly-compact] space if every open [resp: regular-open; $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen; clopen] cover has a finite subcover.

(ii) countably-compact [resp: countably-nearly-compact; countably- $r\alpha$ -compact; countably- ν -compact; countably- α -compact; countably-semi-compact; countably- β -compact; countably-pre-compact; mildly-countably compact] space if every countable open [resp: regular-open; $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen; clopen] cover has a finite subcover.

(iii) closed-compact [resp: closed-nearly-compact; closed- $r\alpha$ -compact; closed- ν -compact; closed- α -compact; closed-semi-compact; closed- β -compact; closed-pre-compact] space if every closed [resp: regular-closed; $r\alpha$ -closed; ν -closed; α -closed; semi-closed; β -closed; preclosed] cover has a finite subcover.

(iv) Lindeloff [resp: nearly-Lindeloff; $r\alpha$ -Lindeloff; ν -Lindeloff; α -Lindeloff; semi-Lindeloff; β -Lindeloff; pre-Lindeloff; mildly-Lindeloff] space if every open [resp: regular-open; $r\alpha$ -open; ν -open; α -open; semi-open; β -open; preopen; clopen] cover has a countable subcover.

(v) Extremely disconnected [briefly e.d] if the closure of each open set is open.

Definition 2.4: X is said to be a

(i) T_0 [resp: $r-T_0$; $r\alpha-T_0$; $\nu-T_0$; $\alpha-T_0$; semi- T_0 ; $\beta-T_0$; pre- T_0 ; Ultra T_0] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $rO(X)$; $r\alpha O(X)$; $\nu O(X)$; $\alpha O(X)$; $SO(X)$; $\beta O(X)$; $PO(X)$; $CO(X)$] containing either x or y.

(ii) T_1 [resp: $r-T_1$; $r\alpha-T_1$; $\nu-T_1$; $\alpha-T_1$; semi- T_1 ; $\beta-T_1$; pre- T_1 ; Ultra T_1] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U, V \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $rO(X)$; $r\alpha O(X)$; $\nu O(X)$; $\alpha O(X)$; $SO(X)$; $\beta O(X)$; $PO(X)$; $CO(X)$] such that $x \in U - V$ and $y \in V - U$.

(iii) T_2 [resp: $r-T_2$; $r\alpha-T_2$; $\nu-T_2$; $\alpha-T_2$; semi- T_2 ; $\beta-T_2$; pre- T_2 ; Ultra T_2] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U, V \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $rO(X)$; $r\alpha O(X)$; $\nu O(X)$; $\alpha O(X)$; $SO(X)$; $\beta O(X)$; $PO(X)$; $CO(X)$] such that $x \in U$; $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$.

(iv) C_0 [resp: $r-C_0$; $r\alpha-C_0$; $\nu-C_0$; $\alpha-C_0$; semi- C_0 ; $\beta-C_0$; pre- C_0 ; Ultra C_0] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $rO(X)$; $r\alpha O(X)$; $\nu O(X)$; $\alpha O(X)$; $SO(X)$; $\beta O(X)$; $PO(X)$; $CO(X)$] whose closure contains either x or y

(v) C_1 [resp: $r-C_1$; $r\alpha-C_1$; $\nu-C_1$; $\alpha-C_1$; semi- C_1 ; $\beta-C_1$; pre- C_1 ; Ultra C_1] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U, V \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $rO(X)$; $r\alpha O(X)$; $\nu O(X)$; $\alpha O(X)$; $SO(X)$; $\beta O(X)$; $PO(X)$; $CO(X)$] whose closure contains x and y.

(vi) C_2 [resp: $r-C_2$; $r\alpha-C_2$; $\nu-C_2$; $\alpha-C_2$; semi- C_2 ; $\beta-C_2$; pre- C_2 ; Ultra C_2] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists$ disjoint $U, V \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $rO(X)$; $r\alpha O(X)$; $\nu O(X)$; $\alpha O(X)$; $SO(X)$; $\beta O(X)$; $PO(X)$; $CO(X)$] whose closure contains x and y.

(vii) D_0 [resp: $r-D_0$; $r\alpha-D_0$; $\nu-D_0$; $\alpha-D_0$; semi- D_0 ; $\beta-D_0$; pre- D_0 ; Ultra D_0] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U \in D(X)$ [resp: $rD(X)$; $r\alpha D(X)$; $\nu D(X)$; $\alpha D(X)$; $SD(X)$; $\beta D(X)$; $PD(X)$; $COD(X)$] containing either x or y.

(viii) D_1 [resp: $r-D_1$; $r\alpha-D_1$; $\nu-D_1$; $\alpha-D_1$; semi- D_1 ; $\beta-D_1$; pre- D_1 ; Ultra D_1] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U, V \in D(X)$ [resp: $rD(X)$; $r\alpha D(X)$; $\nu D(X)$; $\alpha D(X)$; $SD(X)$; $\beta D(X)$; $PD(X)$; $COD(X)$] such that $x \in U - V$ and $y \in V - U$.

(ix) D_2 [resp: $r-D_2$; $r\alpha-D_2$; $\nu-D_2$; $\alpha-D_2$; semi- D_2 ; $\beta-D_2$; pre- D_2 ; Ultra D_2] space if for each $x \neq y \in X \exists U, V \in D(X)$ [resp: $rD(X)$; $r\alpha D(X)$; $\nu D(X)$; $\alpha D(X)$; $SD(X)$; $\beta D(X)$; $PD(X)$; $CD(X)$] such that $x \in U$; $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \phi$.

(x) R_0 [resp: $r-R_0$; $r\alpha-R_0$; $\nu-R_0$; $\alpha-R_0$; semi- R_0 ; $\beta-R_0$; pre- R_0 ; Ultra R_0] space if for each x in $X \exists U \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $RO(X)$; $r\alpha O(X)$; $\nu O(X)$; $\alpha O(X)$; $SO(X)$; $\beta O(X)$; $PO(X)$; $CO(X)$] $cl\{x\} \subseteq U$ [resp: $rcl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $\nu cl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $\alpha cl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $scl\{x\} \subseteq U$] whenever $x \in U \in \tau(X)$ [resp: $x \in U \in RO(X)$; $x \in U \in \nu O(X)$; $x \in U \in \alpha O(X)$; $x \in U \in SO(X)$]

(xi) R_1 [resp: $r-R_1$; $r\alpha-R_1$; $\nu-R_1$; $\alpha-R_1$; semi- R_1 ; $\beta-R_1$; pre- R_1 ; Ultra R_1] space if for $x, y \in X$ such that $cl\{x\} \neq cl\{y\}$ [resp: such that $rcl\{x\} \neq rcl\{y\}$; such that $r\alpha cl\{x\} \neq r\alpha cl\{y\}$; such that $\nu cl\{x\} \neq \nu cl\{y\}$; such that $\alpha cl\{x\} \neq \alpha cl\{y\}$; such that $scl\{x\} \neq scl\{y\}$; such that $\beta cl\{x\} \neq \beta cl\{y\}$; such that $pcl\{x\} \neq pcl\{y\}$; such that $COcl\{x\} \neq COcl\{y\}$;] \exists disjoint $U, V \in \tau(X)$ such that $cl\{x\} \subseteq U$ [resp: $RO(X)$ such that $rcl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $R\alpha O(X)$ such that $r\alpha cl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $\nu O(X)$ such that $\nu cl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $RO(X)$ such that $\alpha cl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $SO(X)$ such that $scl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $\beta O(X)$ such that $\beta cl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $PO(X)$ such that $pcl\{x\} \subseteq U$; $CO(X)$ such that $COcl\{x\} \subseteq U$] and $cl\{y\} \subseteq V$ [resp: $RO(X)$ such that $rcl\{y\} \subseteq V$; $R\alpha O(X)$ such that $r\alpha cl\{y\} \subseteq V$; $\nu O(X)$ such that $\nu cl\{y\} \subseteq V$; $RO(X)$ such that $\alpha cl\{y\} \subseteq V$; $SO(X)$ such that $scl\{y\} \subseteq V$; $\beta O(X)$ such that $\beta cl\{y\} \subseteq V$; $PO(X)$ such that $pcl\{y\} \subseteq V$; $CO(X)$ such that $COcl\{y\} \subseteq V$]

Lemma 2.1:

(i) Let A and B be subsets of a space X, if $A \in \nu GO(X)$ and $B \in RO(X)$, then $A \cap B \in \nu GO(B)$.

(ii) Let $A \subset B \subset X$, if $A \in \nu GO(B)$ and $B \in RO(X)$, then $A \in \nu GO(X)$.

3. Slightly νg -continuous functions:

Definition 3.0: A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be

(i) slightly g-continuous[resp: slightly sg-continuous; slightly pg-continuous; slightly βg -continuous; slightly γg -continuous; slightly αg -continuous; slightly rg-continuous] at x in X if for each clopen subset V in Y containing $f(x)$, $\exists U \in GO(X)$ [$\exists U \in SGO(X)$; $\exists U \in PGO(X)$; $\exists U \in \beta GO(X)$; $\exists U \in \gamma GO(X)$; $\exists U \in \alpha GO(X)$; $\exists U \in RGO(X)$] containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.

(ii) slightly g-continuous[resp: slightly sg-continuous; slightly pg-continuous; slightly βg -continuous; slightly γg -continuous; slightly αg -continuous; slightly rg-continuous] if it is slightly g-continuous[resp: slightly sg-continuous; slightly pg-continuous; slightly βg -continuous; slightly γg -continuous; slightly αg -continuous; Slightly rg-continuous] at each x in X.

Definition 3.1: A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be

(i) slightly *vg*-continuous function at x in X if for each clopen subset V in Y containing $f(x)$, $\exists U \in \nu GO(X)$ containing x such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.

(ii) slightly *vg*-continuous function if it is slightly *vg*-continuous at each x in X .

Note 2: Here after we call slightly *vg*-continuous function as *sl.v g.c* function shortly.

Example 3.1: $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$; $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be identity function, then f is *sl.vg.c*.

Example 3.2: $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$; $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be identity function, then f is not *sl.vg.c*.

Theorem 3.1: The following are equivalent:

- (i) $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c*.
- (ii) $f^{-1}(V)$ is *vg*-open for every clopen set V in Y .
- (iii) $f^{-1}(V)$ is *vg*-closed for every clopen set V in Y .
- (iv) $f(\nu gcl(A)) \subseteq \nu gcl(f(A))$.

Corollary 3.1: The following are equivalent.

- (i) $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c*.
- (ii) For each x in X and each clopen subset $V \in (Y, f(x)) \exists U \in \nu GO(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.

Theorem 3.2: Let $\Sigma = \{U_i; i \in I\}$ be any cover of X by regular open sets in X . A function f is *sl.vg.c*. iff $f_{|U_i}$ is *sl.vg.c*., for each $i \in I$.

Proof: Let $i \in I$ be an arbitrarily fixed index and $U_i \in RO(X)$. Let $x \in U_i$ and $V \in CO(Y, f_{|U_i}(x))$ Since f is *sl.vg.c*, $\exists U \in \nu GO(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. Since $U_i \in RO(X)$, by Lemma 2.1 $x \in U \cap U_i \in \nu GO(U_i)$ and $(f_{|U_i})(U \cap U_i) = f(U \cap U_i) \subseteq f(U) \subseteq V$. Hence $f_{|U_i}$ is *sl.vg.c*.

Conversely Let x in X and $V \in CO(Y, f(x))$, $\exists i \in I$ such that $x \in U_i$. Since $f_{|U_i}$ is *sl.v g.c*, $\exists U \in \nu GO(U_i, x)$ such that $f_{|U_i}(U) \subseteq V$. By Lemma 2.1, $U \in \nu GO(X)$ and $f(U) \subseteq V$. Hence f is *sl.vg.c*.

Theorem 3.3:

- (i) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *vg*-irresolute and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is *sl.vg.c*. [slightly-continuous], then $g \circ f$ is *sl.vg.c*.
- (ii) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *vg*-irresolute and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is *vg*-continuous, then $g \circ f$ is *sl.vg.c*.
- (iii) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *vg*-continuous and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is slightly-continuous, then $g \circ f$ is *sl.vg.c*.
- (iv) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *rg*-continuous and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is *sl.vg.c*. [slightly-continuous], then $g \circ f$ is *sl.vg.c*.

Theorem 3.4: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *vg*-irresolute, *vg*-open and $\nu GO(X) = \tau$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be any function, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is *sl.vg.c* iff $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is *sl.vg.c*.

Proof: If part: Theorem 3.3(i)

Only if part: Let A be clopen subset of Z . Then $(g \circ f)^{-1}(A)$ is a *vg*-open subset of X and hence open in X [by assumption]. Since f is *vg*-open $f((g \circ f)^{-1}(A))$ is *vg*-open $Y \Rightarrow g^{-1}(A)$ is *vg*-open in Y . Thus $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is *sl.vg.c*.

Corollary 3.2: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *vg*-irresolute, *vg*-open and bijective, $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is a function. Then $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is *sl.vg.c*. iff $g \circ f$ is *sl.vg.c*.

Theorem 3.5: If $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$, defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for all x in X be the graph function of $f: X \rightarrow Y$. Then $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$ is *sl.v g.c* iff f is *sl.v g.c*.

Proof: Let $V \in CO(Y)$, then $X \times V$ is clopen in $X \times Y$. Since $g: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c*., $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(X \times V) \in \nu GO(X)$. Thus f is *sl.vg.c*.

Conversely, let x in X and F be a clopen subset of $X \times Y$ containing $g(x)$. Then $F \cap (\{x\} \times Y)$ is clopen in $\{x\} \times Y$ containing $g(x)$. Also $\{x\} \times Y$ is homeomorphic to Y . Hence $\{y \in Y: (x, y) \in F\}$ is clopen subset of Y . Since f is *sl.vg.c*., $\cup \{f^{-1}(y): (x, y) \in F\}$ is *vg*-open in X . Further $x \in \cup \{f^{-1}(y): (x, y) \in F\} \subseteq g^{-1}(F)$. Hence $g^{-1}(F)$ is *vg*-open. Thus $g: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c*.

Theorem 3.6:

- (i) If $f: X \rightarrow \prod Y_\lambda$ is sl.v g.c, then $P_\lambda \circ f: X \rightarrow Y_\lambda$ is sl.v g.c for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$, where P_λ is the projection of $\prod Y_\lambda$ onto Y_λ .
- (ii) $f: \prod X_\lambda \rightarrow \prod Y_\lambda$ is sl.v g.c, iff $f_\lambda: X_\lambda \rightarrow Y_\lambda$ is sl.v g.c for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$.

Remark:

- (i) Composition of two sl.v g.c functions is not in general sl.vg.c.
- (ii) Algebraic sum and product of sl.v g.c functions is not in general sl.vg.c.
- (iii) The pointwise limit of a sequence of sl.v g.c functions is not in general sl.vg.c.

Example 3.3: Let $X = Y = [0, 1]$. Let $f_n: X \rightarrow Y$ is defined as follows $f_n(x) = x_n$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ defined by $f(x) = 0$ if $0 \leq x < 1$ and $f(x) = 1$ if $x = 1$. Therefore each f_n is sl.vg.c but f is not sl.vg.c. For $(1/2, 1]$ is clopen in Y , but $f^{-1}((1/2, 1]) = \{1\}$ is not *vg*-open in X .

However we can prove the following:

Theorem 3.7: The uniform limit of a sequence of sl.vg.c functions is sl.vg.c.

Note: Pasting Lemma is not true for sl.vg.c functions. However we have the following weaker versions.

Theorem 3.8: Let X and Y be topological spaces such that $X = A \cup B$ and let $f_A: A \rightarrow Y$ and $g_B: B \rightarrow Y$ are sl.r.c maps such that $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in A \cap B$. Suppose A and B are *r*-open sets in X and $RO(X)$ is closed under finite unions, then the combination $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$ is sl.vg.c continuous.

Theorem 3.9: Pasting Lemma Let X and Y be spaces such that $X = A \cup B$ and let $f_A: A \rightarrow Y$ and $g_B: B \rightarrow Y$ are sl.vg.c maps such that $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in A \cap B$. Suppose A, B are *r*-open sets in X and $vGO(X)$ is closed under finite unions, then the combination $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$ is sl.vg.c.

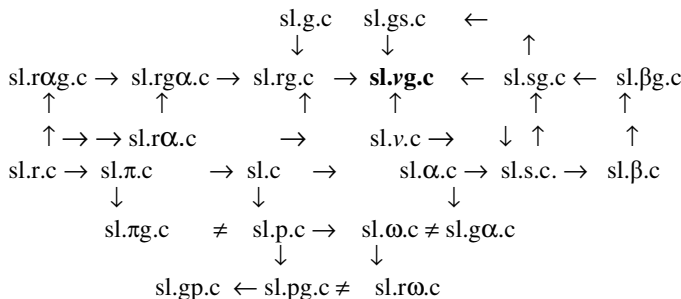
Proof: Let $F \in CO(Y)$, then $\alpha^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(F) \cup g^{-1}(F)$, where $f^{-1}(F) \in vGO(A)$ and $g^{-1}(F) \in vGO(B) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(F); g^{-1}(F) \in vGO(X) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(F) \cup g^{-1}(F) \in vGO(X)$ [by assumption]. Therefore $\alpha^{-1}(F) \in vGO(X)$. Hence $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$ is sl.vg.c.

4. Comparisons:

Theorem 4.1:

- (i) If f is sl.rg.c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (ii) If f is sl.sg.c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (iii) If f is sl.g.c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (iv) If f is sl.s.c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (v) If f is sl.v.c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (vi) If f is sl.r.c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (vii) If f is sl.c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (viii) If f is sl. ω .c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (ix) If f is sl.rg α .c, then f is sl.rg.c.
- (x) If f is sl. ω -irresolute, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (xi) If f is sl.r ω .c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (xii) If f is sl. π .c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (xiii) If f is sl. α .c, then f is sl.vg.c.
- (xiv) If f is sl.g α .c, then f is sl.vg.c.

Note 3: By note 1 and from the above Theorem we have the following implication diagram.



Theorem 4.2:

- (i) If $R\alpha O(X) = RO(X)$ then f is $sl.r\alpha.c.$ iff f is $sl.r.c.$
- (ii) If $R\alpha O(X) = vGO(X)$ then f is $sl.r\alpha.c.$ iff f is $sl.vg.c.$
- (iii) If $vGO(X) = RO(X)$ then f is $sl.r\alpha.c.$ iff f is $sl.vg.c.$
- (iv) If $vGO(X) = \alpha O(X)$ then f is $sl. \alpha.c.$ iff f is $sl.vg.c.$
- (v) If $vGO(X) = SO(X)$ then f is $sl.s.c.$ iff f is $sl.vg.c.$
- (vi) If $vGO(X) = \beta O(X)$ then f is $sl.\beta.c.$ iff f is $sl.vg.c.$

Theorem 4.3: If f is $sl.vg.c.$, from a discrete space X into a e.d space Y , then f is $w.s.c.$

Corollary 4.1: If f is $sl.vg.c.$, from a discrete space X into a e.d space Y , then:

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Theorem 4.4: If f is $sl.vg.c.$, and X is e.d, then f is $sl.c.$

Proof: Let x in X and $V \in CO(Y, f(x))$. Since f is $sl.vg.c.$, $\exists U \in vGO(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subset V \Rightarrow U \in SR(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subset V$. Since X is e.d. $U \in CO(X)$. Hence f is $sl.c.$

Corollary 4.2: If f is $sl.vg.c.$, $vGO(X) = vO(X)$ and X is $v-T_{1/2}$ and e.d, then:

- (i) f is $sl.c.$ (ii) f is $sl. \alpha.c.$ (iii) f is $sl.s.c.$ (iv) f is $sl.\beta.c.$ (v) f is $sl.p.c.$

Theorem 4.5: If f is $sl.vg.c.$, from a discrete space X into a e.d space Y , then f is $st. \theta.s.c.$

Proof: Let x in X and $V \in \sigma(Y, f(x))$, then $scl(V) \subset (cl V) \setminus \{o\} \in RO(Y)$. Since Y is e.d, $scl(V) \in CO(Y)$. Since f is $sl.vg.c.$, f is $sl.s.c.$, [by Thm 4.1(iv)] $\exists U \in SO(X, x)$ such that $f(scl(U)) \subset scl(V)$, so f is $a.st. \theta.s.c.$

Theorem 4.6: If f is $sl.vg.c$ from a discrete space X into a T_3 space Y , then f is $st. \theta.s.c.$

Proof: Let x in X and $V \in \sigma(Y, f(x))$. Since Y is Ultra regular, $\exists W \in CO(Y)$ such that $f(x) \in W \subset V$. Since f is $sl.vg.c.$, by Thm 4.1(iv) $\exists U \in SO(X, x)$ such that $f(scl(U)) \subset W$ and $f(scl(U)) \subset V$. Thus f is $st. \theta.s.c.$

Example 4.1: In Example 3.1 above f is $sl.v.g.c.$; $sl.sg.c.$; $sl.gs.c.$; $sl.r\alpha.c.$; $sl.v.c.$; $sl.s.c.$ and $sl.\beta.c.$; but not $sl.g.c.$; $sl.rg.c.$; $sl.gr.c.$; $sl.pg.c.$; $sl.gp.c.$; $sl.gpr.c.$; $sl.g\alpha.c.$; $sl. \alpha.g.c.$; $sl.rg\alpha.c.$; $sl.r.c.$; $sl.p.c.$; $sl. \alpha.c.$; and $sl.c.$

Example 4.2: In Example 3.2 above f is $sl.r\alpha.c.$; and $sl.gpr.c.$; but not $sl.v.g.c.$; $sl.sg.c.$; $sl.gs.c.$; $sl.v.c.$; $sl.s.c.$; $sl.\beta.c.$; $sl.g.c.$; $sl.rg.c.$; $sl.gr.c.$; $sl.pg.c.$; $sl.gp.c.$; $sl.g\alpha.c.$; $sl. \alpha.g.c.$; $sl.rg\alpha.c.$; $sl.r.c.$; $sl.p.c.$; $sl. \alpha.c.$; and $sl.c.$

Remark 4.1: $sl.r\alpha.c.$; $sl.gpr.c.$; and $s.c.$ are independent of $sl.vg.c.$.

5. Covering and Separation properties of slightly *vg* continuous functions:

Theorem 5.1: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $sl.vg.c.$ [resp: $sl.rg.c.$] surjection and X is *vg*-compact, then Y is compact.

Proof: Let $\{G_i; i \in I\}$ be any clopen cover for Y . Then each G_i is clopen in Y and hence each G_i is open in Y . Since $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $sl.vg.c.$, $f^{-1}(G_i)$ is *vg*-open in X . Thus $\{f^{-1}(G_i)\}$ forms a *vg*-open cover for X and hence have a finite subcover, since X is *vg*-compact. Since f is surjection, $Y = f(X) = \cup_{i=1}^n G_i$. Therefore Y is compact.

Corollary 5.1: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $sl.v.c.$ [resp: $sl.r.c.$] surjection and X is *vg*-compact, then Y is compact.

Theorem 5.2: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $sl.vg.c.$, surjection and X is *vg*-compact [*vg*-lindeloff] then Y is mildly compact [mildly lindeloff].

Proof: Let $\{U_i; i \in I\}$ be clopen cover for Y . For each x in X , $\exists \alpha_x \in I$ such that $f(x) \in U_{\alpha_x}$ and $\exists V_x \in vGO(X, x)$ such that $f(V_x) \subset U_{\alpha_x}$. Since the family $\{V_i; i \in I\}$ is a cover of X by *vg*-open sets of X , \exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X \subset \cup \{V_x; x \in I_0\}$. Therefore $Y \subset \cup \{f(V_x); x \in I_0\} \subset \cup \{U_{\alpha_x}; x \in I_0\}$. Hence Y is mildly compact.

Corollary 5.2:

- (i) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $sl.rg.c.$ [resp: $sl.v.c.$; $sl.r.c.$] surjection and X is *vg*-compact [*vg*-lindeloff] then Y is mildly compact [mildly lindeloff].
- (ii) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $sl.vg.c.$ [resp: $sl.rg.c.$; $sl.v.c.$; $sl.r.c.$] surjection and X is locally *vg*-compact {resp: *vg*-Lindeloff; locally *vg*-lindeloff}, then Y is locally compact {resp: Lindeloff; locally lindeloff}.

(iii) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.*, surjection and X is semi-compact[semi-lindeloff] then Y is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

(iv) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.*, surjection and X is β -compact[β -lindeloff] then Y is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

(v) If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.[sl.r.c.]*, surjection and X is locally *vg*-compact{resp: *vg*-lindeloff; locally *vg*-lindeloff} then Y is locally mildly compact{resp: locally mildly lindeloff}.

Theorem 5.3: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.*, surjection and X is *s*-closed then Y is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

Proof: Let $\{V_i : V_i \in \text{CO}(Y); i \in I\}$ be a cover of Y , then $\{f^{-1}(V_i) : i \in I\}$ is *vg*-open cover of X [by Thm 3.1] and so there is finite subset I_0 of I , such that $\{f^{-1}(V_i); i \in I_0\}$ covers X . Therefore $\{V_i : i \in I_0\}$ covers Y since f is surjection.

Hence Y is mildly compact.

Corollary 5.3: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.rg.c[resp: sl.v.c.; sl.r.c.]* surjection and X is *s*-closed then Y is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

Theorem 5.3: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.[resp: sl.rg.c.; sl.v.c.; sl.r.c.]* surjection and X is *vg*-connected, then Y is connected.

Proof: If Y is disconnected, then $Y = A \cup B$ where A and B are disjoint clopen sets in Y . Since f is *sl.vg.c.* surjection, $X = f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$ where $f^{-1}(A) f^{-1}(B)$ are disjoint *vg*-open sets in X , which is a contradiction for X is *vg*-connected. Hence Y is connected.

Corollary 5.4: The inverse image of a disconnected space under a *sl.vg.c.[resp: sl.rg.c.; sl.v.c.; sl.r.c.]* surjection is *vg*-disconnected.

Theorem 5.4: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.sl.vg.c.[resp: sl.rg.c.; sl.v.c.]*, injection and Y is UT_i , then X is $vg_i; i = 0, 1, 2$.

Proof: Let $x_1 \neq x_2 \in X$. Then $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) \in Y$ since f is injective. For Y is $UT_2 \exists V_j \in \text{CO}(Y)$ such that $f(x_1) \in V_j$ and $\cap V_j = \phi$ for $j = 1, 2$. By Theorem 3.1, $x_j \in f^{-1}(V_j) \in \nu\text{GO}(X)$ for $j = 1, 2$ and $\cap f^{-1}(V_j) = \phi$ for $j = 1, 2$. Thus X is vg_2 .

Theorem 5.5: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.[resp: sl.rg.c.; sl.v.c.]*, injection; closed and Y is UT_i , then X is $vgg_i; i = 3, 4$.

Proof:(i) Let x in X and F be disjoint closed subset of X not containing x , then $f(x)$ and $f(F)$ be disjoint closed subset of Y not containing $f(x)$, since f is closed and injection. Since Y is ultraregular, $f(x)$ and $f(F)$ are separated by disjoint clopen sets U and V respectively. Hence $x \in f^{-1}(U); F \subseteq f^{-1}(V), f^{-1}(U); f^{-1}(V) \in \nu\text{GO}(X)$ and $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \phi$. Thus X is vgg_3 .

(ii) Let F_j and $f(F_j)$ are disjoint closed subsets of X and Y respectively for $j = 1, 2$, since f is closed and injection. For Y is ultranormal, $f(F_j)$ are separated by disjoint clopen sets V_j respectively for $j = 1, 2$. Hence $F_j \subseteq f^{-1}(V_j)$ and $f^{-1}(V_j) \in \nu\text{GO}(X)$ and $\cap f^{-1}(V_j) = \phi$ for $j = 1, 2$. Thus X is vgg_4 .

Theorem 5.6: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.[resp: sl.rg.c.; sl.v.c.]*, injection and

(i) Y is UC_i [resp: UD_i] then X is vgC_i [resp: vgD_i] $i = 0, 1, 2$.

(ii) Y is UR_i , then X is $vg-R_i; i = 0, 1$.

Theorem 5.7: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.[resp: sl.v.c.; sl.rg.c; sl.r.c]* and Y is UT_2 , then the graph $G(f)$ of f is *vg*-closed in the product space $X \times Y$.

Proof: Let $(x_1, x_2) \notin G(f)$ implies $y \neq f(x)$ implies \exists disjoint $V; W \in \text{CO}(Y)$ such that $f(x) \in V$ and $y \in W$. Since f is *sl.vg.c.*, $\exists U \in \nu\text{GO}(X)$ such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subseteq W$ and $(x, y) \in U \times V \subseteq X \times Y - G(f)$. Hence $G(f)$ is *vg*-closed in $X \times Y$.

Theorem 5.8: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c.[resp: sl.v.c.; sl.rg.c; sl.r.c]* and Y is UT_2 , then $A = \{(x_1, x_2) | f(x_1) = f(x_2)\}$ is *vg*-closed in the product space $X \times X$.

Proof: If $(x_1, x_2) \in X \times X - A$, then $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ implies \exists disjoint $V_j \in \text{CO}(Y)$ such that $f(x_j) \in V_j$, and since f is *sl.vg.c.*, $f^{-1}(V_j) \in \nu\text{GO}(X, x_j)$ for $j = 1, 2$. Thus $(x_1, x_2) \in f^{-1}(V_1) \times f^{-1}(V_2) \in \nu\text{GO}(X \times X)$ and $f^{-1}(V_1) \times f^{-1}(V_2) \subseteq X \times X - A$. Hence A is *vg*-closed.

Theorem 5.9: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.r.c.[resp: sl.c.]*; $g: X \rightarrow Y$ is *sl.vg.c[resp: sl.rg.c; sl.v.c]*; and Y is UT_2 , then $E = \{x \text{ in } X: f(x) = g(x)\}$ is *vg*-closed in X .

CONCLUSION

In this paper we defined slightly- νg -continuous functions, studied its properties and their interrelations with other types of slightly-continuous functions.

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