



On strongly rg-regular and strongly rg-normal spaces

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ABSTRACT

In 1997, Arockiarani and Balachandran introduced and studied the concepts of rg-regular and rg-normal spaces. In this paper strongly rg-regular and strongly rg-normal spaces are introduced and their basic properties are studied.

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1. Introduction:

After the works of Levine [6] on generalized open sets, various mathematicians turned their attention to the generalizations of some concepts in topology. Palaniappan and Chandrasekhara Rao [9] introduced the concept of regular-generalized closed sets. Arockiarani and Balachandran [3] introduced and investigated rg-closed and rg-open maps. They also defined the concepts of rg-regular and rg-normal spaces. In this paper strongly rg-regular and strongly rg-normal spaces are introduced and their properties are discussed. Further, some of the existing lower separation axioms are characterized by using strongly rg-regular and strongly rg-normal separation axioms.

2. Preliminaries:

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  denote the topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  respectively denote the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Suppose  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$ , the interior and the closure of  $B$  relative to  $A$  is respectively written as  $int_A(B)$  and  $cl_A(B)$ . We recall the following definitions and results that are utilized in this paper.

**Definition: 2.1** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is regular open [14] if  $A = int(cl(A))$ ; pre-open [7] if  $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$ ; generalized closed (briefly g-closed) [6] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ ; and regular generalized closed (briefly rg-closed) [9] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$ .

The complement of a regular open (resp. pre-open) set is regular closed (resp. pre-closed). Analogously the complement of a g-closed (resp. rg-closed) set is g-open (resp. rg-open). The pre-closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is the intersection of all pre-closed sets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $pcl(A)$ . The pre-interior of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is the union of all pre-open sets contained in  $A$  and it is denoted by  $pint(A)$ . In a similar manner the rg-closure of  $A$  is defined and is denoted by  $cl_r^*(A)$ .

**Definition: 2.2** The set  $A$  is pre-generalized pre-regular-closed (briefly pgpr-closed) [2] if  $pcl(B) \subseteq U$  whenever  $B \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is rg-open. The complement of a pgpr-closed set is pgpr-open.

**Lemma: 2.3** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is pgpr-open if and only if  $F \subseteq pint(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$ ,  $F$  is rg-closed. [2]

**Lemma: 2.4** Let  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$  and  $A$  be g-closed and open in  $X$ . Then if  $B$  is rg-closed relative to  $A$ , then  $B$  is rg-closed relative to  $X$ . [9]

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**Definition: 2.5** A subset A of a topological space X is said to be quasi H-closed [15] relative to X if for every cover  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \nabla\}$  of A by open sets in X, there exists a finite subset  $\nabla_0$  of  $\nabla$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup \{cl(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \nabla_0\}$ .

**Definition: 2.6** A subset B of a topological space X is said to be rg-compact[1] relative to X if for every collection  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \nabla\}$  of rg-open subsets of X such that  $B \subseteq \bigcup \{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \nabla\}$ , there exists a finite subset  $\nabla_0$  of  $\nabla$  such that  $B \subseteq \bigcup \{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \nabla_0\}$ .

**Definition: 2.7** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ . Then f is rg-continuous (resp. rg-irresolute) [9] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is rg-open in X for every open (resp. rg-open) set V in Y.

**Definition: 2.8** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ . Then f is perfectly rg-continuous [3] if the inverse image of every rg-open set in Y is both open and closed in X.

**Definition: 2.9** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be rg-closed[3] if for every open set U in  $(X, \tau)$ , the set  $f(U)$  is rg-closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition: 2.10** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is almost regular [11](resp. rg-regular[4]) if for every regular closed set F and a point  $x \notin F$ , there exist disjoint open (resp. rg-open) sets U and V such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$ .

**Definition: 2.11** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be g-normal [8](resp. mildly normal [13], resp. rg-normal[3]) if for each pair A, B of disjoint g-closed (resp. regular closed, resp. regular closed) sets in X, there exist disjoint open (resp. open, rg-open) sets U and V such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

**Definition: 2.12** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is almost normal[12] if for every pair of disjoint sets A and B, one of which is closed and the other is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

**Definition: 2.13** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be regular- $T_{1/2}$ [9] (resp.  $T_{1/2}^*$  [3], resp.  $T_{rg}$ [3]) if every rg-closed set is regular closed (resp. closed, resp. g-closed).

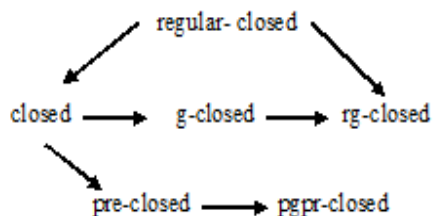
**Definition: 2.14** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be symmetric [10] if for any two distinct points x and y of X,  $x \in cl(\{y\})$  implies that  $y \in cl(\{x\})$ .

**Definition: 2.15** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be Urysohn[10] if and only if whenever  $x \neq y$  in X, there are neighborhoods U of x and V of y with  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma: 2.16** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is symmetric if and only if  $\{x\}$  is g-closed in X for each x in X. [6]

The following diagram is useful later.

**Diagram: 2.17**



### 3. Strongly rg-regular spaces:

In this section, the strongly rg-regularity axiom is introduced and its analog properties with other separation axioms are studied..

**Definition: 3.1** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be strongly rg-regular if for every rg-closed set F and a point  $x \notin F$ , there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$ .

It is obvious from the Diagram 2.17, that every strongly rg-regular space is regular, almost-regular and rg-regular. But the reverse implications are not true as shown in the following examples.

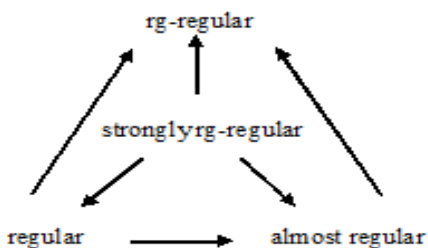
**Example: 3.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Clearly  $(X, \tau)$  is regular. Let  $F = \{b, c\}$ . Then  $F$  is rg-closed. As  $c$  and  $F$  are not separated by disjoint open sets in  $X$ , it follows that  $(X, \tau)$  is not strongly rg-regular. This shows that a regular space need not be strongly rg-regular.

**Example: 3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is almost-regular but not strongly rg-regular. Since the rg-closed set  $\{a\}$  and the point  $b$  cannot be separated by disjoint open sets,  $(X, \tau)$  is not strongly rg-regular.

**Example: 3.4** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Clearly  $(X, \tau)$  is rg-regular but not strongly rg-regular.

Thus we have the following implication diagram.

**Diagram: 3.5**



**Proposition: 3.6**

- (i) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a regular space. If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{1/2}^*$  or regular- $T_{1/2}$ , then it is strongly rg-regular.
- (ii) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an almost regular space. If  $(X, \tau)$  is regular- $T_{1/2}$ , then it is strongly rg-regular.

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is regular and  $T_{1/2}^*$ . Let  $F$  be a rg-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \notin F$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{1/2}^*$ , by Definition 2.13,  $F$  is closed. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is regular, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular. The proof for the rest is similar.

**Theorem: 3.7** In a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular
- (b) For every  $x \in X$  and every rg-open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , there exists an open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq cl(V) \subseteq U$ .
- (c) For every rg-closed set  $A$ , the intersection of all the closed neighborhoods of  $A$  is  $A$ .
- (d) For every set  $A$  and a rg-open set  $B$  such that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $F$  such that  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$  and  $cl(F) \subseteq B$ .
- (e) For every non-empty set  $A$  and rg-closed set  $B$  such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , there exists disjoint open sets  $L$  and  $M$  such that  $A \cap L \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \subseteq M$ .

**Proof: (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular. Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be a rg-open set containing  $x$  so that  $X \setminus U$  is rg-closed. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular, there exist open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  and  $x \in V_1, X \setminus U \subseteq V_2$ . Take  $V = V_1$ . Since  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset, V \subseteq X \setminus V_2 \subseteq U$  that implies  $cl(V) \subseteq cl(X \setminus V_2) = X \setminus V_2 \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $x \in V \subseteq cl(V) \subseteq U$ .

**(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c):** Let  $A$  be rg-closed and  $x \notin A$ . Since  $A$  is rg-closed,  $X \setminus A$  is rg-open and  $x \in X \setminus A$ . Therefore by (b), there exists an open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq cl(V) \subseteq X \setminus A$ . Thus  $A \subseteq X \setminus cl(V) \subseteq X \setminus V$ , and  $x \notin X \setminus V$ . Consequently,  $X \setminus V$  is a closed neighborhood of  $A$ .

**(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d):** Let  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $B$  be rg-open. Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . Since  $B$  is rg-open,  $X \setminus B$  is rg-closed and  $x \notin X \setminus B$ . By our assumption, there exists a closed neighborhood  $V$  of  $X \setminus B$  such that  $x \notin V$ . Let  $X \setminus B \subseteq U \subseteq V$ , where  $U$  is open. Then  $F = X \setminus V$  is open such that  $x \in F$  and  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$ . Also  $X \setminus U$  is closed and  $cl(F) = cl(X \setminus V) \subseteq X \setminus U \subseteq B$ . This shows that  $cl(F) \subseteq B$ .

**(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e):** Suppose  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , where  $A$  is non-empty and  $B$  is rg-closed. Then  $X \setminus B$  is rg-open and  $A \cap (X \setminus B) \neq \emptyset$ . By (d), there exists an open set  $L$  such that  $A \cap L \neq \emptyset$ , and  $L \subseteq cl(L) \subseteq X \setminus B$ . Put  $M = X \setminus cl(L)$ . Then  $B \subseteq M$  and  $L, M$  are open sets such that  $M = X \setminus cl(L) \subseteq (X \setminus L)$ .

**(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (a):** Let  $B$  be rg-closed and  $x \notin B$ . Then  $B \cap \{x\} = \emptyset$ . By (e), there exist disjoint open sets  $L$  and  $M$  such that  $L \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \subseteq M$ . Since  $L \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset, x \in L$ . This proves that  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular.

**Corollary: 3.8** If a space  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular and a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ , then  $A$  is pgpr-closed.

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular and a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ . Let  $U$  be any rg-open set of  $X$  containing  $A$ . Since  $X$  is strongly rg-regular, by using Theorem 3.7(b), for each  $x \in A$ , there exists an open set  $V_x$  such that  $x \in V_x \subseteq cl(V_x) \subseteq U$ . Clearly  $\{V_x: x \in A\}$  is an open cover of  $A$ . Since  $A$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ , by Definition 2.5, there exists a finite subset  $A_0$  of  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup \{cl(V_x): x \in A_0\}$ . Therefore we obtain  $A \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq \bigcup \{cl(V_x): x \in A_0\} \subseteq U$  and hence  $A \subseteq pcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . This shows that  $A$  is pgpr-closed.

**Theorem: 3.9** If  $A$  is a rg-compact subset relative to  $X$ , then  $A$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be rg-compact relative to  $X$ . Let  $\{V_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  be covering for  $A$  where each  $V_\alpha$  is open in  $X$ . Since every open set is rg-open,  $\{V_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  is covering of  $A$  by rg-open sets in  $X$ . Since  $A$  is rg-compact relative to  $X$ , by using Definition 2.6, there exists a finite subset  $\nabla_0$  of  $\nabla$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup \{V_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla_0\}$ . Clearly  $A \subseteq \bigcup \{V_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla_0\} \subseteq \bigcup \{cl(V_\alpha): \alpha \in \nabla_0\}$ . Therefore by Definition 2.5,  $A$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ .

Examples can be constructed to show that the converse of Theorem 3.9 is not true. However the converse is true provided the space  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular.

**Theorem: 3.10** If  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular and a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ , then  $A$  is rg-compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular and a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ . Let  $\{V_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  be an rg-open cover of  $A$ . That is  $A \subseteq \bigcup \{V_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $x \in V_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha$ . For each  $x \in A$ , take  $V_x = V_\alpha$ , where  $V_\alpha$  is any one of the rg-open sets in  $X$  containing  $x$ . Since  $X$  is strongly rg-regular, and  $V_x$  is rg-open, by Theorem 3.7(b), for each  $x \in A$  there exists an open set  $U_x$  such that  $x \in U_x \subseteq cl(U_x) \subseteq V$ . Clearly  $\{U_x: x \in A\}$  is an open cover of  $A$ . Since  $A$  is quasi H-closed relative to  $X$ , there exists a finite subset  $A_0$  of  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup \{cl(U_x): x \in A_0\} \subseteq \bigcup \{V_x: x \in A_0\}$ . This shows that  $A$  is rg-compact relative to  $X$ .

**Theorem: 3.11** In a strongly rg-regular space  $X$ , every pair consisting of a compact set  $A$  and a disjoint rg-closed set  $B$  can be separated by open sets.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be strongly rg-regular and let  $A$  be a compact set,  $B$  a rg-closed set with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular, for each  $x \in A$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U_x$  and  $V_x$  such that  $x \in U_x$ ,  $B \subseteq V_x$ . Clearly  $\{U_x: x \in A\}$  is an open covering of the compact set  $A$ . Since  $A$  is compact, there exists a finite subfamily  $\{U_{x_i}: i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$  which covers  $A$ . It follows that  $A \subseteq \bigcup \{U_{x_i}: i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $B \subseteq \bigcap \{V_{x_i}: i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Put  $U = \bigcup \{U_{x_i}: i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $V = \bigcap \{V_{x_i}: i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . For, if  $x \in U \cap V \Rightarrow x \in U_{x_j}$  for some  $j$  and  $x \in V_{x_i}$  for every  $i$ . This implies that  $x \in U_{x_j} \cap V_{x_i}$ , which is a contradiction to  $U_{x_j} \cap V_{x_i} = \emptyset$ . Thus  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint open sets containing  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

**Corollary: 3.12** If  $X$  is a strongly rg-regular space,  $A$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and  $B$  is a rg-open set containing  $A$ , then there exists an rg-open set  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq V \subseteq cl_r^*(V) \subseteq B$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be strongly rg-regular and let  $A$  be a compact set,  $B$  a rg-closed set with  $A \subseteq B$ . Since  $B$  is rg-closed,  $X \setminus B$  is rg-open such that  $(X \setminus B) \cap A = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular, by Theorem 3.11, there exist disjoint open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  such that  $A \subseteq U_1$  and  $X \setminus B \subseteq U_2$ . Then  $V = int(cl(U_1))$  is open and hence rg-open. Now  $A \subseteq U_1 = int U_1 \subseteq int(cl(U_1)) = V$  which implies  $A \subseteq V$  and  $cl_r^*(V) \subseteq cl(V) \subseteq cl(U_1) \subseteq X \setminus U_2 \subseteq B$ .

**Corollary: 3.13** If  $X$  is a strongly rg-regular space and  $A, B$  are subsets of  $X$  such that  $A$  is compact and  $B$  is rg-open with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then there exist rg-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is strongly rg-regular and  $A, B$  are subsets of  $X$  such that  $A$  is compact and  $B$  is rg-open with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.11, there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since every open set is rg-open, the result follows.

**Theorem: 3.14** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular if and only if for each rg-closed set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$  and each  $x \in X \setminus F$ , there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$  and  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a rg-closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \notin F$ . Then there exist open sets  $U_x$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U_x$ ,  $F \subseteq V$  and  $U_x \cap V = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $U_x \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ . Since  $cl(V)$  is closed and every closed set is rg-closed,  $cl(V)$  is rg-closed and  $x \notin cl(V)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular, there exist open sets  $G$  and  $H$  of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in G$ ,  $cl(V) \subseteq H$  and  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ . This implies  $cl(G) \cap H = \emptyset$ . Take  $U = U_x \cap G$ . Then  $U$  and  $V$  are open sets of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$  and  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$  since  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) \subseteq cl(G) \cap H = \emptyset$ . Conversely, suppose for each rg-closed set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$  and each  $x \in X \setminus F$ , there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$  and  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ . Now  $U \cap V \subseteq cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular.

**Corollary: 3.15** If a space  $X$  is strongly rg-regular and symmetric, then it is Urysohn.

**Proof:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two distinct points of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is symmetric, by using Lemma 2.16,  $\{x\}$  is g-closed. Since every g-closed set is rg-closed,  $\{x\}$  is rg-closed. Using Theorem 3.14, there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$  and  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ . By Definition 2.15,  $(X, \tau)$  is Urysohn.

Now we show that a g-closed, open subspace of a strongly rg-regular space is again strongly rg-regular.

**Theorem: 3.16** If  $X$  is a strongly rg-regular space and  $Y$  is a g-closed, open subset of  $X$ , then the subspace  $Y$  is strongly rg-regular.

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular. Let  $Y$  be g-closed, open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $F$  be any rg-closed subset of  $Y$  such that  $x \in Y \setminus F$ . Since  $F \subseteq Y \subseteq X$  and  $x \in Y \setminus F$ ,  $x \in X \setminus F$ . Since  $Y$  is g-closed, open and  $F$  is rg-closed in  $Y$ , by Lemma 2.4,  $F$  is rg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular, by Definition 3.1, there exist disjoint open sets  $U_x$  and  $V_x$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $F \subseteq V_x$ . Put  $U = U_x \cap Y$  and  $V = V_x \cap Y$ . Clearly  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint open sets in  $Y$  containing  $x$  and  $F$  respectively. Thus  $Y$  is strongly rg-regular.

#### 4. Strongly rg-normal spaces:

The natural extension of strongly rg-regular axiom is strongly rg-normal axiom.

**Definition: 4.1** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be strongly rg-normal if for any pair of disjoint rg-closed sets  $A$  and  $B$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

It is obvious that every strongly rg-normal space is normal, g-normal, mildly normal, almost-normal and rg-normal. But the reverse implications are not true as shown in the following examples.

**Example: 4.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Clearly  $(X, \tau)$  is normal. As  $\{c\}$  and  $\{a\}$  are disjoint rg-closed sets and are not separated by disjoint open sets in  $X$  it follows that  $(X, \tau)$  is not rg-normal.

**Example: 4.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Clearly  $(X, \tau)$  is g-normal. But it is not strongly rg-normal, because there are no disjoint open sets which contain the disjoint rg-closed sets  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{c\}$ .

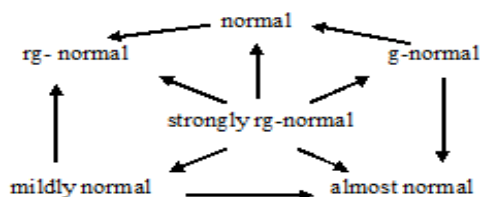
**Example: 4.4** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is mildly-normal but not strongly rg-normal. Since the disjoint rg-closed sets  $\{b\}$  and  $\{c\}$  cannot be separated by disjoint open sets. This shows that a mildly-normal space is strongly not rg-normal.

**Example: 4.5** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $(X, \tau)$  is almost-normal but not strongly rg-normal.

**Example: 4.6** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, X\}$ .  $(X, \tau)$  is rg-normal but not strongly rg-normal.

From the Definition 4.1 and above examples, the following diagram is obtained.

**Diagram: 4.7**



**Theorem: 4.8**

- (i) If a space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{1/2}^*$  and if it is normal (resp. g-normal) then it is strongly rg-normal.
- (ii) If a space  $(X, \tau)$  is regular- $T_{1/2}$  and if it is normal (resp. almost normal, resp. g-normal) then it is strongly rg-normal.
- (iii) If a space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{rg}$  and if it is g-normal then it is strongly rg-normal.

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is normal and  $T_{1/2}^*$ . Let A and B be disjoint rg-closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{1/2}^*$ , by Definition 2.13, A and B are disjoint closed sets in X. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is normal, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal. The proof for the rest is analog.

**Theorem: 4.9** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal if and only if for any disjoint rg-closed sets A and B of  $(X, \tau)$ , there exist open sets U and V of X such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$  and  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Let A and B be any two disjoint rg-closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there exist open sets  $U_x$  and V such that  $A \subseteq U_x$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $U_x \cap V = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $U_x \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal, by Definition 4.1, there exist open sets G and H of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq G$ ,  $cl(V) \subseteq H$  and  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ . This implies  $cl(G) \cap H = \emptyset$ . Now Put  $U = U_x \cap G$ , then U and V are open sets of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$  and  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) = \emptyset$  since  $cl(U) \cap cl(V) \subseteq cl(G) \cap H = \emptyset$ . It is easy to prove the converse part.

**Theorem: 4.10** In a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal
- (b) For any two disjoint rg-closed sets H and K of X, there exist disjoint pgpr-open sets U and V such that  $H \subseteq U$  and  $K \subseteq V$ .
- (c) For any rg-closed set H of X and any rg-open set V of X containing H, there exists a pgpr-open set U of X such that  $H \subseteq U \subseteq cl(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Proof: (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal. Let H and K be disjoint rg-closed sets in X. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal, by Definition 4.1, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that  $H \subseteq U$  and  $K \subseteq V$ . The result follows from the fact that every open set is pgpr-open.

**(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c):** Let H be a rg-closed set of X and V be a rg-open set of X such that  $H \subseteq V$ . Then H and  $X \setminus V$  are disjoint rg-closed sets of X. By assumption, there exist disjoint pgpr-open sets U and W such that  $H \subseteq U$  and  $X \setminus V \subseteq W$ . Since H and  $X \setminus V$  are rg-closed in X and U, V are pgpr-open, by Lemma 2.3, we have  $X \setminus V \subseteq pint(W)$  and  $U \cap pint(W) = \emptyset$ .

Therefore  $cl(U) \cap pint(W) = \emptyset$  and hence  $H \subseteq U \subseteq cl(U) \subseteq X \setminus pint(W) \subseteq V$ .

**(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a):** Let H and K be two disjoint rg-closed sets of X. Then  $H \subseteq X \setminus K$ , and  $X \setminus K$  is rg-open in X. By (c), there exists a pgpr-open set G of X such that  $H \subseteq G \subseteq cl(G) \subseteq X \setminus K$ . Put  $U = int(cl(pint(G)))$  and  $V = X \setminus cl(G)$ . Since G is pgpr-open,  $H \subseteq G$  and H is rg-closed, by using Lemma 2.3,  $H \subseteq pint(G)$ . Now  $K \subseteq X \setminus cl(G) = V$  and  $H \subseteq pint(G) \subseteq int(cl(pint(G))) = U$ . Also  $U \cap V = int(cl(pint(G))) \cap X \setminus cl(G) \subseteq int(cl(G) \cap X \setminus cl(G)) \subseteq cl(G) \cap X \setminus cl(G) = \emptyset$ . Therefore U and V are disjoint open sets of X such that  $H \subseteq U$  and  $K \subseteq V$ . Therefore,  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal.

The next theorem shows that the g-closed, open subspace of a strongly rg-normal space is strongly rg-normal.

**Theorem: 4.12** Let  $Y \subseteq X$  be g-closed, open in  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal, then  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  is also strongly rg-normal.

**Proof:** Suppose  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal. Let Y be g-closed, open in  $(X, \tau)$  and A and B any disjoint rg-closed subsets of Y. Since Y is g-closed, open and F is rg-closed in Y, by Lemma 2.4, A and B are rg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-normal, by using Definition 4.1, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . Therefore  $U \cap Y$  and  $V \cap Y$  are disjoint open sets of Y containing A and B respectively. This proves that Y is strongly rg-normal.

**5. Applications:**

In this section the applications of strongly rg-regular and strongly rg-normal spaces to functions are discussed.

**Theorem: 5.1** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective map such that f is rg-continuous and open.

If X is strongly rg-regular (resp. strongly rg-normal) then Y is regular (resp. normal).



**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is strongly rg-regular (resp. strongly rg-normal). Let  $y \in Y$  and  $F$  be closed in  $Y$  such that  $y \notin F$  (resp. let  $A$  and  $B$  be the disjoint closed sets in  $Y$ ). Since  $f$  is rg-continuous, by Definition 2.7,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is rg-closed (resp.  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are rg-closed) in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$  and  $x \notin f^{-1}(F)$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$ ). Since  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly rg-regular (resp. strongly rg-normal), there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f^{-1}(F) \subseteq V$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq V$ ). This shows that  $Y$  is regular (resp. normal).

**Theorem: 5.2** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous, injective and rg-closed map. If  $Y$  is strongly rg-regular (resp. strongly rg-normal) then  $X$  is regular (resp. normal).

**Proof:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function. Suppose  $Y$  is strongly rg-regular.

Let  $x \in X$  and  $A \subseteq X$  be closed such that  $x \notin A$ . Since  $f$  is a rg-closed, by Definition 2.9,  $f(A)$  is rg-closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is injective,  $f(x) \notin f(A)$ . Since  $Y$  is strongly rg-regular, there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in U$  and  $f(A) \subseteq V$ . That is  $f^{-1}f(x) \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}f(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . That is  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are disjoint open sets in  $X$  such that  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Thus  $X$  is regular. The proof for the rest is analog.

**Theorem: 5.3** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a perfectly rg-continuous, open, closed and surjective map. If  $X$  is regular then  $Y$  is strongly rg-regular.

**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is regular. Let  $U$  be an rg-open set containing a point  $y$  in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is onto, there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is perfectly rg-continuous, by Definition 2.8,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is both open and closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is regular, and  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $X$ , there is an open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq cl(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Then  $f(x) \in f(V) \subseteq f(cl(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$  and hence  $y \in f(V) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is open,  $f(V)$  is open in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is a closed map and since  $f^{-1}(U)$  is closed,  $ff^{-1}(U) = U$  is closed in  $Y$ . This implies  $y \in f(V) \subseteq cl(f(V)) \subseteq U$ . Therefore by using Theorem 3.7,  $Y$  is strongly rg-regular.

**Theorem: 5.4** If there is a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f$  is perfectly rg-continuous, open and surjective then  $Y$  is strongly rg-normal.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two disjoint rg-closed sets of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is perfectly continuous, by Definition 2.8,  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint sets that are both closed and open in  $X$ . Let  $f^{-1}(A) = U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) = V$ . Since  $f$  is open,  $U$  and  $V$  are open sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is onto,  $A = ff^{-1}(A) = f(U)$  and  $B = ff^{-1}(B) = f(V)$ . This proves that  $A$  and  $B$  are separated by disjoint open sets in  $Y$  that implies  $Y$  is strongly rg-normal.

**Theorem: 5.5** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective map such that  $f$  is rg-irresolute and open. If  $X$  is strongly rg-regular (resp. strongly rg-normal) then  $Y$  is regular (resp. normal).

**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is strongly rg-regular (resp. strongly rg-normal). Let  $F$  be rg-closed in  $Y$  and  $y \in Y \setminus F$  (resp. let  $A$  and  $B$  be the disjoint closed sets in  $Y$ ). Since  $f$  is rg-irresolute, by Definition 2.7,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is rg-closed (resp.  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are rg-closed) in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$  and  $x \notin f^{-1}(F)$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$ ). Now  $y \in Y \setminus F \Rightarrow y = f(x) \notin F \Rightarrow x \notin f^{-1}(F)$ . Since  $X$  is strongly rg-regular (resp. strongly rg-normal) there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $x \in U$ ,  $f^{-1}(F) \subseteq V$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq V$ ). Since  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and since  $f$  is bijective  $f(U) \cap f(V) = \emptyset$ . This proves the theorem.

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