



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, τ) and (Y, σ) 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, τ) . 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, τ) 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 ∇_0 of ∇ 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 ∇_0 of ∇ 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, τ) , the set $f(U)$ is rg-closed in (Y, σ) .

Definition: 2.10 A topological space (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) 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).

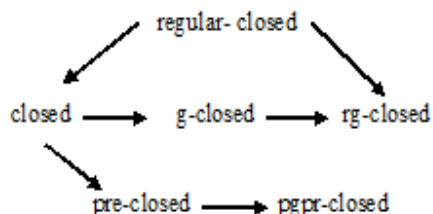
Definition: 2.14 A topological space (X, τ) is said to be symmetric [10] if for any two distinct points x and y of X , $x \in cl(\{y\})$ implies that $y \in cl(\{x\})$.

Definition: 2.15 A topological space (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) 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.

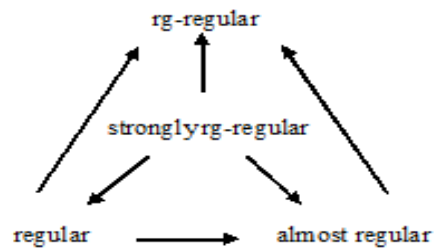
Example: 3.2 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$. Clearly (X, τ) is regular. Let $F = \{b, c\}$. Then F is rg-closed. As c and F are not separated by disjoint open sets in X , it follows that (X, τ) is not strongly rg-regular. This shows that a regular space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

Thus we have the following implication diagram.

Diagram: 3.5



Proposition: 3.6

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

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

Theorem: 3.7 In a topological space (X, τ) , the following are equivalent:

- (a) (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is strongly rg-regular.

Corollary: 3.8 If a space (X, τ) 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, τ) 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_α 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 ∇_0 of ∇ 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, τ) is strongly rg-regular.

Theorem: 3.10 If (X, τ) 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, τ) 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 α . For each $x \in A$, take $V_x = V_\alpha$, where V_α 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 $x \in U_x \subseteq cl(U_x) \subseteq V_x$. 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, τ) be strongly rg-regular and let A be a compact set, B a rg-closed set with $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Since (X, τ) 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 $x \in U_{x_j} \cap V_{x_j}$, which is a contradiction to $U_{x_j} \cap V_{x_j} = \emptyset$. 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, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is strongly rg-regular if and only if for each rg-closed set F of (X, τ) and each $x \in X \setminus F$, there exist open sets U and V of (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is strongly rg -regular, there exist open sets G and H of (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) and each $x \in X \setminus F$, there exist open sets U and V of (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) . Since (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is strongly rg -regular. Let Y be g -closed, open in (X, τ) . 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, τ) . Since (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is not rg -normal.

Example: 4.3 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Clearly (X, τ) 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 $\{c\}$.

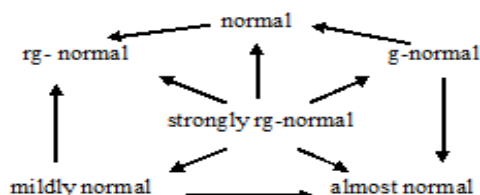
Example: 4.4 Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$. Then (X, τ) is mildly-normal but not strongly rg -normal. Since the disjoint rg -closed sets $\{b\}$ and $\{c\}$ cannot be separated by disjoint open sets. This shows that a mildly-normal space is strongly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

Example: 4.5 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) is $T_{1/2}^*$ and if it is normal (resp. g-normal) then it is strongly rg-normal.
- (ii) If a space (X, τ) 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, τ) is T_{rg} and if it is g-normal then it is strongly rg-normal.

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

Theorem: 4.9 A topological space (X, τ) is strongly rg-normal if and only if for any disjoint rg-closed sets A and B of (X, τ) , 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, τ) . 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, τ) is strongly rg-normal, by Definition 4.1, there exist open sets G and H of (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) , the following are equivalent:

- (a) (X, τ) 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, τ) is strongly rg-normal. Let H and K be disjoint rg-closed sets in X . Since (X, τ) 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, τ) 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, τ) . If (X, τ) is strongly rg-normal, then (Y, τ_Y) is also strongly rg-normal.

Proof: Suppose (X, τ) is strongly rg-normal. Let Y be g-closed, open in (X, τ) 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, τ) . Since (X, τ) is strongly rg-normal, by using Definition 4.1, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that $A \subseteq U$ 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, τ) 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 $x \in V \subseteq \text{cl}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$. Then $f(x) \in f(V) \subseteq f(\text{cl}(V)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(U))$ 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 $y \in f(V) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(V)) \subseteq U$. 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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