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# ON $\hat{D}$ -CLOSED MAPS AND $\hat{D}$ -OPEN MAPS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce  $\hat{D}$ -closed map from a topological space X to a topological space Y as the image of every closed set is  $\hat{D}$ -closed and also we prove that the composition of two  $\hat{D}$ -closed maps need not be  $\hat{D}$ -closed map. We also obtain some properties of  $\hat{D}$ -closed maps.

**Keywords:**  $\widehat{D}$ -open set;  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set; quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed maps;  $\widehat{D}$ -open maps;  $\widehat{D}$ -closed maps; strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed maps.

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## **1.** INTRODUCTION

T. Noiri., H. Maki and J. Umehara [6] introduced the concept of gp-closed and pre-gp-closed map using gp-closed sets. G. B. Navalagi [10] introduced the concepts of strongly  $\alpha$ -closed maps and quasi  $\alpha$ -closed maps in topological space by using  $\alpha$ -closed set in topological spaces. In this paper, a new class of maps called  $\hat{D}$ -closed maps have been introduced and studied their relations with various generalized closed maps. We prove that the composition of two  $\hat{D}$ -closed maps need not be  $\hat{D}$ -closed map. We also obtain some properties of  $\hat{D}$ -closed maps and quasi

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 $\widehat{D}$ -closed, strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed and the relationships between these maps. K. Dass and G. Suresh [11] introduced new class of sets called  $\widehat{D}$ -closed sets in topological spaces.

## **2. PRELIMINARIES**

Throughout this paper, spaces means topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned and  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $f : X \to Y$ ) denotes a function f of a space  $(X, \tau)$  into a space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Let A be a subset of a space X. The closure, the interior and complement of A are denoted by cl(A), int(A) and  $A^c$  respectively.

### **Definition 2.1.** A subset A of a topological space $(X, \tau)$ is called

- *i)* a pre-open set [5] if  $A \subset int(cl(A))$  and a pre-closed set if  $cl(int(A)) \subset A$ ,
- *ii) a semi-open set* [2] *if*  $A \subset cl(int(A))$  *and a semi-closed set if*  $int(cl(A)) \subset A$ *,*
- *iii) a semi-pre-open set* [7] ( $\beta$ -open [1]) *if*  $A \subset cl(int(cl(A)))$  and a semi-preclosed set ( =  $\beta$ -closed) *if*  $int(cl(int(A))) \subset A$ .

## **Definition 2.2.** *Let* $(X, \tau)$ *be a topological space and* $A \subset X$

- i) an  $\omega$ -closed set [8] (=  $\hat{g}$ -closed [9]) if  $cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and U is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- *ii)* a *D*-closed set [4] if  $pcl(A) \subset int(U)$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and U is  $\omega$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Complements of the above mentioned sets are called their respectively open sets

**Definition 2.3.** A subset A of  $(X, \tau)$  is called an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed [11] set if  $spcl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and U is D-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The class of all  $\widehat{D}$ -closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\widehat{D}c(\tau)$ . That is,  $\widehat{D}c(\tau) = \{A \subset X : A \text{ is } \widehat{D} - closed \text{ in } (X, \tau)\}.$ 

**Definition 2.4.** *Let*  $(X, \tau)$  *be a topological space and*  $A \subset X$ 

- (1) semi-pre interior of A denoted by spint(A) is the union of all semi-pre open subsets of A
- (2) semi-pre closure of A denoted by spcl(A) is the intersection of all semi-pre closed subsets of A

**Definition 2.5.** A space X is called a  $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -space if every  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set is closed.

**Theorem 2.6.** [11] A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\widehat{D}$ -open if and only if  $F \subset spint(A)$  whenever  $A \supset F$  and F is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** [11] In a topological space X, assume that  $\widehat{D}o(\tau)$  is closed under any union. Then  $\widehat{D}cl(A)$  is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set for every subset A of X.

# **3.** $\widehat{D}$ -Closed Maps

**Definition 3.1.** A map  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be  $\widehat{D}$ -closed if the image of every closed set of X is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in Y.

**Theorem 3.2.** A surjective map  $f : X \to Y$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed if and only if for each subset S of Y and each open set U containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ , there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open set V of Y such that  $S \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

*Proof.* Necessity Suppose that f is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. Let S be any subset of Y and U an open set of X containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ . Put  $V = (f(U^c))^c$ . Then V is  $\widehat{D}$ -open in Y containing S and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ . Sufficiency. Let F be any closed set of X. Put  $B = (f(F))^c$ , then we have  $f^{-1}(B) \subset F^c$  and  $F^c$  is open in X. Be hypothesis there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open set in V of Y such that  $B \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset F^c$  and so  $F \subset (f^{-1}(V))^c = f^{-1}(V^c)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(F) = V^c$ . Since  $V^c$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed, f(F) is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in Y. This gives f is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.

**Remark 3.3.** *Necessity of above theorem is proved without assuming that f is surjective. Therefore we can obtain the following corollary.* 

**Corollary 3.4.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed, then for any closed set F of Y and for any open set U of X containing  $f^{-1}(F)$  there exists a semi-preopen set V of Y such that  $F \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.2, there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open W of Y such that  $F \subset W$  and  $f^{-1}(W) \subset W$ . Since F is closed, F is D-closed. By theorem 2.6  $F \subset spint(w)$ . Put V = spint(W) then V is semipreopen in Y such that  $F \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(spint(W)) \subset f^{-1}(W) \subset U$  and hence  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .  $\Box$ 

**Remark 3.5.** The following example shows that composition of two  $\widehat{D}$ -closed maps is not  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{p,q,r\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p,q\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p,q\}, Y\}$  and  $\eta = \{\phi, \{p\}, Z\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$  are identity maps. Then clearly f and g are  $\widehat{D}$ -closed maps but  $g \circ f : X \to Z$  is not  $\widehat{D}$ -closed, since  $\{p,r\}$  is closed in X and  $(g \circ f)\{p,r\} = g(f(\{p,r\})) = g(\{p,r\}) = \{p,r\}$  is not  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in Z.

**Proposition 3.7.** If  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  are  $\widehat{D}$ -closed maps with Y is a  $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -space, then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is also an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map.

Proof. Clearly follows from Definitions.

**Proposition 3.8.** If  $f : X \to Y$  from a space X to a  $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -space Y. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed
- (2) f is closed

Proof. Follows by Definition 2.5

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  be two maps such that  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.

- i) If f is continuous surjection, then g is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed;
- *ii)* If g is  $\widehat{D}$ -irresolute and injective, then f is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed;
- iii) If f is  $\widehat{D}$ -continuous surjection and X is a  $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -space then g is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed
- *Proof.* i) Let A be a closed set of Y. Since f is continuous,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is closed in X. Also since  $g \circ f$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed and f is surjective,  $(g \circ f)f^{-1}(A) = g(A)$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in Z. Hence g is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.
- ii) Let B be a closed set of X. Since g ∘ f is D̂-closed, (g ∘ f)(B) is D̂-closed in Z. Also since g is D̂-irresolute, g<sup>-1</sup>(g ∘ f)(A) is D̂-closed in Y. Since g is injective, f(B) is D̂-closed in Y. Hence, f is D̂-closed.
- iii) Let A be a closed set of Y. Since f is D̂-continuous, f<sup>-1</sup>(A) is D̂-closed in X. Also since X is a T<sub>D̂</sub>-space, we have f<sup>-1</sup>(A) is closed in X. Since (g ∘ f) is closed and f is surjective, then (g ∘ f)f<sup>-1</sup>(A) = g(A) is D̂-closed in Z. Hence, g is D̂-closed.

**Definition 3.10.** A space X is said to be ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -regular if for each closed set F of X and each point  $x \notin F$  there exists disjoint  $\widehat{D}$ -open sets U and V such that  $F \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ .

**Theorem 3.11.** In a topological space X, assume that  $\widehat{D}o(\tau)$  is closed under any union. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- a) X is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -regular,
- b) for every point x of X every open set V containing x, there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open set A such that  $x \in A \subset \widehat{D}cl(A) \subset V$ .

*Proof.*  $a \Longrightarrow b$  Let  $x \in X$  and V be an open set containing x. Then  $V^c$  is closed and  $x \notin V^c$ . By (a) there exists disjoint  $\widehat{D}$ -open sets A and B such that  $x \in A$  and  $V^c \subset B$ . That is  $B^c \subset V$ . Since every open set is  $\widehat{D}$ -open, V is  $\widehat{D}$ -open. Since B is  $\widehat{D}$ -open,  $B^c$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. Therefore,  $\widehat{D}cl(B^c) \subset V$ . Since  $A \cap B = \phi$ ,  $A \subset B^c$ . Therefore,  $x \in A \subset \widehat{D}cl(A) \subset \widehat{D}cl(B^c) \subset V$ . Hence,  $x \in A \subset \widehat{D}cl(A) \subset V$ .

 $b \Longrightarrow a$ . Let F be a closed set and  $x \notin F$ . This implies that  $F^c$  is an open set containing x. By (b) there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open set A such that  $x \in A \subset \widehat{D}cl(A) \subset F^c$ . That is,  $F \subset (\widehat{D}cl(A))^c$ . By Proposition 2.7  $\widehat{D}cl(A)$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. Hence,  $(\widehat{D}cl(A))^c$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -open. Therefore, A and  $(\widehat{D}cl(A))^c$ are the required  $\widehat{D}$ -open sets.

**Theorem 3.12.** Assume that  $\widehat{Do}(\tau)$  is closed under any union. If  $f : X \to Y$  is a continuous  $\widehat{D}$ -closed surjective map and X is a regular space, then Y is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -regular.

*Proof.* Let  $y \in Y$  and V be an open set containing y of Y. Let x be a point of X such that y = f(x). Since f is continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Since X is regular there exists an open set U such that  $x \in U \subset cl(U) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence,  $y = f(x) \in f(U) \subset f(cl(U)) \subset V$ . Since f is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map, f(cl(U)) is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set contained in the open set V. Since every open set is D-open, V is D-open. Hence,  $spcl(f(cl(U))) \subset V$ . Therefore  $y \in f(U) \subset \widehat{D}cl(f(U)) \subset \widehat{D}cl(f(cl(U))) \subset V$  since f is an open map and U is open in X, f(U) is open in Y. Since every open set is  $\widehat{D}$ -open, f(U) is  $\widehat{D}$ -open in Y. Thus for every point y of Y and every open set V containing y there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open set f(U) such that  $y \in f(U) \subset \widehat{D}cl(f(U)) \subset V$ . Hence by theorem 7, Y is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -regular. **Definition 3.13.** A space X is said to be ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -normal if for disjoint closed sets A and B of X there exist disjoint  $\widehat{D}$ -open sets U and V such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Assume that  $\widehat{Do}(\tau)$  is closed under any union. If  $f : X \to Y$  is a continuous  $\widehat{D}$ -closed surjective map and X is a normal space, then Y is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -normal.

*Proof.* Let *A* and *B* be disjoint closed sets of *Y*. Since *X* is normal there exist disjoint open sets *U* and *V* of *X* such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subset U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subset V$ . By theorem 3.2, there exist  $\widehat{D}$ -open sets *G* and *H* such that  $A \subset G$ ,  $B \subset H$  and  $f^{-1}(G) \subset U$ ,  $f^{-1}(H) \subset V$ . Then we have  $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = \phi$  and hence  $G \cap H = \phi$ . Since *G* is  $\widehat{D}$ -open and *A* is closed,  $A \subset G$  implies  $A \subset spint(G) \subset \widehat{D}int(G)$ . Similarly  $B \subset \widehat{D}int(H)$ . Therefore,  $\widehat{D}int(G) \cap \widehat{D}int(H) = \phi$ . Thus *Y* is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -normal.

**Theorem 3.15.** If  $f : X \to Y$  is a bijective  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map of a space X onto an  $\widehat{D}$ -connected space Y, then X is connected.

*Proof.* Let us assume that X is not connected. Then there exist nonempty open sets U and V such that  $U \cap V = \phi$  and  $X = U \cup V$ . Therefore U and V are clopen in X and f(U) and f(V) are  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. Moreover, we have  $f(U) \cap f(V) = \phi$  and  $f(U) \cup f(V) = Y$ . Since f is bijective, f(U) and f(V) are nonempty. This indicates that Y is not  $\widehat{D}$ -connected. This is a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

# **4.** STRONGLY $\widehat{D}$ -CLOSED AND QUASI $\widehat{D}$ -CLOSED MAPS

**Definition 4.1.** A map  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed if for each  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set F of X, f(F) is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in Y.

**Definition 4.2.** A map  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed if for each  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set F of X, f(F) is closed in Y.

**Proposition 4.3.** Every quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.

Proof. Obvious.

**Proposition 4.4.** *Every quasi*  $\widehat{D}$ *-closed map is closed.* 

*Proof.* Since every closed set is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed, we get the proof.

**Proposition 4.5.** Every strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.

Proof. Clearly follows from Definitions.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X = \{p,q,r\}$  and  $Y = \{p,q,r\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi,\{p\},\{q\},\{p,q\},X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi,\{p,q\},Y\}$ . Clearly identity map  $f : (X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma)$  is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map but not quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed, Since  $\{r\}$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in X but  $f(\{r\}) = \{r\}$  is not closed in Y.

**Example 4.7.** Let  $X = \{p,q,r\}$  and  $Y = \{p,q,r\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi,\{p,q\},X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi,\{p\},\{p,q\},Y\}$ . Clearly identity map  $f:(X,\tau) \to (Y,\sigma)$  is closed map but not quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed, Since  $\{q\}$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in X but  $f(\{q\}) = \{q\}$  is not closed in Y and not strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed, Since  $\{p\}$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in X but  $f(\{p\}) = \{p\}$  is not  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in Y.

**Theorem 4.8.** A surjective mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is quasi- $\widehat{D}$ -closed if and only if for any subset B of Y and for each  $\widehat{D}$ -open set U of X containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ , there is an open set V of Y containing B such that  $B \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

*Proof.* Necessity Suppose that f is quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. Let S be any subset of Y and U an  $\widehat{D}$ -open set of X containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ . Put  $V = (f(U^c))^c$ . Then V is open in Y containing S and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

Sufficiency. Let F be any  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set of X. Put  $B = (f(F))^c$ , then we have  $f^{-1}(B) \subset F^c$ and  $F^c$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -open in X. By hypothesis there exists an open in V of Y such that  $B \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset F^c$  and so  $F \subset (f^{-1}(V))^c = f^{-1}(V^c)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(F) = V^c$ . Since  $V^c$  is closed, f(F) is closed in Y. This gives f is quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.9.** In a topological space X, assume that  $\widehat{Do}(\tau)$  is closed under any union. A map  $f: X \to Y$  is quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed if and only if for every subset U of X,  $cl(f(U)) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$ .

*Proof.* Let f be quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. We have  $U \subset \widehat{D}cl(U)$  and also  $\widehat{D}cl(U)$  is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set. Hence we obtain  $f(U) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$  and  $f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$  is closed. Hence  $cl(f(U)) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$ .

Conversely, assume that the given condition holds. If U is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in X, then  $cl(f(U)) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U)) = f(U)$ . Consequently, f(U) = cl(f(U)) and hence f is quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4.10.** In a topological space X, assume that  $\widehat{D}o(\tau)$  is closed under any union. A map  $f: X \to Y$  is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed if and only if for every subset U of X,  $\widehat{D}cl(f(U)) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$ .

*Proof.* Let f be strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. We have  $U \subset \widehat{D}cl(U)$  and also  $\widehat{D}cl(U)$  is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set. Hence we obtain  $f(U) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$  and  $f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$  is closed. Hence  $cl(f(U)) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$ .

Conversely, assume that the given condition holds. If U is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in X, then  $cl(f(U)) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U)) = f(U)$ . Consequently, f(U) = cl(f(U)) and hence f is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.11.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  be two strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed mapping. Then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is a strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed mapping.

Proof. Obvious

**Theorem 4.12.** If  $f : X \to Y$  and  $g : Y \to Z$  be two mapping such that  $g \circ f : X \to Z$  is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.

- i) If f is  $\widehat{D}$ -irresolute and surjective, then g is strong  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.
- ii) If g is  $\widehat{D}$ -irresolute injection, then f is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.
- Proof. i) Let A be a is D̂-closed set of Y. Since f is D̂-irresolute, f<sup>-1</sup>(A) is D̂-closed in X.
  Also since g ∘ f is strongly D̂-closed and f is surjective, (g ∘ f)f<sup>-1</sup>(A) = g(A) is D̂-closed in Z. Hence g is strongly D̂-closed.
  - ii) Let B be a D-closed set of X. Since g ∘ f is D-closed, (g ∘ f)(B) is D-closed in Z. Also since g is D-irresolute, g<sup>-1</sup>(g ∘ f)(B) is D-closed in Y. Since g is injective, f(B) is D-closed in Y. Hence, f is strongly D-closed.

**Theorem 4.13.** Assume that  $\widehat{Do}(\tau)$  is closed under any union. If  $f: X \to Y$  is a continuous strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed bijective map and X is a  $\widehat{D}$ -regular space, then Y is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -regular.

*Proof.* Let  $y \in Y$  and V be an open set containing y of Y. Let x be a point of X such that y = f(x). Since f is continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. By theorem 3.11, there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open

set *U* such that  $x \in U \subset \widehat{D}cl(U) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Then,  $y \in f(U) \subset f(\widehat{D}cl(U)) \subset V$ . By proposition 2.7  $\widehat{D}cl(U)$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. Since *f* is an strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map,  $f(\widehat{D}cl(U))$  is an  $\widehat{D}$ -closed set. Since every open set is *D*-open, *V* is *D*-open. Hence,  $spcl(f(cl(U))) \subset V$ . Therefore, we have  $\widehat{D}cl(f(\widehat{D}cl(U))) \subset spcl(f(\widehat{D}cl(U))) \subset V$ . This implies that  $y \in f(U) \subset \widehat{D}cl(f(U)) \subset$  $\widehat{D}cl(f(\widehat{D}cl(U))) \subset V$ . That is,  $y \in f(U) \subset \widehat{D}cl(f(U)) \subset V$ . Now *U* is  $\widehat{D}$ -open implies  $U^c$  is  $\widehat{D}$ closed in *X*. Since *f* is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed,  $f(U^c)$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in *Y*. That is,  $(f(U))^c$  is  $\widehat{D}$ -closed in *Y*. This implies that f(U) is  $\widehat{D}$ -open in *Y*. Thus for every point *y* of *Y* and every open set *V* containing *y* there exists an  $\widehat{D}$ -open set f(U) such that  $y \in f(U) \subset \widehat{D}cl(f(U)) \subset V$ . Hence by theorem 3.11, *Y* is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -regular.

**Theorem 4.14.** If  $f : X \to Y$  is a continuous quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed surjective map and X is an ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -normal space, then Y is normal.

*Proof.* Let *A* and *B* be disjoint closed sets of *Y*. Since *X* is ultra  $\widehat{D}$ -normal there exist disjoint  $\widehat{D}$ -open sets *U* and *V* of *X* such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subset U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subset V$ . By theorem 3.5, there exist open sets *G* and *H* of *Y* such that  $A \subset G$ ,  $B \subset H$  and  $f^{-1}(G) \subset U$ ,  $f^{-1}(H) \subset V$ . Then we have  $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = \phi$  and hence  $G \cap H = \phi$ .

**Theorem 4.15.** If  $f : X \to Y$  be a bijective map. Then following hold:

- i) If f is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map and Y is an  $\widehat{D}$ -connected space, then X is  $\widehat{D}$ -connected.
- ii) If f is quasi  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map and Y is an  $\widehat{D}$ -connected space, then X is  $\widehat{D}$ -connected.
- *Proof.* i) Let us assume that X is not  $\widehat{D}$ -connected. Then there exist nonempty  $\widehat{D}$ -open sets U and V such that  $U \cap V = \phi$  and  $X = U \cup V$ . Therefore U and V are  $\widehat{D}$ -clopen in X. Since f is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed map, f(U) and f(V) are  $\widehat{D}$ -closed. Moreover, we have  $f(U) \cap f(V) = \phi$  and  $f(U) \cup f(V) = Y$ . Since f is bijective, f(U) and f(V) are nonempty. This indicates that Y is not  $\widehat{D}$ -connected. This is a contradiction.
- ii) Similar to that of (i)

**Proposition 4.16.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  from a space X to a  $T_{\widehat{D}}Y$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- i) f is strongly  $\widehat{D}$ -closed.
- *ii)* f *is quasi*  $\widehat{D}$ *-closed.*

*Proof.* Follows by proposition 4.3 and by Definition 2.5.

## **CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

The author(s) declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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