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STRONGLY spZ_c -CONNECTED SPACES IN TOPOLOGY

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Abstract: In this paper, we introduce the concept of strongly spZ_c -connectedness, spZ_c -continuum using the concept of spZ_c -open sets. Some properties and theorems using locally spZ_c -connected space are also discussed.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of connectedness [1] is useful not only in General topology but also in other advanced branches of Mathematics. In 2011, EL-Magharabi, A.I. and Mubarki, A.M [2] introduced the concept of Z -open sets. Throughout this paper, (X, τ) represents a topological space on which no separation axiom is assumed unless otherwise stated.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1 [3]: A subset A of a space X is Z_c -open if for each $x \in A \in ZO(X)$, there exists a closed set F such that $x \in F \subset A$. A subset A of a space X is Z_c -closed if $X-A$ is Z_c -open. The

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family of all Zc -open (resp. Zc -closed) subsets of a topological space (X, τ) is denoted by $ZcO(X, \tau)$ or $ZcO(X)$ (resp. $ZcC(X, \tau)$ or $ZcC(X)$).

Definition 2.2[4]: A subset A of (X, τ) is called

- (i) $spZc$ open if $A \subseteq Zccl(Zc\text{int}(Zccl(A)))$ and is denoted by $spZcO(X)$;
- (ii) $spZc$ closed if $X - A$ is $spZc$ open and is denoted by $spZcC(X)$.

Definition 2.2 [4]:

- (i) The semi pre Zc interior of a subset A of X is the union of all semi pre Zc open sets contained in A and is denoted by $spZcInt(A)$.
- (ii) The semi pre Zc closure of a subset A of X is the intersection of all semi pre Zc closed sets containing A and is denoted by $spZcCl(A)$.

Example 2.3: Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ then the family of Zc -open sets are $ZcO(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ and $spZcO(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{c\}, \{d\}\}$.

Definition 2.4 [4]: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called

- (i) $spZc$ continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $spZc$ open in X for every open set V in Y .
- (ii) $spZc$ irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $spZc$ open in X for each open set V in Y .
- (iii) contra $spZc$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $spZc$ -closed in X , for every open set in Y .

Definition 2.5 [4]: Let (X, τ) be a topological space. X is $spZc$ -connected if X cannot be written as the disjoint union of two non-empty $spZc$ open sets in X .

Definition 2.6[4]: $X = A \cup B$ is said to be a $spZc$ separation of X if A and B are non-empty, disjoint, $spZc$ open sets in X .

3. STRONGLY $spZc$ -CONNECTED SPACES

Definition 3.1: A Mapping $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be $spZc$ open (resp. $spZc$ closed) if $f(V) \in ZcO(Y)$ (resp. $ZcC(Y)$), for each $V \in ZcO(X)$ (resp. $ZcC(X)$).

Theorem 3.2: A Mapping $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $spZc$ open if and only if, $f(Int(U)) \subseteq spZcInt(f(U))$ for each $U \subseteq X$.

Proof: Let f be a $spZc$ open mapping and $U \subseteq X$, then

$$spZcInt(f(Int(U))) = f(Int(U)) \in spZcO(Y).$$

Therefore $spZcInt(f(Int(U))) = f(Int(U)) \subseteq spZcInt(f(U))$.

Conversely, Let $U \in \tau$ and $f(U) = f(Int(U)) \subseteq spZcInt(f(U))$. Then $f(U) = spZcInt(f(U))$. Thus, $f(U)$ is $spZc$ open in Y and hence f is $spZc$ open.

Theorem 3.3: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a $spZc$ -continuous function of X into a discrete space Y with at least two points which is a constant map then empty set and X are the only subsets of X that are both $spZc$ -open and $spZc$ -closed.

Proof: Let A be both $spZc$ -open and $spZc$ -closed in X and $A \neq \emptyset$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a $spZc$ -continuous function defined by $f(A) = \{y\}$ and $f(X - A) = \{w\}$ for some distinct points y and w in Y . Since f is a constant function, we get $A = X$ and hence the proof follows.

Definition 3.4: A space (X, τ) is said to be strongly $spZc$ -connected if and only if it is not a disjoint union of countably many but more than one $spZc$ -closed set. In other words, if E_i are non-empty disjoint closed sets of X , then $X \neq E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup \dots$, or else X is said to be strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Lemma 3.5: For any surjective $spZc$ -irresolute function $f: X \rightarrow Y$. The image $f(X)$ is strongly $spZc$ -connected if X is strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Proof: Assume, $f(X)$ is strongly $spZc$ -disconnected. Then by definition 3.4 it is a disjoint union of countably many but more than one $spZc$ -closed sets. Since f is $spZc$ -irresolute, then the inverse image of $spZc$ -closed sets are still $spZc$ -closed, X is also a disjoint union of $spZc$ -closed sets and hence $f(X)$ is strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Theorem 3.6: A space X is strongly $spZc$ -connected if there exists a constant surjective $spZc$ -irresolute function $f: X \rightarrow D$, where D denote the discrete space of X .

Proof: Let X be strongly $spZc$ -connected and function $f: X \rightarrow D$ be a surjective $spZc$ -irresolute function, then by previous lemma, $f(X)$ is strongly $spZc$ -connected. The only strongly $spZc$ -connected subset of D are the one-point spaces. Hence f is constant. Conversely, suppose X is a disjoint union of countably many but more than one $spZc$ -closed sets, $X = \cup_i E_i$. Define $f: X \rightarrow D$

by taking $f(x) = i$ whenever $x \in E_i$. This f is a surjective $spZc$ -irresolute and not constant. So X is strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Definition 3.7: A compact $spZc$ -connected set is called a $spZc$ -continuum.

Definition 3.8: A space X is called:

(1) $spZc T_1$ if for each $x, y \in X, x \neq y$, there exist two disjoint $spZc$ -open sets U, V such that $x \in U, y \notin U$ and $x \notin V, y \in V$.

(2) $spZc T_2$ if for each $x, y \in X, x \neq y$, there exists two disjoint $spZc$ -open sets U, V such that $x \in U, y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

(3) $spZc$ -normal for any pair of disjoint $spZc$ -closed sets F_1 and F_2 , there exist disjoint $spZc$ -open sets U and V such that $F_1 \subset U$ and $F_2 \subset V$ such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Lemma 3.9: If A is any $spZc$ -continuum in a $spZc T_2$ space X and B is any $spZc$ -open set such that $A \cap B \neq \emptyset \neq A \cap (X - B)$, then every component of $(A \cap spZc-cl(B)) \cap spZc-bd(B) \neq \emptyset$.

Theorem 3.10: Let X be a compact $spZc T_2$ -space. Then X is $spZc$ -connected if and only if X is strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Proof: Assume, X is strongly $spZc$ -connected, then X is $spZc$ -connected. Now let us consider that X is a compact $spZc T_2$ - $spZc$ -connected space and it is strongly $spZc$ -disconnected, then X is a union of a countably many but more than one disjoint $spZc$ -closed sets. Then $X = \cup K_i$, where K_i are $spZc$ -closed disjoint sets. Since a compact $spZc T_2$ -space is $spZc$ -normal, then X is a $spZc$ -normal space. So by definition there exists a $spZc$ -open sets U such that $K_2 \subset U$ and $spZccl(U) \cap K_1 = \emptyset$. Let X_1 be a component of $spZccl(U)$ which intersects K_2 . Then X_1 is compact and $spZc$ -connected. Then by previous lemma $X_1 \cap spZc-bd(U) \neq \emptyset$. So X_1 contains a point $p \in spZc-bd(U)$ so that $p \in spZc-bd(U)$ such that $p \notin U$ and $p \notin K_1$. Thus $X_1 \cap K_i \neq \emptyset$ for some $i > 2$. Let K_{n_2} be the first K_i for $i > 2$ which intersects X_1 and let V be a $spZc$ -open set satisfying $K_{n_2} \subset V$, and $spZccl(V) \cap K_2 = \emptyset$. Then X_2 be an element of $X_1 \cap spZccl(V)$ which contains a point of K_{n_2} . Again we have $X_2 \cap spZc-bd(V) \neq \emptyset$, and X_2 contains some point $p \in spZc-bd(V)$ such that $p \notin V, p \notin K_1 \cup K_2$. Thus $X_2 \cap K_i \neq \emptyset$ for some $i > n_2$ and $X_2 \cap K_i = \emptyset$

for $i < n_2$. Let K_{n_3} be the first K_i for $i > n_2$, which intersects X_2 , then by methods stated above we can find a compact $spZc$ -connected X_3 so that $X_3 \subset X_2 \subset X_1$ and X_3 intersects some K_i with $i > n_3$ but $X_3 \cap K_i = \emptyset$ for $i < n_3$. In this way, we obtain a sequence of sub continuum of $X: X_1 X_2 X_3 \dots$, so that for every j , $X_j \cap K_i = \emptyset$ for $i < n_j$ and $n_j \rightarrow \infty$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. We know that $\bigcap_i X_i \neq \emptyset$. Also, $(\bigcap_i X_i) \cap K_j = \emptyset$ for all j , so that $(\bigcap_i X_i) \cap (\bigcup_i K_j) = \emptyset$ or $(\bigcap_i X_i) \cap X = \emptyset$. But $(\bigcap_i X_i) \subset X$, which contradicts the fact that $\bigcap_i X_i \neq \emptyset$. Thus X is strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Lemma 3.11: For a space X the following holds: (i) X is a $spZc T_1$ -space. (ii) For any point $x \in X$, the singleton set $\{x\}$ is $spZc$ -closed.

Corollary 3.12: A strongly $spZc$ -connected $spZc T_1$ -space having more than one point is uncountable.

Proof: By previous lemma, a one-point set in a $spZc T_1$ -space is $spZc$ -closed. Then by definition the proof follows that a $spZc T_1$ space cannot have countably many but more than one point.

Theorem 3.13: Let X be a locally compact $spZc T_2$ -space. If X is locally $spZc$ -connected, then X is locally strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Proof: Let O be a $spZc$ -open $spZc$ -nbd of a point $x \in X$. Then there exists a compact $spZc$ -nbd U of x lying inside O . Let M be a $spZc$ -connected component of U containing x . Since U is a $spZc$ -nbd of x and X is locally $spZc$ -connected, M is a $spZc$ -nbd of x . Since M is $spZc$ -closed in U and U is compact, then M is compact. So M is a compact $spZc$ -connected $spZc$ -nbd of x lying inside O . By theorem 3.10, M is strongly $spZc$ -connected.

Theorem 3.14: Let X be a locally compact $spZc T_2$ -space. If X is locally $spZc$ -connected and $spZc$ -connected, then X is strongly $spZc$ -connected.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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