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## A NOTE ON GRAPH QUASI-CONTINUOUS AND GRAPH CLIQUISH FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract:** In this paper we study under which conditions there is exactly one quasi-continuous function whose graph is contained in the closure of the graph of a graph quasi-continuous function. Also, we study the relation between a graph cliquish function and a cliquish function whose graph is contained in the closure of the graph of the graph cliquish function.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND BASIC NOTATIONS

Z. Grande [1] in 1977 introduced the notion of graph continuity of functions. K. Sakalava [10], [11] studied the relation between graph continuous function  $f$  and a continuous function  $g$  such that  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$  and showed that this relation is neither one-to-one nor onto i.e., there is a continuous function  $g$  whose graph is contained in the closure of the graph of infinitely many graph continuous functions and also there is a graph continuous function  $f$  such that the closure of the graph of  $f$  contains the graph of several continuous functions. A. Mikuka [5] in 2003

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introduced the notion of graph quasi-continuity and studied the relations between graph continuous functions and other class of functions. Some operations on graph continuous and graph quasi-continuous function was investigated by Mikuka [6]. We introduced the notion of graph cliquish functions and studied the relation between graph cliquish functions and other types of continuous functions in [4].

In this paper, we deal with the result that for a continuous function  $f$  there is one and only one quasi-continuous function  $g$  with  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$  and also the result on graph cliquish functions.

In what follows  $X, Y$  are topological spaces and  $M$  is a metric space with metric  $d$ . For a subset  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $cl(A)$ ,  $int(A)$  denote the closure and the interior of  $A$  respectively. If  $G(f)$  denotes the graph of  $f: X \rightarrow Y (f: X \rightarrow M)$  then the symbol  $cl(G(f))$  denotes the closure of  $G(f)$  in the product topology of  $X \times Y (X \times M_d, M_d$  being the topology on  $M$  induced by  $d$ ). By  $C(f), Q(f), AE(f)$  we denote the set of all points at which  $f$  is continuous, quasi-continuous and almost continuous (in the sense of Husain) respectively.

The letter  $\mathbb{R}$  stands for the set of all real numbers,  $\emptyset$  denotes the empty set and  $S(x, r)$  denotes the open sphere with centre  $x$  and radius  $r$ .

Let us recall some basic definitions which will be used throughout this paper.

**Definition 1.1:** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called semi-open if there exists an open set  $O$  such that  $O \subseteq A \subseteq cl(O)$ [3].

**Definition 1.2:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be:

-quasi-continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for each open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  and each open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x_0)$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $G \subseteq U$  such that  $f(G) \subseteq V$  [7].

-almost continuous (in the sense of Husain) at a point  $x \in X$  if for any neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , the set  $int(cl(f^{-1}(V)))$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$  [2].

$f$  is called quasi-continuous (almost continuous) if it is such at each point.

**Definition 1.3:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow M$  is said to be cliquish at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and each open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $G \subseteq U$  such that  $d(f(y), f(z)) < \epsilon$  whenever  $y, z \in G$  [12].

$f$  is called cliquish if it is such at every point.

**Definition 1.4:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be graph continuous [1] (graph quasi-continuous [5], graph cliquish [4]) if there exists a continuous (quasi-continuous, cliquish) function  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$ .

The following implications follow from the above definitions:

Continuity  $\Rightarrow$  quasi-continuity  $\Rightarrow$  cliquish

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Graph continuity  $\Rightarrow$  graph quasi-continuity  $\Rightarrow$  graph cliquish

And all of these are not invertible [4, 5].

## 2. RESULTS ON GRAPH QUASI-CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

A fundamental result given in [11] shows that for any continuous function  $g$  with  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$  and for any point  $x$  of quasi-continuity of  $f$  we have  $f(x) = g(x)$ . The following theorem gives an essential connection between graph quasi-continuous functions and quasi-continuous functions.

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be graph quasi-continuous where  $Y$  is a Hausdorff space. Then for each quasi-continuous function  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$  and each  $x \in C(f)$  we have  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

**Proof:** If possible, let  $f(x) \neq g(x)$  for some  $x \in C(f)$ .

Since  $Y$  is a Hausdorff space, there exists an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$  and an open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $g(x)$  such that  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ .

Since  $x \in C(f)$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

Now  $x \in Q(g)$ , so there exists a non-empty open set  $H(\subseteq U)$  such that  $g(H) \subseteq W$ .

Let  $x_1 \in H$ . Then  $(x_1, g(x_1)) \in cl(G(f))$ .

So,  $(H \times W) \cap G(f) \neq \emptyset$ .

Choose  $x_2 \in H$  such that  $f(x_2) \in W$ . Then  $f(x_2) \in V \cap W$ . This contradicts that  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ .

**Remark 2.1:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous then  $f$  is graph quasi-continuous. Theorem 2.1 states that there is unique quasi-continuous function (viz  $f$  itself) whose graph is contained in the closure of the graph of  $f$  under the condition  $Y$  being a Hausdroff space.

**Remark 2.2:** The assumption “ $Y$  is a Hausdroff space” is essential in the Theorem 2.1. It follows from the following example.

**Example 2.1:** Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology  $\tau_u$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}: 0 \in A\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$ .  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  is not a Hausdroff space. The functions  $f, g: (\mathbb{R}, \tau_u) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  are defined as  $f(x) = 0; \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$ . Now,  $f$  is continuous and  $g$  is quasi-continuous. Also,  $cl(G(f)) = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . So,  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$ . But  $f \neq g$ .

**Remark 2.3:** In the Theorem 2.1, the assumption ‘ $x \in C(f)$ ’ cannot be replaced by ‘ $x \in Q(f)$ ’. We give the following example.

**Example 2.2:** Consider the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ .  $g$  is quasi-continuous and  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$ . Here  $0 \in Q(f)$  and  $0 \notin C(f)$ . But  $f(0) \neq g(0)$ .

The next theorem gives a sufficient condition for a function to be graph quasi-continuous.

**Theorem 2.2:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $A$  be a dense subset of  $X$ . Let  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  be a quasi-continuous function such that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for any  $x \in A$ . Then  $f$  is graph quasi-continuous.

**Proof:** It is sufficient to show that  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$ .

Let  $x \in X$ ,  $U$  be an open neighbourhood of  $x$  and  $V$  be an open neighbourhood of  $g(x)$ .

Since  $x \in Q(g)$ , there is a non-empty open set  $H \subseteq U$  such that  $g(H) \subseteq V$ .

Choose  $x_1 \in H \cap A$ .

Then  $x_1 \in H$ ,  $f(x_1) = g(x_1) \in V$ .

So,  $(x_1, f(x_1)) \in (U \times V) \cap G(f)$ .

Hence  $(x, g(x)) \in cl(G(f))$ .

**Theorem 2.3:** For a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  ( $Y$  being a Hausdroff space), where  $C(f)$  is dense in  $X$ , the followings are equivalent:

- i)  $f$  is graph quasi-continuous
- ii) there exists a quasi-continuous function  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  and a dense subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for any  $x \in A$ .

**Proof:** It easily follows from the Theorem 2.1 and the Theorem 2.2.

### 3. RESULTS ON GRAPH CLIQUISH FUNCTIONS

The following lemmas, theorems, results are known.

**Lemma 3.1:** Let  $A \subseteq W \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is semi-open in  $X$  then  $A$  is semi-open in the subspace  $W$  [3].

**Lemma 3.2:** If a set  $A$  is dense and semi-open in  $X$  and a set  $B$  is dense in  $X$  then  $A \cap B$  is dense in  $X$  [5].

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow M$  be graph cliquish. Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  the set  $A(f, g, \epsilon) = \{x \in X: d(f(x), g(x)) < \epsilon\}$  is dense in  $X$ , for any cliquish function  $g: X \rightarrow M$  with  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$  [4].

**Theorem 3.2:** If  $f: X \rightarrow M$  and  $g: X \rightarrow M$  are cliquish functions such that  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$  then  $A(f, g, \epsilon)$  is semi-open for any  $\epsilon > 0$  [4].

**Theorem 3.3:** If  $f: X \rightarrow M$  is cliquish then  $X \setminus C(f)$  is of first category [8].

**Theorem 3.4:** In a Baire space the complement of every set of first category is dense [9].

**Result 3.1:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost continuous at a point  $x \in X$  then there exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is dense in  $U$  for any neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ .

It easily follows from the definition of almost continuity.

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow M$  be quasi-continuous and  $g: X \rightarrow M$  be cliquish such that  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$ . Then  $f(x) = g(x)$  for each  $x \in AE(g)$ .

**Proof:** If possible, let  $f(x) \neq g(x)$  for some  $x \in AE(g)$ .

Suppose  $r = d(f(x), g(x))$ . Then  $r > 0$ .

Since  $x \in AE(g)$ , there is an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $g^{-1}\left(S(g(x), \frac{r}{4})\right)$  is dense in  $U$  by the Result 3.1.

Using the Theorem 3.1 we can say that  $A\left(f, g, \frac{r}{4}\right)$  is dense in  $X$  and hence dense in the open subspace  $U$  of  $X$ .

Also,  $A\left(f, g, \frac{r}{4}\right)$  is semi-open in  $U$  by the Theorem 3.2 and using the Lemma 3.1.

Hence by the Lemma 3.2,  $A\left(f, g, \frac{r}{4}\right) \cap g^{-1}\left(S(g(x), \frac{r}{4})\right)$  is dense in  $U$ .

Now since  $x \in Q(f)$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $H \subseteq U$  such that  $f(H) \subseteq S\left(f(x), \frac{r}{2}\right)$ .

Choose  $x_1 \in H \cap A\left(f, g, \frac{r}{4}\right) \cap g^{-1}\left(S(g(x), \frac{r}{4})\right)$ .

Then  $x_1 \in H$ ,  $d(f(x_1), g(x_1)) < \frac{r}{4}$ ,  $d(g(x_1), g(x)) < \frac{r}{4}$ .

Now,  $d(f(x_1), g(x)) \leq d(f(x_1), g(x_1)) + d(g(x_1), g(x)) < \frac{r}{2}$ .

So,  $f(x_1) \in S\left(g(x), \frac{r}{2}\right)$

Then  $f(x_1) \in S\left(g(x), \frac{r}{2}\right) \cap S\left(f(x), \frac{r}{2}\right)$ .

Thus, we arrive at a contradiction as  $S\left(g(x), \frac{r}{2}\right) \cap S\left(f(x), \frac{r}{2}\right) = \emptyset$ .

**Remark 3.1:** In the theorem 3.5 the quasi-continuity of  $f$  can not be replaced by the cliquishness of  $f$  even if  $g$  is continuous.

It follows from the following example

**Example 3.1:** Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R}: 0 \in A\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual metric  $d$ .

The functions  $f, g: (\mathbb{R}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, d)$  are defined as  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0 \\ 1, & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$f$  is cliquish on  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$  and fails to be quasi-continuous at any  $x \neq 0$ .

$g$  is continuous on  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ .

Here  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$ . But  $f(x) \neq g(x)$  for any  $x \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $X$  be a Baire space and  $f: X \rightarrow M$  be graph cliquish. Then for each cliquish function  $g: X \rightarrow M$  such that  $G(g) \subseteq cl(G(f))$  and each  $x \in C(f) \cap Q(g)$  we have  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

**Proof:** If possible, let  $f(x) \neq g(x)$  for some  $x \in C(f) \cap Q(g)$ .

Suppose  $r = d(f(x), g(x))$ . Then  $r > 0$ .

Since  $x \in C(f)$ , there is an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq S(f(x), \frac{r}{2})$ .

Since  $x \in Q(g)$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $H \subseteq U$  such that  $g(H) \subseteq S(g(x), \frac{r}{6})$ .

By the theorems 3.3 and 3.4,  $C(g)$  is dense in  $X$  and so  $Q(g)$  is dense in  $X$ .

Choose  $x_1 \in H \cap Q(g)$ .

Then there exists a non-empty open set  $H' \subseteq H$  such that  $g(H') \subseteq S(g(x), \frac{r}{6})$ .

By the theorem 3.1,  $A(f, g, \frac{r}{6})$  is dense in  $X$ .

Choose  $x_2 \in H'$  such that  $d(f(x_2), g(x_2)) < \frac{r}{6}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } d(f(x_2), g(x)) &\leq d(f(x_2), g(x_2)) + d(g(x_2), g(x_1)) + d(g(x_1), g(x)) \\ &< \frac{r}{6} + \frac{r}{6} + \frac{r}{6} = \frac{r}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So,  $f(x_2) \in S(g(x), \frac{r}{2})$

Also,  $f(x_2) \in S(f(x), \frac{r}{2})$

Thus, we arrive at a contradiction as  $S(g(x), \frac{r}{2}) \cap S(f(x), \frac{r}{2}) = \emptyset$ .

### CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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