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ON \widehat{D} -HOMEOMORPHISM IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper we introduce and investigate new class of maps called \widehat{D} -homeomorphism, \widehat{D} -quotient map and several characterization and some of their properties. Also we investigate its relationship with other types of functions.

Keywords: \widehat{D} -open set; \widehat{D} -closed set; \widehat{D} -homeomorphism; \widehat{D} -quotient map.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The notion homeomorphism plays a very important role in topology. By definition a homeomorphism between two topological spaces X and Y is a bijective map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ when both f and f^{-1} are continuous map. K. Dass and G. Suresh [10] introduced \widehat{D} -closed set in topological spaces. K. Dass and G. Suresh [3] introduced \widehat{D} -continuous map, in topological spaces. In this paper we introduce the concept of \widehat{D} -open maps, quasi \widehat{D} -open maps and strongly \widehat{D} -open maps in topological spaces and also \widehat{D} -homeomorphism, strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphism and \widehat{D} -quotient map are obtained.

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2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, spaces means topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned and $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ (or simply $f : X \rightarrow Y$) denotes a function f of a space (X, τ) into a space (Y, σ) . 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, τ) 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] (β -open [1]) if $A \subset cl(int(cl(A)))$ and a semi-preclosed set (= β -closed) if $int(cl(int(A))) \subset A$.

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

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

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

Definition 2.3. A subset A of (X, τ) is called an \hat{D} -closed [10] set if $spcl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is D -open in (X, τ) . The class of all \hat{D} -closed sets in (X, τ) is denoted by $\hat{D}c(\tau)$. That is, $\hat{D}c(\tau) = \{A \subset X : A \text{ is } \hat{D}\text{-closed in } (X, \tau)\}$.

Definition 2.4. Let (X, τ) 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 function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be \hat{D} -continuous [3] if $f^{-1}(H)$ is \hat{D} -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set H in Y .

Definition 2.6. A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called \hat{D} -irresolute [6] if $f^{-1}(F)$ is \hat{D} -closed in X for every \hat{D} -closed set F of Y .

Proposition 2.7. [6] *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is \widehat{D} -irresolute, then f is \widehat{D} -continuous but not conversely.*

Proposition 2.8. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be any two maps. Then*

- (a) *$g \circ f$ is \widehat{D} -irresolute if both f and g are \widehat{D} -irresolute.*
- (b) *$g \circ f$ is \widehat{D} -continuous if g is \widehat{D} -continuous and f is \widehat{D} -irresolute.*

Proposition 2.9. *Let X be a topological space, Y be a $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -space and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) *f is \widehat{D} -irresolute,*
- (ii) *f is \widehat{D} -continuous.*

3. \widehat{D} -HOMEOMORPHISM

Definition 3.1. *A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be an \widehat{D} -open map if the image $f(A)$ is \widehat{D} -open in Y for each open set A in X .*

Example 3.2. *Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an identity map. Here $\widehat{D}o(\sigma) = P(X) - \{c\}$. Then f is an \widehat{D} -open map.*

Theorem 3.3. *A surjective map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is \widehat{D} -open if and only if for any subset S of Y and for any closed F containing $f^{-1}(S)$, there exists an \widehat{D} -closed set K of Y containing S such that $f^{-1}(K) \subset F$*

Theorem 3.4. *For any bijection $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following conditions are equivalent.*

- i) *$f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ is \widehat{D} -continuous.*
- ii) *f is an \widehat{D} -open map.*
- iii) *f is an \widehat{D} -closed map.*

Proof. (i) \implies (ii) : Let U be an open set of X . By assumption $(f^{-1})^{-1}(U) = f(U)$ is \widehat{D} -open in Y and so f is \widehat{D} -open.

(ii) \implies (iii) : Let F be a closed set of X . Then F^c is open in X . By (ii), $f(F^c)$ is \widehat{D} -open in Y and therefore $f(F^c) = (f(F))^c$ is \widehat{D} -open in Y . Thus $f(F)$ is \widehat{D} -closed in Y implies f is \widehat{D} -closed.

(iii) \implies (i) : Let F be a closed set of X . By (iii), $f(F)$ is \widehat{D} -closed in Y . But $f(F) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(F)$ and therefore f^{-1} is \widehat{D} -continuous. \square

Definition 3.5. A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be strongly \widehat{D} -open if the image of every \widehat{D} -open set in X is \widehat{D} -open in Y .

Definition 3.6. A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be quasi- \widehat{D} -open if the image every \widehat{D} -open set in X is open in Y .

Theorem 3.7. A surjective map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is quasi- \widehat{D} -open if and only if for any subset B of Y and any \widehat{D} -closed set F of X containing $f^{-1}(B)$, there exists a closed set G of Y containing B such that $f^{-1}(G) \subset F$.

Proof. Suppose f is quasi- \widehat{D} -open. Let $B \subset Y$ and F be an \widehat{D} -closed set of X containing $f^{-1}(B)$. Now, put $G = (f(F^c))^c$. Then G is a closed set of Y containing B such that $f^{-1}(G) \subset F$.

Conversely, let U be an \widehat{D} -open set of X and put $B = (f(U))^c$. Then U^c is an \widehat{D} -closed set in X containing $f^{-1}(B)$. By hypothesis, there exists a closed set F of Y such that $B \subset F$ and $f^{-1}(F) \subset U^c$. Hence, we obtain $f(U) \subset F^c$. On the otherhand it follows that $B \subset F$, $F^c \subset B^c = f(U)$. Thus we obtain $f(U) = F^c$ which is open in Y and hence f is quasi- \widehat{D} -open map. \square

Remark 3.8. From the above definitions we obtain the following implications.

quasi- \widehat{D} -open strongly- \widehat{D} -open \implies \widehat{D} -open. However the reverse implications are not true by the following examples.

Example 3.9. Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$, $Y = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p, q\}, Y\}$. Clearly identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is strongly \widehat{D} -open map but not quasi- \widehat{D} -open map, since $\{q\}$ is \widehat{D} -open in X but $f(\{q\}) = \{q\}$ is not open in Y .

Example 3.10. Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$, $Y = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{p, q\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{r\}, \{q, r\}, X\}$. Clearly identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is \widehat{D} -open map but not strongly \widehat{D} -open, Since $\{q\}$ is \widehat{D} -open in X but $f(\{q\}) = \{q\}$ is not \widehat{D} -open in Y .

Theorem 3.11. For any bijection $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following conditions are equivalent:

- i) $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ is \widehat{D} - irresolute,
- ii) f is a strongly \widehat{D} - open map,
- iii) f is a strongly \widehat{D} - closed map.

Proof. Similar to that of Theorem 3.4. □

Definition 3.12. A bijection $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called \widehat{D} - homeomorphisms if f is both \widehat{D} - continuous and \widehat{D} - open.

Proposition 3.13. Every homeomorphism is an \widehat{D} - homeomorphism but not conversely.

Proof. Follows from Definitions. □

Example 3.14. Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$ and $Y = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{p, q\}, Y\}$. Clearly identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is \widehat{D} - homeomorphisms but not homeomorphisms, Since $f(\{q\}) = \{q\}$ is open in X but $f(\{p\}) = \{q\}$ is not open in Y , hence f is not an open map.

Theorem 3.15. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijective, \widehat{D} - continuous map. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- i) f is an \widehat{D} - open map,
- ii) f is an \widehat{D} - homeomorphism,
- iii) f is an \widehat{D} - closed map.

Proof. (i) \implies (ii) : Obvious from definition.

(ii) \implies (iii) : Suppose f is an \widehat{D} - open map and let F be a closed set in X . Then F^c is open in X , hence $f(F^c) = (f(F))^c$ is \widehat{D} - open in Y implies f is a closed map Converse follows by the same technique. □

Remark 3.16. The composition of two \widehat{D} - homeomorphisms need not be an \widehat{D} - homeomorphisms as seen from the following example.

Example 3.17. Let $X = Y = Z = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{p\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p, q\}, Y\}$ and $\eta = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, Z\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be two identity map. Then f and

g are \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms. Let $A = \{p, r\}$ be a closed in Z . Then $(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) = f^{-1}g^{-1}(A) = \{p, r\}$ which is not \widehat{D} -closed in (X, τ) . Therefore composition $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is not an \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms.

Definition 3.18. A bijection $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms if both f and f^{-1} are \widehat{D} -irresolute.

Example 3.19. Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$ and $Y = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p, q\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an identity map. Then f is strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphism.

We denote the family of all \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms (resp, strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphism) of a topological space X onto itself by $\widehat{D} - h(X)$ (resp. $S\widehat{D} - h(X)$).

Proposition 3.20. Every strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphism is an \widehat{D} -homeomorphism but not conversely. In otherwords for any space X , $S\widehat{D} - h(X) \subset \widehat{D} - h(X)$.

Proof. Since every \widehat{D} -irresolute map is \widehat{D} -continuous and also from remark 3.8, we get the proof. \square

Example 3.21. Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$ and $Y = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{p, q\}, Y\}$. Clearly identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms but not strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms, Since $\{r\}$ is \widehat{D} -open in Y but $f^{-1}(\{r\}) = \{r\}$ is not \widehat{D} -open in X . Hence f is \widehat{D} -irresolute and so f is not strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms.

Proposition 3.22. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are two strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphisms then their composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is also a strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphism.

Proof. Let U be an \widehat{D} -open set in Z . Now $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(V)$ where $V = g^{-1}(U)$. By hypothesis, V is \widehat{D} -open in Y and so again by hypothesis $f^{-1}(V)$ is \widehat{D} -open in X . Thus $g \circ f$ is \widehat{D} -irresolute. Also for an \widehat{D} -open set G in X , we have $(g \circ f)(G) = g(D)$ where $D = f(G)$, by hypothesis $f(G)$ is \widehat{D} -open in Y and so again by hypothesis, $g(f(G))$ is \widehat{D} -open in Z . Thus $(g \circ f)^{-1}$ is \widehat{D} -irresolute. Hence $(g \circ f)$ is strongly \widehat{D} -homeomorphism. \square

Proposition 3.23. *The set $S\widehat{D} - h(X)$ is a group under the composition of maps.*

Proof. Define a binary operation $\circ : S\widehat{D} - h(X) \times S\widehat{D} - h(X) \rightarrow S\widehat{D} - h(X)$ by $f \circ g = g \circ f$ for all f and g in $S\widehat{D} - h(X)$ and \circ is the usual operation of composition of maps. Then by Proposition 3.22, $g \circ f \in S\widehat{D} - h(X)$. We know that the composition of maps is associative and the identity map $i : X \rightarrow X$ belonging to $S\widehat{D} - h(X)$ serves as the identity element. If $f \in S\widehat{D} - h(X)$ that $f^{-1} \in S\widehat{D} - h(X)$ such that $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = i$ and so inverse exist for each element of $S\widehat{D} - h(X)$. Therefore, $(S\widehat{D} - h(X), \circ)$ is a group under the composition of maps. \square

Theorem 3.24. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an $S\widehat{D}$ - homeomorphism. Then f induces an isomorphism from the group $S\widehat{D} - h(X)$ onto the group $S\widehat{D} - h(Y)$.*

Proof. Using the map f , we define a map $\psi_f : S\widehat{D} - h(X) \rightarrow S\widehat{D} - h(Y)$ by $\psi_f(h) = f \circ h \circ f^{-1}$ for each $h \in S\widehat{D} - h(X)$. Then ψ_f is a bijection, further for $h_1, h_2 \in S\widehat{D} - h(X)$. $\psi_f(h_1 \circ h_2) = f \circ (h_1 \circ h_2) \circ f^{-1} = (f \circ h_1 \circ f^{-1}) \circ (f \circ h_2 \circ f^{-1}) = \psi_f(h_1) \circ \psi_f(h_2)$. Therefore, ψ_f is a homomorphism and so it induces an isomorphism induced by f . \square

Theorem 3.25. *$S\widehat{D}$ - homeomorphism is an equivalence relation on the collection of all topological spaces.*

Proof. Reflexivity and symmetry are immediate and transitivity follows from Proposition 3.22. \square

4. \widehat{D} - QUOTIENT MAP

Definition 4.1. *A surjective map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be an \widehat{D} - quotient map if f is \widehat{D} - continuous and $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X implies V is \widehat{D} - open in Y .*

The following proposition is an easy consequence from the definitions.

Proposition 4.2. *Every quotient map is \widehat{D} - quotient but not conversely.*

Proof. The proof follows from the Definitions. \square

Example 4.3. *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 $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an \widehat{D} - quotient map but not a quotient map, Since $\{q\}$ is open in X but $f^{-1}(\{q\}) = \{q\}$ is not open in Y .

Proposition 4.4. *If a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is surjective, \widehat{D} - continuous and \widehat{D} - open, then f is an \widehat{D} - quotient map.*

Proof. We only need to prove that $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X implies V is an \widehat{D} - open set in Y . Let $f^{-1}(V)$ be open in X . Then $f(f^{-1}(V))$ is an \widehat{D} - open set, since f is \widehat{D} - open. Hence, V is an \widehat{D} - open set, as f is surjective and $f(f^{-1}(V)) = V$. Thus f is an \widehat{D} - quotient map. \square

Proposition 4.5. *If a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a homeomorphism, then f is a quotient map but not conversely.*

Proof. Clearly follows from the definition. \square

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 $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an \widehat{D} - quotient map but not homeomorphism, Since $\{q\}$ is open in X but $f^{-1}(\{q\}) = \{q\}$ is not open in Y .

Proposition 4.7. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an open surjective, \widehat{D} - irresolute map and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be an \widehat{D} - quotient map. Then the composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is an \widehat{D} - quotient map.*

Proof. Let V be any open set in Z . Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is an \widehat{D} - open set, since g is an \widehat{D} - quotient map. Since f is \widehat{D} - irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is an \widehat{D} - open in X , which implies $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is an \widehat{D} - open set. This shows that $g \circ f$ is \widehat{D} - continuous. Also, assume that $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is open in X for $V \subset Z$, that is, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is open set in X . Since f is open $f(f^{-1}(V))$ is open in Y . It follows that $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y , because f is surjective. Since g is a \widehat{D} - quotient map, V is an \widehat{D} - open set. Thus $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is an \widehat{D} - quotient map. \square

Proposition 4.8. *Let $h : X \rightarrow Y$ is an \widehat{D} - quotient map and $g : X \rightarrow Z$ is a continuous map where Z is a space that is constant on each set $h^{-1}(\{y\})$ for each $y \in Y$, then g induces an \widehat{D} - continuous an \widehat{D} - continuous map $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ such that $f \circ h = g$.*

Proof. Since g is constant on $h^{-1}(\{y\})$, for each $y \in Y$, the set $g(h^{-1}(\{y\}))$ is an one point set in Z . If we let $f(y)$ to denote this point then it is clear that f is well defined and for each $x \in X$, $f(h(X)) = g(X)$. We claim that f is \widehat{D} -continuous. For if we let V be any open set in Z , then $g^{-1}(V)$ is open set as g is continuous. But $g^{-1}(V) = h^{-1}(f^{-1}(V))$ is open in X . Since h is an \widehat{D} -quotient map, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an \widehat{D} -open in Y . \square

Definition 4.9. A surjective map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be a strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map if f is \widehat{D} -continuous and $f^{-1}(V)$ is \widehat{D} -open in X implies V is \widehat{D} -open in Y .

Proposition 4.10. Every strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map is an \widehat{D} -quotient map.

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map. Let $f^{-1}(V)$ be an open in X . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ be an \widehat{D} -open in X . Since f is a strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map, V is \widehat{D} -open in Y . This shows that f is an \widehat{D} -quotient map. \square

Remark 4.11. The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as shown in the following example.

Example 4.12. Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$ and $Y = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, \{q, r\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, Y\}$. Clearly identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an \widehat{D} -quotient map but not strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map, since $\{q\}$ is \widehat{D} -open in X but $f^{-1}(\{r\}) = \{r\}$ is not \widehat{D} -open in Y .

Definition 4.13. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a surjective map. Then f is called a completely \widehat{D} -quotient map if f is \widehat{D} -irresolute and $f^{-1}(V)$ is \widehat{D} -open in X implies V is open in Y .

Theorem 4.14. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a surjective map. Strongly \widehat{D} -open and \widehat{D} -irresolute map and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be a completely \widehat{D} -quotient map. Then $g \circ f$ is a completely \widehat{D} -quotient map.

Proof. Since f and g are \widehat{D} -irresolute, $g \circ f$ is \widehat{D} -irresolute, by Proposition 2.8. Suppose $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is an \widehat{D} -open in X for $V \subset Z$, that is, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is an \widehat{D} -open in X . Since f is surjective and strongly \widehat{D} -open, $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$ is \widehat{D} -open in Y . Also g is completely \widehat{D} -quotient implies V is open in Z . Thus $g \circ f$ is a completely \widehat{D} -quotient map. \square

Proposition 4.15. Every completely \widehat{D} -quotient map is strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map.

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a completely \widehat{D} -quotient map. By Proposition 2.7, f is \widehat{D} -irresolute implies f is \widehat{D} -continuous. Hence the proof follows. \square

Remark 4.16. *The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as shown in the following example.*

Example 4.17. *Let $X = \{p, q, r\}$ and $Y = \{p, q, r\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p\}, \{q, r\}, Y\}$. Clearly identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is an strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map but not a completely \widehat{D} -quotient map, since $\{r\}$ is \widehat{D} -open in X but $f^{-1}(\{r\}) = \{r\}$ is not \widehat{D} -open in X , implies that f is not \widehat{D} -irresolute.*

Theorem 4.18. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a surjective map and both X and Y be $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -spaces. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) f is a completely \widehat{D} -quotient map;
- (ii) f is a strongly \widehat{D} -quotient map;
- (iii) f is a \widehat{D} -quotient map;

Proof. (i) \implies (ii) : Follows by Proposition 4.15.

(ii) \implies (iii) : Follows by Proposition 4.10.

(iii) \implies (i) : Since Y is a $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -space, f is \widehat{D} -irresolute, by Proposition 2.9. Suppose $f^{-1}(V)$ is \widehat{D} -open in X . Since X is a $T_{\widehat{D}}$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X . By (iii), V is \widehat{D} -open in Y . Since Y is a $T_{\widehat{D}}$ -space, V is open in Y . Hence, we get (i). \square

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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