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SEPARATE CONTINUITY AND CONTINUITY FOR SOME  
GENERALIZED CONTINUITY NOTIONS

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The relation between separate continuity and continuity depends on the type of continuity which is considered. The separate quasicontinuity implies quasicontinuity of a function  $f$  as a function of two variables. (See [5] for a real function of two real variables and [7] for a mapping  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  where  $X$  is a Baire space,  $Y$  second-countable and  $Z$  regular.) The converse is not true. The feeble continuity [1] (somewhat continuity [2]) in each variable separately of a function  $f$  on  $X \times Y$  does not imply the feeble somewhat continuity of  $f$  as a function of two variables. But somewhat continuity in one variable and quasicontinuity in the other give some information of  $f$  as a function of two variables. The situation is completely different in case of so called almost continuity [3], [4]. **The notion of almost continuity appears first in [11].**

Definition 1. If  $X, Y$  are topological spaces then a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be quasicontinuous at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any open containing  $x_0$ , and any open  $V$  containing  $f(x_0)$ , there exists a non-empty open set  $G$  such that  $f(G) \subset V$ . The function  $f$  is said to be quasicontinuous, if it is quasicontinuous at any  $x \in X$ .

Definition 2. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be somewhat continuous if for any open  $G \subset Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(G) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\text{int } f^{-1}(G) \neq \emptyset$  holds.

Definition 3. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be almost continuous at  $x_0 \in X$  if for any  $V$  open  $V \subset Y$ , containing  $f(x_0)$ , the set  $\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(V))$  contains a neighbourhood of  $x_0$ . We say that  $f$  is almost continuous if it is almost continuous at any  $x \in X$ .

Theorem 1. Let  $X$  be a Baire space,  $Y$  such that each point  $y \in Y$  possesses a neighbourhood satisfying second countability axiom and  $Z$  a regular space. Let  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be such that  $f^Y$  quasicontinuous for each  $y \in Y$  and the  $x$ -sections  $f_x$  are quasicontinuous with the exception of a set of first category. Then  $f$  is quasicontinuous

Theorem 2. Let  $X$  be a Baire space,  $Y$  a space satisfying second countability axiom and  $Z$  a regular space. Let  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be such that for each  $y \in Y$  the sections  $f^Y$  are quasicontinuous and the  $x$ -sections  $f_x$ , with the exception of a set of first category are somewhat continuous. Then  $f$  is somewhat continuous.

Theorem 1 is evidently a slight generalization of Martin's version of Kempisty's theorem (see [5] [7]). Theorem 2 seems to be of a different kind but it includes (see [8]) the mentioned Martin's theorem.

It seems to be an interesting fact that in Theorem 2, which resembles to a certain extent Theorem 1, we can not substitute the assumption of second countability by a "locally" second countability as it is in Theorem 1.

Example 1.  $T = (0,1)$  will serve as an index set. To each  $t \in T$  an isometric image of the metric space  $X = (0,1)$  (with the usual metric) will be associated. We may suppose  $Y_t \cap Y_{t'} = \emptyset$  for  $t \neq t'$ . If necessary we shall denote  $y_t$  the corresponding image of  $y \in (0,1)$  in the space  $Y_t$ . If there will be no confusion possible, we write simply  $y$  instead of  $y_t$ . The sets  $Y_t$  are supposed to be endowed with the order structure inherited from  $(0,1)$ . Put  $Y = \bigcup_{t \in T} Y_t$ . As to the topology,  $G$  is open in  $Y$  if  $G = \bigcup_{t \in T} G_t$  where  $G_t$  are open in  $Y_t$ .  $R = (-\infty, \infty)$  is considered with the usual topology. We can see that in  $Y$  any point  $y$  possesses a neighbourhood satisfying second countability axiom. For any  $t \in T$  the function

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{(t)}f : X \times Y_t &\rightarrow R \text{ is defined as:} \\ &0, \text{ if } x < t, y (= y_t), \text{ rational} \\ &1, \text{ if } x < t, y \text{ irrational} \\ {}^{(t)}f(x, y) &= 0, \text{ if } x = t, 0 < y \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ &1, \text{ if } x = t, \frac{1}{2} < y < 1 \\ &0, \text{ if } x > t, y \text{ irrational} \\ &1, \text{ if } x > t, y \text{ rational} \end{aligned}$$

On the product  $X \times Y$  define  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow R$  as:

$$f(x, y) = {}^{(t)}f(x, y), \text{ if } y \in Y_t$$

For any  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^y$  is a quasicontinuous function.

For any  $x \in X$  the function  $f_x$  is somewhat continuous.

The function  $f$  is not somewhat continuous as a function of two variables. In fact, if  $G = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$ , then  $f^{-1}(G) \neq \emptyset$ , but  $\text{int } f^{-1}(G) = \emptyset$ .

By means of a similar example it may be shown that the assumption on  $X$  to be a Baire space in Theorem 2 is essential.

In theorems 1 and 2 the quasicontinuity may be substituted by semicontinuity as defined by Levine [6]. It follows from the fact that the last two notions are equivalent as was proved in [10].

As to the almost continuity, there is no good relation between separate almost continuity and almost continuity.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $X, Y$  be separable metric spaces without isolated points. Then there exists a real function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $f$  is almost continuous at each  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , and a dense set  $D \subset X \times Y$  such that for each  $(x_0, y_0) \in D$  the sections  $f_{x_0}$  and  $f^{y_0}$  are not almost continuous.

The fact that almost continuity of sections does not imply the almost continuity of  $f$  as a function of two variables may be also easily **verified**.

**Example 2.** On the interval  $\langle -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1 \rangle$  consider the set  $F = \left\{ (x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1, \frac{1}{2}x \leq y \leq x \right\}$

Define

$$f : \langle -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ as}$$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } (x, y) \in F - (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{if both } x, y \text{ are simultaneously rational or irrational} \\ & \text{and } (x, y) \notin F \\ 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational, } y \text{ irrational or conversely and} \\ & (x, y) \notin F \end{cases}$$

$$f(0, 0) = 1.$$

The function  $f$  is not almost continuous at  $(0, 0)$ . The almost continuity of the sections  $f_{x_0}, f^{y_0}$  may be easily verified for each  $x_0 \in X, y_0 \in Y$  respectively.

Detailed proofs will be given in [9].

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