



GLC AND GLC** CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS: A CONCEPTUAL FLAW

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Abstract : The concept of generalized locally closed sets (glc-sets), GLC**-sets followed by the notion of GLC and GLC**-continuous maps was initiated by Balachandran et al. (Generalized locally closed sets and GLC-continuous functions, Indian J. pure appl. Math 27(3): 235-244, 1996). In the present work, it has been established that the collection of glc-sets and the collection of GLC**-sets, each is exactly equal to the power set $P(X)$ of X . Consequently, any arbitrary function with any choice of domain and range turns out to be GLC and GLC**-continuous function which is not desirable from analytic point of view.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The idea of locally closed set was introduced by Bourbaki [2] in 1966. (see also [3]). This concept of locally closed set had been used by Ganster and Reilly [4] for defining the generalized version of continuity viz. LC-irresolute, LC-continuity and sub-LC-continuity. Balachandran et al. [1] had extended the definition of locally closed sets and initiated the notion of "Generalized locally closed set", in particular, glc-set, GLC*-set and GLC**-set. Since last few decades many topologist (cf. [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11]) are trying to explore the possibility of generalizing the classical phenomenon "continuity" of the function defined in the topological space. Following this trend Balachandran et al. [1] have also defined and explored the idea of GLC-irresolute maps and GLC-continuous maps. Extending the idea of Balachandran et al. [1], Park et al. [8] have defined semi generalized locally closed sets and locally-generalized closed sets along with SGLC-continuous functions and $L\delta$ GLC-continuous functions respectively. (see also [9], [10], [11]). Recently, Patil et al. [10] have further extended the concept of glc-sets and introduced the notion of $g^*w\alpha$ -lc sets and $g^*w\alpha^*$ -lc sets and $g^*w\alpha^{**}$ -lc sets and have applied these concepts to define relevant different types of continuous functions.

In the present paper, authors have established that the respective collection of glc-sets, and the collection of GLC**-sets (cf. [1]) generated by the topology yield precisely the power set $P(X)$ of X . This information leads to the conclusion that the corresponding GLC and GLC**-idea of continuity is not enhancing the class of continuous functions with some relaxed conditions however all functions with arbitrary domain and range turns out to be GLC and GLC**-continuous functions which is inadequate. In view of this observation, all the extensions turned out to be superfluous.

2. PRE-REQUISITES

The following notations have been referred throughout this work:

(X, τ) -	Topological space with topology defined on the set $X (\neq \phi)$.
$cl(A)$ -	Closure of A for the subset A of X with respect to (X, τ) .
$int(A)$ -	Interior of A for the subset A of X with respect to (X, τ) .
$P(X)$ -	Power set of X .

Definition 2.1. A subset B of (X, τ) is called **g-closed** [12] if $cl(B) \subseteq G$ whenever $B \subseteq G$ for an open set G in a topological space (X, τ) . A subset C of (X, τ) is called **g-open** if its complement $X - C$ is **g-closed**.

Example 2.1. Consider a topological space $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the topology $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b, c\}\}$, $F_X = \{X, \phi, \{d\}\}$, where F_X is the collection of closed sets in (X, τ) . Let $A = \{a, d\}$ be a subset of X . There is only one open set say $U = X$ containing A . Then it is easy to check that $cl\{a, d\} = X$ which follows by the definition that $cl\{a, d\} = X = U = X$. Hence $A = \{a, d\}$ is **g-closed**.

Remark 2.1. It is a direct consequence from the definition of g-closed sets that every open set is g-open and every closed set is g-closed but the respective converse is not true in general.

Definition 2.2. Let S be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . S is said to be **generalized locally closed (glc-set)** [1] if there exists g-open set G and g-closed set F such that $S = G \cap F$. The collection of all generalized locally closed set is denoted by **GLC** (cf. [1]).

Example 2.2. Consider a topological space $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with the topology $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{c, d\}\}$, $F_X = \{\tau, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. In view of Definition 2.1, the collection of g-closed sets = $\{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ and the collection of g-open sets = $\{\phi, X, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{d\}, \{c\}\}$. We now show that $A = \{b, c\} \subseteq X$ is a glc-set.

Claim: $A = \{U \cap V : U \text{ is g-open and } V \text{ is g-closed}\}$.

We now consider $U = \{b, c, d\}$ a g-open set and $V = \{a, b, c\}$ a g-closed set. Then,

$U \cap V = \{b, c, d\} \cap \{a, b, c\} = \{b, c\}$ is a glc-set. It may be verified easily that the collection of all glc-sets is exactly equal to $P(X)$.

Remark 2.2. It is clear that every g-closed set is glc-set and every g-open set is glc-set.

Definition 2.3. Consider a subset S of a topological space. Then $S \in \text{GLC}^{**}$ if $S \in G \cap F$ for any open set G and a g-closed set F of (X, τ) respectively (cf.[1]).

Definition 2.4. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be two topological spaces. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be **GLC-continuous** (resp. **GLC**-continuous**) if $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{GLC}$ (resp. $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{GLC}^{**}$) for each $V \in \sigma$ (cf.[1]).

Definition 2.5. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be **GLC-irresolute** (resp. **GLC**-irresolute**) if $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{GLC}$ (resp. $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{GLC}^{**}$) for each $V \in \text{GLC}$ (resp. $V \in \text{GLC}^{**}$) in (Y, σ) (cf.[1]).

Claim:

$$A = G_c \cap G_o \tag{3.1}$$

where G_c and G_o are g-closed and g-open sets in (X, τ) respectively. Since, A is not g-closed, there exists at least one index $\beta \in J$ such that

$$A \subseteq U_\beta \text{ but } cl(A) \not\subseteq U_\beta \text{ (cf. Definition 2.1) Then}$$

Either

$$(a) \quad D(A) \subseteq CU_\beta \tag{3.2}$$

Or

$$(b) \quad S (\neq \phi) \subseteq D(A) \text{ and } S \subseteq CU_\beta \text{ such that } A \cup D(A) \sim_S \subseteq U_\beta \tag{3.3}$$

Consider the set $A \cup CU_\beta$

Claim: $A \cup CU_\beta$ is g-closed.

There exists a family $\{U_\alpha^*\}_{\alpha \in J}$ of open sets such that

$$A \cup CU_\beta \subseteq U_\alpha^* \text{ for } \alpha \in J$$

3. MAIN RESULT

We are now set to state the main result of this paper.

Theorem 3.1. Let (X, τ) be the topological space and GLC and GLC^{**} be the collection of sets described in the Definition 2.2 and 2.3 respectively. Then

$$\text{GLC} \cong \text{GLC}^{**} \cong P(X)$$

where $P(X)$ is the power set of X .

Proof. Let X be any non empty set $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}\}$ be the topology on X . Let A be any non empty proper subset of X . The following cases have been considered:

Case 1. $A \not\subseteq U_\alpha (\neq X)$ for all $\alpha \in J$ and $U_\alpha \in \tau$ implies $A \subseteq X$ only. It is clear that $cl(A) \subseteq X$. Hence, A is g-closed. Referring Remark 2.2, we conclude that A is glc-set.

Case 2. $A \subseteq U_\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in J$ and $CA \subseteq X$ but $CA \not\subseteq U_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in J$ where C stands for the complement of A in X . It is obvious that $cl(CA) \subseteq X$. Hence CA is g-closed which implies that A is g-open. In view of Remark 2.2, the set A is glc again.

Case 3. $A \subseteq U_\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in J$ and $CA \subseteq U_\delta$ for some $\delta \in J$ where $U_\alpha, U_\delta \in \tau$. Let if possible that A is neither g-open nor g-closed.

Since $A \subseteq A \cup CU_\beta$, the collection $\{U_\alpha^*\}_{\alpha \in J}$ is a sub-collection of $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ of open sets containing A.

- i) Consider $\beta \in J$ such that $A \cup CU_\beta \subseteq U_\beta^*$ and $U_\beta \subseteq U_\beta^*$.
- If $U_\beta^* = X$, then $cl(A \cup CU_\beta) \subseteq X$ and $A \cup CU_\beta$ is g-closed.
 - If $U_\beta^* (\neq \phi, X)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 cl(A \cup CU_\beta) &= cl(A) \cup cl(CU_\beta) \\
 &= A \cup D(A)_{\sim s} \cup S \cup CU_\beta \quad (\because CU_\beta \text{ is closed}) \\
 &= A \cup D(A)_{\sim s} \cup CU_\beta \\
 &\subseteq U_\beta^* \quad (\because CU_\beta \subseteq U_\beta^*; U_\beta \subseteq U_\beta^* \text{ and using (3.3)})
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $A \cup CU_\beta$ is g-closed.

- ii) We next consider $\alpha (\neq \beta) \in J$ such that $A \cup CU_\beta \subseteq U_\alpha^*$ for $U_\alpha \subseteq U_\alpha^*$ and $cl(A) \subseteq U_\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}
 cl(A \cup CU_\beta) &= cl(A) \cup cl(CU_\beta) \\
 &= cl(A) \cup CU_\beta \\
 &\subseteq U_\alpha^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $A \cup CU_\beta$ is g-closed.

Claim: $A = (A \cup CU_\beta) \cap U_\beta$ where $G_c = A \cup CU_\beta$ is g-closed and $G_o = U_\beta$ is g-open (cf. Remark 2.1). Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_c \cap G_o &= (A \cup CU_\beta) \cap U_\beta \\
 &= (A \cap U_\beta) \cup (CU_\beta \cap U_\beta) \\
 &= A
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (3.1) holds and finally we conclude that A is glc-set. Since, A was arbitrary subset of X, every subset of X is glc-set. Thus, the collection **GLC is precisely equal to P (X)**.

Since $G_o = U_\beta$ (open), it is direct by the Definition 2.3 that

$$\mathbf{GLC}^{**} \cong \mathbf{P(X)}$$

This completes the proof. □

4. CONCLUSION

- In view of Definitions 2.4 and 2.5, each function f defined from (X, τ) to (Y, σ) turns out to be GLC-continuous (irresolute) and \mathbf{GLC}^{**} -continuous (irresolute) which is not acceptable as a generalization of the classical concept of continuity in Topology.
- All generalizations of GLC-set and \mathbf{GLC}^{**} -set turned out to be stagnant and finally not desirable.

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