

# Operator Decomposition of Continuous Mappings

*Descomposición por Operadores de Funciones Continuas*

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## Abstract

In this paper we introduce the concepts of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous mapping and closed  $(\alpha, \beta)$  continuous mapping. We prove that a map  $f$  is  $(\alpha, id)$  weakly continuous if and only if  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous and  $(\alpha, \beta^*)$  weakly continuous, where  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  are mutually dual operators. The concept of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuity generalizes the concepts of weakly continuity in the sense of N. Levine and expansion continuity in the sense of J. Tong.

**Key words and phrases:** weakly continuity, mutually dual operators, expansion continuity.

## Resumen

En este trabajo se introducen los conceptos de *función  $(\alpha, \beta)$  débilmente continua* y de *función  $(\alpha, \beta)$  cerrada continua* y se prueba que una función  $f$  es  $(\alpha, id)$  débilmente continua si y sólo si  $f$  es  $(\alpha, \beta)$  débilmente continua y  $(\alpha, \beta^*)$  débilmente continua, donde  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  son operadores mutuamente duales. El concepto de  $(\alpha, \beta)$  continuidad débil generaliza el concepto de continuidad débil en el sentido de N. Levine y el de continuidad expansiva en el sentido de J. Tong.

**Palabras y frases clave:** continuidad débil, operadores mutuamente duales, continuidad expansiva.

In [1], Kasahara introduced the concept of operator associated with a topology  $\Gamma$  of a space  $X$  as a map  $\alpha$  from  $\Gamma$  to  $P(X)$  such that  $U \subset \alpha(U)$  for every  $U \in \Gamma$ . In this paper we modify his definition by allowing the operator  $\alpha$  to be defined in  $P(X)$ , as follows:

**Definition 1.** Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  be a topological space and  $\alpha : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  a function. We say that  $\alpha$  is an *operator* on  $\Gamma$  if  $U \subset \alpha(U)$  for every  $U \in \Gamma$ .

Note : In [2], this kind of operator is called an *expansion* of  $X$ , when  $\alpha$  is defined on  $\Gamma$ .

**Definition 2.** (See [1,3]) Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  be a topological space and  $\alpha$  an operator on  $\Gamma$ . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -*open* if for each  $x \in A$  there exists a  $\Gamma$ -open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $\alpha(U) \subset A$ . A subset  $B$  of  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -*closed* if its complement  $X - B$  is  $\alpha$ -open.

Note that  $\alpha$ -open sets are also open sets in  $(X, \Gamma)$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  and  $(Y, \Psi)$  be topological spaces and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  operators on  $\Gamma$  and  $\Psi$  respectively. We say that a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  *weakly continuous* if and only if  $\alpha(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Int } f^{-1}(\beta(V))$  for every  $\Psi$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

Note: the above definition should not be confused with the definition of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  continuous map in the sense of H. Ogata [5].

*Remarks 1.*

1. Observe that when  $\alpha = id$  and  $\beta = id$  then  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous if and only if  $f$  is continuous in the usual sense.
2. If  $\alpha = id$ ,  $\beta = \text{closure operator}$  and  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous, then  $f$  is weakly continuous in the sense of N. Levine [2].
3. If  $\alpha = id$  and  $\beta$  is any operator, then  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous if and only if  $f$  is expansion continuous in the sense of J. Tong [4].
4. There are operators  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  which are too restrictive to allow the existence of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous maps, for example, if we choose  $\alpha(V) = (Fr(V))^c$  and  $\beta = id$ , then no map  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous. In order to prove this affirmation, let's suppose that there is an  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then we would obtain that  $X - Fr(f^{-1}(V)) \subset \text{Int}(f^{-1}(V))$ , which in general is false.

5. If we ask the operator  $\alpha$  to satisfy the additional condition:  $\alpha(\phi) = \phi$  then the constant maps are always  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous, for any operator  $\beta$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  and  $(Y, \Psi)$  be topological spaces and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  operators on  $\Gamma$  and  $\Psi$  respectively. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *closed*  $(\alpha, \beta)$  *continuous* if  $f^{-1}((\beta(V))^c)$  is an  $\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \Gamma)$  for each  $V \in \Psi$ .

**Definition 5.** Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  be a topological space. A pair of operators  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on  $\Gamma$  are *mutually dual* if  $\alpha(V) \cap \beta(V) = V$  for every  $V \in \Gamma$ .

We observe that the above definition generalizes Definition 6 of [4].

*Example 1.* The identity operator and the closure operator are mutually dual operators.

**Definition 6.** Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  be a topological space. An operator  $\alpha$  on  $\Gamma$  is said to be *subadditive* if for every collection of open sets  $\{U_\beta : \beta \in B\}$ ,  $\alpha(\cup_{\beta \in B} U_\beta) \subseteq \cup_{\beta \in B} (\alpha(U_\beta))$ .

As an example of a subadditive operator we can take the closure operator.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  be a topological space and  $\alpha$  a subadditive operator on  $\Gamma$ . Then for every  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  we have that  $\alpha(U) = U$ .

*Proof.* Let  $W$  be an open set. Then for every  $x \in W$  there exists an open set  $U_x$  such that  $U_x \subseteq \alpha(U_x) \subset W$ . Therefore  $\cup U_x \subseteq \cup \alpha(U_x) \subset W$ , so  $\cup U_x \subseteq \alpha(\cup U_x) \subset W$ . Therefore,  $W \subseteq \alpha(W) \subset W$  and so  $\alpha(W) = W$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  and  $(Y, \Psi)$  be two topological spaces and  $\alpha$  an operator on  $\Gamma$ . If  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  are mutually dual operators on  $\Psi$  then a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $(\alpha, id)$  weakly continuous if and only if  $f$  is both  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\alpha, \beta^*)$  weakly continuous.

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is  $(\alpha, id)$  weakly continuous. Then for every  $V \in \Psi$  we have  $\alpha(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V))) \cap \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta^*(V)))$ . This implies that  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\alpha, \beta^*)$  weakly continuous.

Conversely, suppose  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\alpha, \beta^*)$  weakly continuous. Then for every  $V \in \Psi$  we have  $\alpha(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V)))$  and  $\alpha(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta^*(V)))$ . Thus  $\alpha(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V))) \cap \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta^*(V))) = \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V) \cap \beta^*(V)))$ .

Since  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  are mutually dual, we get that  $\alpha(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(V))$ , which implies that  $f$  is  $(\alpha, id)$  weakly continuous.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** ([2]) *Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  and  $(Y, \Psi)$  be two topological spaces. Then a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is weakly continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(V)))$  for each open set  $V$  in  $\Psi$ .*

*Proof.* According to Remark 1.2,  $f$  is weakly continuous if and only if  $f$  is  $(\text{id}, \text{cl})$  weakly continuous. Now since the identity operator and the closure operator are mutually dual, the conclusion follows from Theorem 8.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** ([4]) *Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  and  $(Y, \Psi)$  be two topological spaces and let  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  be mutually dual operators on  $\Psi$ . Then a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if  $f$  is  $\beta$  expansion continuous and  $\beta^*$  expansion continuous.*

*Proof.* According to Remark 1.1,  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f$  is  $(\text{id}, \text{id})$  weakly continuous. Also, Remark 1.3 assures that  $f$  is  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  expansion continuous if and only if  $f$  is  $(\text{id}, \beta)$  weakly continuous and  $(\text{id}, \beta^*)$  weakly continuous, then the conclusion follows from theorem 8.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $(X, \Gamma)$  and  $(Y, \Psi)$  be topological spaces and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be operators on  $\Gamma$  and  $\Psi$  respectively. If  $\alpha$  is subadditive and monotone then every closed  $(\alpha, \beta)$  continuous map is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  weakly continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed map and let  $V \in \Psi$ . We know that  $f^{-1}((\beta(V)^c)^c)$  is an  $\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \Gamma)$ , then  $(f^{-1}((\beta(V)^c)^c))^c$  is an  $\alpha$ -open subset of  $(X, \Gamma)$ . Now since  $f^{-1}(\beta(V))$  is open in  $(X, \Gamma)$ , then  $f^{-1}(\beta(V)) = \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V)))$ , then  $(f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V))))$ . Since  $\alpha(\text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V)))) = \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V)))$  and  $\alpha$  is monotone, then  $\alpha(f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\beta(V))))$ .  $\square$

Finally we would like to point out that Corollary 1 in [4] is not true, for if  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{\phi, \{b\}, X\}$ ,  $\alpha : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  defined as follows:  $\alpha(\phi) = \phi$ ,  $\alpha(X) = X$ ,  $\alpha(\{b\}) = \{b, c\}$ ,  $\alpha(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\alpha(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ ,  $\alpha(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$  and  $\alpha(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ ,  $\beta : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  defined as follows:  $\beta(\phi) = \phi$ ,  $\beta(X) = X$ ,  $\beta(\{b\}) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\beta(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\beta(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ ,  $\beta(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$  and  $\beta(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ , then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are mutually dual and  $\text{id} : (X, \Gamma) \rightarrow (X, \Gamma)$  is continuous but it is not closed  $(\alpha, \beta)$  continuous.

In fact,  $(\text{id})^{-1}(\alpha(\{b\})^c) = (\text{id})^{-1}((\{b, c\})^c) = (\text{id})^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$  which is not  $\Gamma$ -closed in  $X$ .

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