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# Some Generalizations of Continuity Functions

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الخلاصة

في هذا البحث عرفنا ودرسنا تعميمات جديدة من الدوال المستمرة سسميناها السدوال المستمرة الضعيفة (المغلقة، القوية) من النمط $-\omega$ . واهم الخواص التي درست هي: (أ) أذا كان  $X \rightarrow Y$  :  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  الدوال مستمرة ضعيفة (مغلقة، قوية) من السنمط $-\omega$  . فيان Y مجموعيه  $X \rightarrow X$  و آي  $Y \rightarrow Y$  الدوال المقبصورة  $Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$  و  $Y \rightarrow X$  و آي  $Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$  الدوال المقبصورة  $Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$  الدوال مستمرة ضعيفة (مغلقة، قوية) من النمط $-\omega$ . (ب) المقارنة بين مختلف أشكال تعميمات الدوال المستمرة. اضافة لناك المستمرة. (ج) العلاقة بين تركيب مختلف أشكال تعميمات الدوال المستمرة الضعيفة (المغلقة، القوية) من السنمط $-\omega$  على الاغلب. كذلك اعطينا وبرهنا العديد من النتائج المتعلقة بها.

#### Abstract

In this paper we define and study new generalizations of continuous functions namely,  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous and the main properties are studies: (a) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous, then for any  $A \subset X$  and any  $B \subset Y$  the restrictions  $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  and  $f_B: f^{-1}(B) \rightarrow B$  are  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous. (b) Comparison between different forms of generalizations of continuous functions. (c) Relationship between compositions of deferent forms of generalizations of continuous functions. Moreover, we expanded the above generalizations and namely almost  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous functions and we state and prove several results concerning it.

## 1. Introduction and Notations.

Continuity functions are a fairly old concept studied by many mathematicians and first considered by M. Frechet (1) in 1910. In this

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paper we introduce some new generalizations of continuous functions and expanded these generalizations.

 $\omega$ , denotes the cardinal number of integers. For a subset A of a spaces X, the closure of A denoted by cl(A). For other notions or notations not defined here we follow closely N. Bourbaki (2).

## 2. Basic Definitions.

## Definition 2.1 (3, 4, and 5)

A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called weakly (resp., closure, strongly) continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if given any open set V containing f(x) in Y, there exists an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(U) \subseteq cl(V)$  (resp.,  $f(cl(U)) \subseteq cl(V)$ ,  $f(cl(U)) \subseteq V$ ).

If this condition is satisfied at each point  $x \in X$ , then f is said to be weakly (resp., closure, strongly) continuous.

## Definition 2.2 (2)

A point x of a space X is called a condensation point of the set  $A \subseteq X$  if every nbd of the point x contains an uncountable subset of this set.

## Definition 2.3 (6)

A subset of a space X is called  $\omega$ -closed if it contains all its condensation points. The complement of a  $\omega$ -closed set is called  $\omega$ -open set. Also the  $\omega$ -closed of a set A is the intersection of all  $\omega$ -closed sets which contains A, and denoted by  $cl^{\omega}A$ . i.e.,  $cl^{\omega}A=\cap\{F\colon F \text{ is } \omega\text{-closed and } A\subseteq F\}$ , then A is  $\omega$ -closed iff  $A=cl^{\omega}A$ .

Observe that A is  $\omega$ -open iff for every  $x \in A$  there is an open nbd U of x such that U-A is countable.

#### 3. Basic Results.

The first new concepts in this paper are given now.

#### Definition 3.1

A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous, if for each point  $x \in X$  and every open set V of f(x) in Y, there exists an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(U) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$  (resp.,  $f(cl^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ ,  $f(cl^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq V$ ).

## Definition 3.2

A space X is called  $\omega$ -Urysohn if for every  $x\neq y\in X$ , there exists an open set U containing x and an open set V containing y such that  $cl^{\omega}(U)\cap cl^{\omega}(V)=\phi$ .

Clearly cl(A)⊆cl<sup>®</sup>A, but not equal as it is shown in the next example.

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Example 3.3

Let (IR,  $\tau_{cof}$ ) be the cofinite topology on IR, then every finite subset of IR is closed, but the  $\omega$ -closure of every non empty set is IR.

It is well-known that if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then for any  $A \subset X$  and any  $B \subset Y$  the restrictions  $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  and  $f_B: f^{-1}(B) \rightarrow B$  are continuous, this is still the case in  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous, as it is shown in the next theorem.

#### Theorem 3.4

If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous, then for any  $A \subset X$  and any  $B \subset Y$  the restrictions  $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  and  $f_B: f^{-1}(B) \rightarrow B$  are  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and let V be any open set containing f(x) in Y. Since  $A \subset X$ , then  $x \in X$ , since f is  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous, there is an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(U) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$  (resp.,  $f(cl^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ ,  $f(cl^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq V)$ . Also  $A \cap U$  is an open set containing x in A such that  $A \cap U \subseteq U$  and  $cl^{\omega}(A \cap U) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(U)$ , so that  $f(A \cap U) \subseteq f(U)$  and  $f(cl^{\omega}(A \cap U)) \subseteq f(cl^{\omega}(U))$ . Therefore, there is an open set  $A \cap U$  containing x in A such hat  $f(A \cap U) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$  (resp.,  $f(cl^{\omega}(A \cap U)) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ ,  $f(cl^{\omega}(A \cap U)) \subseteq V$ ). Thus  $f|_A$  is  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous.

The proof of  $f_B: f^{-1}(B) \rightarrow B$  is  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous similar to the proof  $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$ , so it is omitted.

Also it is will-known that if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then  $f_{f(X)}: X \rightarrow f(X)$  is continuous. This is not the case in  $\omega$ -weakly ( $\omega$ -closure) continuous even over a  $\omega$ -Urysohn space as it is shown in the next example, but it is true for  $\omega$ -strongly continuous as it is shown in theorem (3.6).

## Example 3.5

Let P be the upper half of plane and L be the x-axis. Let  $X=P \cup L$ . If  $\tau_{hdis}$  is the half disc topology on X and  $\tau_r$  be the relative topology that X inherits by virtue of being a subspace of  $IR^2$ . The identity function  $f:(X, \tau_r) \rightarrow (Y, \tau_{hdis})$  is  $\omega$ -weakly ( $\omega$ -closure) continuous but not continuous. And  $f:(L,\tau_r) \rightarrow (X, \tau_{hdis})$  is  $\omega$ -weakly ( $\omega$ -closure) continuous, but  $f:(L,\tau_r) \rightarrow (L, \tau_{hdis})$  is not  $\omega$ -weakly ( $\omega$ -closure) continuous.

#### Theorem 3.6

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Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -strongly continuous, then  $f_{f(X)}: X \rightarrow f(X)$  is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and let V be any open set containing f(x) in f(X), also in Y because  $f(X)\subseteq Y$ . Since f is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous, there is an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(cl^{\omega}(U))\subseteq V$ , hence  $f_{f(X)}$  is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous.

Now we will compare between diferent forms of generalizations continuity.

## Theorem 3.7

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\omega$ -strongly continuous. Then f is continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and let V be any open set containing f(x) in Y. Since f is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous, there is an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(cl^{\omega}(U))\subseteq V$ . Since  $U\subseteq cl^{\omega}(U)$ . Then  $f(U)\subseteq f(cl^{\omega}(U))$ , therefore  $f(U)\subseteq V$ . Hence f is continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true, as it is shown in the next example.

Example 3.8

Let (IR,  $\tau$ ) where  $\tau$  is the topology with basis whose members are of the form (a, b) and (a, b)-N, N={1/n;  $n \in Z^+$ }. Let  $f: (IR, \tau) \to (IR, \tau)$ , f(x)=x, then f is continuous but not  $\omega$ -strongly continuous.

#### Theorem 3.9

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous, then f is  $\omega$ -closure continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and let V be any open set containing f(x) in Y. Since f is continuous, there is an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Hence  $cl^{\omega}f(U) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ . To show,  $f(cl^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(f(U))$ , if  $y \notin cl^{\omega}(f(U))$  there is nbd  $V_1$  of y such that  $V_1 \cap f(U)$  countable, also  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  is a nbd for some  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  such that  $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap U$  countable, then  $x \notin cl^{\omega}(U)$  and  $f(x) = y \notin f(cl^{\omega}(U))$ . Therefore  $f(cl^{\omega}U) \subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ . Hence f is  $\omega$ -closure continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true, as it is shown in the next example.

Example 3.10

Let X=[0, 1] with topology  $\tau_{cof}$  consisting of the empty set together with all sets whose complements are finite, let Y=[0, 1] with topology  $\tau_{coco}$  consisting of the empty set together with all sets whose complements are countable. Let  $f: (X,\tau_{cof}) \rightarrow (Y,\tau_{coco})$  be the identity function, then f is  $\omega$ -closure continuous since for every nonemty open set U in Y,  $cl^{\omega}U=Y$ . It is clear that for every  $x \in X$ , f is not continuous at x. Hence f is not continuous.

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#### Theorem 3.11

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -closure continuous, then f is  $\omega$ -weakly continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and let V be an open set containing f(x) in Y. Since f is  $\omega$ -closure continuous, there is an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(cl^{\omega}(U))\subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ , since  $U\subseteq cl^{\omega}(U)$ , then  $f(U)\subseteq f(cl^{\omega}(U))$ , therefore  $f(U)\subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ . Hence f is  $\omega$ -weakly continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true, as it is shown in the next example.

## Example 3.12

Let X=(1, 5) with topology  $\tau_X=\{\phi, (3, 4), (3, 5), (1, 4), X\}$  and let Y=(-5, -1) with topology  $\tau_Y=\{\phi, (-4, -3), (-2, -1), (-5, -3), (-4, -3)\cup (-2, -1), (-5, -3)\cup (-2, -1), (-4, -1), Y\}$ . Define  $g:(X, \tau_X)\rightarrow (Y, \tau_Y)$ , by g(x)=-x. Then g is  $\omega$ -weakly continuous but not  $\omega$ -closure continuous.

Therefore,  $\omega$ -strongly continuous  $\Rightarrow$  continuous  $\Rightarrow$   $\omega$ -closure continuous  $\Rightarrow$   $\omega$ -weakly continuous, but not conversely.

It is well-known that the composition of continuous function is continuous. Similar results hold for  $\omega$ -closure and  $\omega$ -strongly continuous but it is not true for  $\omega$ -weakly continuous.

#### Theorem 3.13

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -strongly continuous and let  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\omega$ -strongly continuous. Then gof:  $X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and let W open set containing (gof)(x) in Z, since g is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous, there is an open set V containing f(x) in Y such that  $g(cl^{\omega}(V))\subseteq W$ . Since f is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous, there exists an open set U of x in X such that  $f(cl^{\omega}(U))\subseteq V$ , since  $V\subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ , then  $f(cl^{\omega}(U))\subseteq cl^{\omega}(V)$ , so  $g(f(cl^{\omega}(U)))\subseteq g(cl^{\omega}(V))$  and  $(gof)(cl^{\omega}(U))\subseteq g(cl^{\omega}(V))$ . Therefore, there is an open set U containing x in X such that  $(gof)(cl^{\omega}(U))\subseteq W$  and gof is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous.

The proofs of next theorems are similar to that proof of theorem (3.13) and thus will be omitted.

## Theorem 3.14

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -closure continuous and let  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\omega$ -closure continuous. Then  $gof: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\omega$ -closure continuous.

## Theorem 3.15

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -closure continuous and let  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\omega$ -strongly continuous. Then gof:  $X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\omega$ -strongly continuous.

## Theorem 3.16

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -weakly continuous and let  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\omega$ -strongly continuous. Then gof:  $X \rightarrow Z$  is continuous.

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#### Theorem 3.17

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -weakly continuous and let  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\omega$ -closure continuous. Then  $gof: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\omega$ -weakly continuous.

#### Theorem 3.18

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous and let  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\omega$ -weakly continuous. Then  $gof: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\omega$ -weakly continuous.

The next example shows that the continuity of f in last theorem can not be weakened into  $\omega$ -closure continuous, and it also shows that the composition of  $\omega$ -weakly continuous is not to be  $\omega$ -weakly continuous.

## Example 3.19

In example (3.12) it is show that g is  $\omega$ -weakly continuous but not  $\omega$ -closure continuous. Define  $f:(IR,\,\tau_u)\to (X,\tau_X)$ , where  $\tau_u$  is the usual topology on IR by  $f(x=rational)=\frac{5}{2}+\frac{1}{\pi}tan^{-1}x$ ,

 $f(x=irrational) = \frac{9}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} tan^{-1} x$ . Then f is ω-closure continuous but not continuous, and gof is not ω-weakly continuous.

#### Main Results.

The second new concepts in this paper are given now.

#### Definition 4.1

A point x of a space X is called almost condensation point of the set  $A \subseteq X$  iff  $cl^{\omega}(U) \cap A \neq \phi$  for every open set U containing x. The set of all almost condensation points of A is called almost  $\omega$ -closure of A and denoted by  $al^{\omega}(A)$ . A subset A of a space X is called almost  $\omega$ -closed iff  $A=al^{\omega}(A)$ . The complement of almost  $\omega$ -closed set is called almost  $\omega$ -open. Similarly, the almost  $\omega$ -interior of a set A in X and denoted by  $int^{\omega}(A)$  is  $\{x \in X : cl^{\omega}(U) \subseteq A \text{ for some open set U containing } x \}$  i.e.,  $al^{\omega}(U) \subseteq A \text{ for some open set U containing } x .$  A subset A of a space X is called almost  $\omega$ -open iff  $A=int^{\omega}(A)$ . Clearly every almost  $\omega$ -closed (almost  $\omega$ -open) is closed (open).

#### Definition 4.2

A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called almost  $\omega$ -weakly (resp.,  $\omega$ -closure,  $\omega$ -strongly) continuous, if for each point  $x \in X$  and every open set V of f(x) in Y, there exists an open set U containing x in X such that  $f(U) \subseteq al^{\omega}(V)$  (resp.,  $f(al^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq al^{\omega}(V)$ ).

Clearly  $cl(A) \subseteq al^{\omega}(A)$ 

By analogue of definition closure compact in (7) we will generalization this definition as follows.

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## Definition 4.3

A space X is called  $\omega$ -closure compact if for every open cover of X, there exists a finite subcollection whose  $\omega$ -closures cover X.

## Theorem 4.4

An almost  $\omega$ -closed subset of  $\omega$ -closure compact space is  $\omega$ -closure compact.

**Proof:** Let A be almost  $\omega$ -closed subset of  $\omega$ -closure compact space X and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an open cover of A. Since X\A is almost  $\omega$ -open, then for each  $x \in X \setminus A$  there exists an open set  $U_x$  such that  $cl^{\omega}(U_x) \subseteq X \setminus A$ . Thus  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \cup \{U_x : x \in X \setminus A\}$  is an open cover of X. Since X is  $\omega$ -closure compact, there exists a finite subcollection  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  whose  $\omega$ -closures cover X. Hence  $\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{A}$  is a finite subcollection of  $\mathcal{A}$  whose  $\omega$ -closures cover A, proving that A is  $\omega$ -closure compact.

## Corollary 4.5

Every clopen subset of a  $\omega$ -closure compact space is  $\omega$ -closure compact.

## Theorem 4.6

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) f(al<sup>∞</sup>(A))⊆cl(f(A)), for every A⊂X.
- (b) The inverse image of every closed set is almost ω-closed.
- (c) The inverse image of every open set is almost ω-open.
- (d) f if almost ω-strongly continuous.

**Proof:** (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) Let B be a closed subset of Y and let A=f<sup>-1</sup>(B). Let  $x \in al^{\omega}(A)$ , then  $f(x) \in f(al^{\omega}(A)) \subseteq cl(f(A)) \subseteq cl(B) = B$ , therefore  $x \in f^{-1}(B) = A$ . Thus  $al^{\omega}(A) = A$ .

- (b)⇒(c) Let O be an open subset of Y and thus Y\O is closed, then f<sup>-1</sup>(Y\O)=X\f<sup>-1</sup>(O) is almost ω-closed and thus f<sup>-1</sup>(O) is almost ω-open.
- (c) $\Rightarrow$ (d) Let  $x \in X$  and let V be an open set of f(x) in Y. By hypothesis, it follows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is almost  $\omega$ -open and thus there exists an open set U of x such that  $al^{\omega}(U) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Thus  $f(al^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq V$ , proving that f is almost  $\omega$ -strongly continuous.
- (d) $\Rightarrow$ (a) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ -strongly continuous and let  $x \in al^{\omega}(A)$ . Let V be an open set containing f(x). By almost  $\omega$ -strongly continuous of f there exists an open set U containing x such that  $f(al^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq V$ . Therefore  $al^{\omega}(U)$  meets A and thus V meets f(A). Hence  $f(x) \in cl(A)$ .

#### Corollary 4.7

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ -strongly continuous where Y is  $T_1$ -space. Then f has almost  $\omega$ -closure point inverses.

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The hypothesis in the above corollary that Y is a T<sub>1</sub>-space can't be weakened into T<sub>0</sub>-space as shown in the next example.

## Example 4.8

Let (IR,  $\tau$ ) where  $\tau$  is the lower limit topology and (IR,  $\tau_r$ ) where  $\tau_r$  is the right ray topology. Define  $f: (IR, \tau) \rightarrow (IR, \tau_r)$  as follows f(x)=0, for all x<0, f(x)=1, for all  $x\geq 0$ . Then f is almost  $\omega$ -strongly continuous, and  $\{0\}$  is compact but  $f^{-1}(0)=(-\infty, 0)$  is not even closed.

#### Theorem 4.9

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ -closure continuous. Then the following holds:

- (a) f(al<sup>∞</sup>(A))⊆al<sup>∞</sup>(f(A)), for every A⊂X.
- (b) The inverse image of every almost ω-closed set is almost ω-closed.
- (c) The inverse image of every almost ω-open set is almost ω-open.

**Proof:** (a) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ -closure continuous and let  $x \in al^{\omega}(A)$ . Let V be an open set containing f(x) in Y. By almost  $\omega$ -closure continuous of f there exists an open set U containing x such that  $f(al^{\omega}(U)) \subseteq al^{\omega}(V)$ . Therefore,  $al^{\omega}(U)$  meets A and thus  $al^{\omega}(V)$  meets f(A). Hence  $f(x) \in al^{\omega}(f(A))$ .

- (b) Let B be almost  $\omega$ -closed set of Y and let  $A=f^{-1}(B)$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(B)$ , by part (a),  $f(x) \in f(al^{\omega}(A)) \subseteq al^{\omega}(f(A)) \subseteq al^{\omega}(B) = B$ . Therefore  $x \in f^{-1}(B) = A$ . Thus  $al^{\omega}(A) = A$ .
- (c) Let O be almost  $\omega$ -open subset of Y and thus Y\O is almost  $\omega$ -closed. Then  $f^{-1}(Y\setminus O)=X\setminus f^{-1}(O)$  is almost  $\omega$ -closed and thus  $f^{-1}(O)$  is almost  $\omega$ -open.

#### Corollary 4.10

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ -closure continuous where Y is a Urysohn space. Then f has almost  $\omega$ -closure point inverses.

The hypothesis in the above corollary that Y is a Urysohn space can't be weakened into T<sub>1</sub>-space as shown in the next example.

## Example 4.11

Let (IR,  $\tau_{cof}$ ) where  $\tau_{cof}$  is the cofinite topology. Let  $f: (IR, \tau_{cof}) \rightarrow (IR, \tau_{cof})$  be the identity function. Then f is almost  $\omega$ -closure continuous, but  $f^{-1}(\{0\})$  is not almost  $\omega$ -closed.

#### Theorem 4.12

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ -weakly continuous. Then the following holds:

- (a) f(cl(A))⊆al<sup>∞</sup>(f(A)), for every A⊂X.
- (b) The inverse image of every almost ω-closed set is closed.
- (c) The inverse image of every almost ω-open set is open.

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**Proof:** (a) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ -weakly continuous and let  $x \in cl(A)$ . Let V be an open set containing f(x) in Y. By almost  $\omega$ -weakly continuous of f there exists an open set U containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq al^{\omega}(V)$ . Therefore, U meets A and thus  $al^{\omega}(V)$  meets f(A). Hence  $f(x) \in al^{\omega}(f(A))$ .

(b) Let B be almost  $\omega$ -closed set of Y and let  $A=f^{-1}(B)$ . Let  $x \in cl(A)$ , by part (a),  $f(x) \in f(cl(A)) \subseteq al^{\omega}(f(A)) \subseteq al^{\omega}(B) = B$ . Therefore  $x \in f^{-1}(B) = A$ . Thus cl(A) = A.

(c) Let O be almost  $\omega$ -open subset of Y and thus Y\O is almost  $\omega$ -closed. Then  $f^{-1}(Y\setminus O)=X\setminus f^{-1}(O)$  is closed and thus  $f^{-1}(O)$  is open.

## Corollary 4.13

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\omega$ - weakly continuous where Y is a Urysohn space. Then f has closed point inverses.

The hypothesis in the above corollary that Y is a Urysohn space can't be weakened into T<sub>1</sub>-space as shown in the next example.

## Example 4.14

Let (IR,  $\tau_u$ ) where  $\tau_u$  is the usual topology and (IR,  $\tau_{coco}$ ) where  $\tau_{coco}$  is the cocountable topology. Define  $f:(IR, \tau_u) \rightarrow (IR, \tau_{coco})$  as follows f(x=rational)=0, f(x=irrational)=1. Then f is almost  $\omega$ -weakly continuous, and  $\{0\}$  is compact but  $f^{-1}(\{0\})$  is neither closed nor  $\omega$ -closure compact.

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