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Abstract. Our main purpose is to introduce the concepts of weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open functions and weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed functions. Moreover, several characterizations of weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open functions and weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed functions are investigated.

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1984, Rose [10] introduced and studied the notions of weakly open functions and almost open functions. Rose and Janković [9] investigated some of the fundamental properties of weakly closed functions. In 2004, Caldas and Navalagi [5] introduced two new classes of functions called weakly preopen functions and weakly preclosed functions as generalization of weak openness and weak closedness due to [10] and [9], respectively. Moreover, Caldas and Navalagi [3] introduced and investigated the concepts of weakly semi-open functions and weakly semi-closed functions as a new generalization of weakly open functions and weakly closed functions, respectively. In 2006, Caldas et al. [4] presented the class of weakly semi- θ -openness (resp. weakly semi- θ -closedness) as a new generalization of semi- θ -openness (resp. semi- θ -closedness). In 2009, Noiri et al. [8] introduced and studied two new classes of functions called weakly b - θ -open functions and weakly b - θ -closed functions by utilizing the notions of b - θ -open sets and the b - θ -closure operator. Weak b - θ -openness (resp. b - θ -closedness) is a generalization of both θ -preopenness and weak semi- θ -openness (resp. θ -preclosedness and weak semi- θ -closedness). In [2], the present authors studied some properties of (Λ, sp) -open sets, $p(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets, $\alpha(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets, $\beta(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and $b(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets. Srisarakham and Boonpok [11] investigated several properties of $\delta p(\Lambda, s)$ -closed sets and the $\delta p(\Lambda, s)$ -closure operator. The concepts of (Λ, p) -closed sets and (Λ, p) -open

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sets were studied by Boonpok and Viriyapong [1]. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open functions and weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed functions. Furthermore, some properties of weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open functions and weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed functions are discussed.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the present paper, spaces (X, τ) and (Y, σ) (or simply X and Y) always mean topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , $\text{Cl}(A)$ and $\text{Int}(A)$, represent the closure and the interior of A , respectively. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be *preopen* [7] if $A \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$. The complement of a preopen set is called *preclosed*. The family of all preopen sets of a topological space (X, τ) is denoted by $PO(X, \tau)$. A subset $\Lambda_p(A)$ [6] is defined as follows: $\Lambda_p(A) = \cap\{U \mid A \subseteq U, U \in PO(X, \tau)\}$. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called a Λ_p -set [1] (*pre- Λ -set* [6]) if $A = \Lambda_p(A)$. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called (Λ, p) -closed [1] if $A = T \cap C$, where T is a Λ_p -set and C is a preclosed set. The complement of a (Λ, p) -closed set is called (Λ, p) -open. The family of all (Λ, p) -open (resp. (Λ, p) -closed) sets in a topological space (X, τ) is denoted by $\Lambda_p O(X, \tau)$ (resp. $\Lambda_p C(X, \tau)$). Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . A point $x \in X$ is called a (Λ, p) -cluster point [1] of A if $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ for every (Λ, p) -open set U of X containing x . The set of all (Λ, p) -cluster points of A is called the (Λ, p) -closure [1] of A and is denoted by $A^{(\Lambda, p)}$. The union of all (Λ, p) -open sets of X contained in A is called the (Λ, p) -interior [1] of A and is denoted by $A_{(\Lambda, p)}$. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open [1] (resp. $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -open [13], $r(\Lambda, p)$ -open [1]) if $A \subseteq [A^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)}$ (resp. $A \subseteq [[A_{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)}$, $A = [A^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)}$). The union of all $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open sets of X contained in A is called the $p(\Lambda, p)$ -interior of A and is denoted by $A_{p(\Lambda, p)}$. The complement of a $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open (resp. $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -open, $r(\Lambda, p)$ -open) set is called $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed (resp. $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -closed, $r(\Lambda, p)$ -closed). The intersection of all $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed sets of X containing A is called the $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closure of A and is denoted by $A^{p(\Lambda, p)}$. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . The $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -closure [1] of A , $A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$, is defined as follows:

$$A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)} = \{x \in X \mid A \cap U^{(\Lambda, p)} \neq \emptyset \text{ for each } (\Lambda, p)\text{-open set } U \text{ containing } x\}.$$

A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -closed [1] if $A = A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$. The complement of a $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -closed set is said to be $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -open. A point $x \in X$ is called a $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -interior point [12] of A if $x \in U \subseteq U^{(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq A$ for some $U \in \Lambda_p O(X, \tau)$. The set of all $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -interior points of A is called the $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -interior [12] of A and is denoted by $A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$.

Lemma 2.1. [12] *For subsets A and B of a topological space (X, τ) , the following properties hold:*

- (1) $X - A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)} = [X - A]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ and $X - A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} = [X - A]^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$.
- (2) A is $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -open if and only if $A = A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$.
- (3) $A \subseteq A^{(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ and $A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq A_{(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq A$.
- (4) If $A \subseteq B$, then $A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq B^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ and $A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq B_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$.
- (5) If A is (Λ, p) -open, then $A^{(\Lambda, p)} = A^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$.

3. ON WEAKLY $p(\Lambda, p)$ -OPEN FUNCTIONS

In this section, we introduce the concept of weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open functions. Moreover, some characterizations of weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open functions are discussed.

Definition 3.1. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open if $f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$ for each (Λ, p) -open set U of X .

Theorem 3.1. For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open;
- (2) $f(A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq [f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$ for every subset A of X ;
- (3) $[f^{-1}(B)]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{p(\Lambda, p)})$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (4) $f^{-1}(B^{p(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq [f^{-1}(B)]^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (5) for each $x \in X$ and each (Λ, p) -open set U of X containing x , there exists a $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing $f(x)$ such that $V \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})$;
- (6) $f(K_{(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq [f(K)]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$ for each (Λ, p) -closed set K of X ;
- (7) $f([U^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$ for each (Λ, p) -open set U of X ;
- (8) $f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$ for each $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X ;
- (9) $f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$ for each $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let A be any subset of X and $x \in A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$. Then, there exists a (Λ, p) -open set U of X such that $x \in U \subseteq U^{(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq A$. Then, $f(x) \in f(U) \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq f(A)$. Since f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open, $f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq [f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$. It implies that $f(x) \in [f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$. This shows that $x \in f^{-1}([f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)})$. Thus, $A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f^{-1}([f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)})$ and hence $f(A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq [f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X . As $U \subseteq [U^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} f(U) &\subseteq f([U^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &\subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let B be any subset of Y . Then by (2), $f([f^{-1}(B)]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq B_{p(\Lambda, p)}$. Thus,

$$[f^{-1}(B)]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{p(\Lambda, p)}).$$

(3) \Rightarrow (2): Let A be any subset of X . By (3), we have $A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq [f^{-1}(f(A))]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f^{-1}([f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)})$ and hence $f(A_{\theta(\Lambda, p)}) \subseteq [f(A)]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Let B be any subset of Y . Using (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X - [f^{-1}(B)]^{\theta(\Lambda, p)} &= [X - f^{-1}(B)]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \\ &= [f^{-1}(Y - B)]_{\theta(\Lambda, p)} \\ &\subseteq f^{-1}([Y - B]_{p(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &= f^{-1}(Y - B^{p(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &= X - f^{-1}(B^{p(\Lambda, p)}) \end{aligned}$$

and hence $f^{-1}(B^{p(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq [f^{-1}(B)]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$.

(4) \Rightarrow (3): Let B be any subset of Y . Using (4), we have

$$X - f^{-1}(B_{p(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq X - [f^{-1}(B)]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)}$$

and hence $[f^{-1}(B)]_{\theta(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{p(\Lambda,p)})$.

(1) \Rightarrow (5): Let $x \in X$ and U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X containing x . Since f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open, $f(x) \in f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)}$. Put $V = [f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)}$. Then, V is $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open in Y containing $f(x)$ such that $V \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X and $y \in f(U)$. It follows from (5) that $V \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})$ for some $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing y . Thus, $y \in V \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)}$ and hence $f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)}$. This shows that f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open.

(1) \Rightarrow (6): Let K be any (Λ, p) -closed set of X . Then, $K_{(\Lambda,p)}$ is (Λ, p) -open in X . Thus by (1), $f(K_{(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq [f([K_{(\Lambda,p)}]^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq [f(K^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)} = [f(K)]_{p(\Lambda,p)}$.

(6) \Rightarrow (7): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X . Then, we have $U^{(\Lambda,p)}$ is (Λ, p) -closed in X and by (6), $f([U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)}$.

(7) \Rightarrow (8): Let U be any $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set of X . Then, we have $U \subseteq [U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}$. By (7),

$$\begin{aligned} f(U) &\subseteq f([U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}) \\ &= f([[[U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}]^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}) \\ &\subseteq [f([[[U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}]^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)} \\ &\subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)}. \end{aligned}$$

(8) \Rightarrow (9): This is obvious since every $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -open set is $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open.

(9) \Rightarrow (1): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X . Then, U is $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -open in X . By (9), we have

$$f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)}$$

and hence f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open. □

Theorem 3.2. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a bijective function. Then, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open;
- (2) $[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})$ for every (Λ, p) -open set U of X ;
- (3) $[f(K_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f(K)$ for every (Λ, p) -closed set K of X .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (3): Let K be any (Λ, p) -closed set of X . By (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(X - K) &= Y - f(K) \\ &\subseteq [f([X - K]^{(\Lambda,p)})]_{p(\Lambda,p)} \end{aligned}$$

and hence $Y - f(K) \subseteq Y - [f(K_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)}$. Thus, $[f(K_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f(K)$.

(3) \Rightarrow (2): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X . Since $U^{(\Lambda,p)}$ is (Λ, p) -closed and $U \subseteq [U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}$. Thus by (3), $[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq [f([U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let K be any (Λ, p) -closed set of X . Since $K_{(\Lambda, p)}$ is (Λ, p) -open in X and by (2),

$$\begin{aligned} [f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} &\subseteq f([K_{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &\subseteq f(K^{(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &= f(K). \end{aligned}$$

(3) \Rightarrow (1): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X . By (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Y - [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)} &= [Y - f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \\ &\subseteq f(X - U) \\ &= Y - f(U) \end{aligned}$$

and hence $f(U) \subseteq [f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})]_{p(\Lambda, p)}$. Thus, f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open. □

4. ON WEAKLY $p(\Lambda, p)$ -CLOSED FUNCTIONS

We begin this section by introducing the concept of weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed functions.

Definition 4.1. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed if $[f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(K)$ for each (Λ, p) -closed set K of X .

Theorem 4.1. For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed;
- (2) $[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})$ for every (Λ, p) -open set U of X .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X . Then by (1),

$$\begin{aligned} [f(U)]^{p(\Lambda, p)} &= [f(U_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \\ &\subseteq [f([U^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \\ &\subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)}). \end{aligned}$$

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let K be any (Λ, p) -closed set of X . Using (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} [f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} &\subseteq f([K_{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &\subseteq f(K^{(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &= f(K). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed. □

Theorem 4.2. For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed;
- (2) $[f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(K)$ for every $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed set K of X ;
- (3) $[f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(K)$ for every $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -closed set K of X .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let K be any $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed set of X . Then, $[K_{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq K$. Thus by (1),

$$\begin{aligned} [f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} &\subseteq [f([K_{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \\ &\subseteq f([K_{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &\subseteq f(K). \end{aligned}$$

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let K be any $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -closed set of X . Then, K is $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed in X . Using (2), we have $[f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(K)$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1): Let K be any (Λ, p) -closed set of X . Then, we have K is $\alpha(\Lambda, p)$ -closed in X . By (3), $[f(K_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(K)$. Thus, f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed. \square

Theorem 4.3. For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed;
- (2) $[f([U^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})$ for every (Λ, p) -open set U of X ;
- (3) $[f([U^{\theta(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(U^{\theta(\Lambda, p)})$ for every (Λ, p) -open set U of X ;
- (4) $[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})$ for every $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X ;
- (5) $[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})$ for every $r(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X ;
- (6) for each subset B of Y and each (Λ, p) -open set U of X with $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$, there exists a $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y such that $B \subseteq V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U^{(\Lambda, p)}$;
- (7) for each point $y \in Y$ and each (Λ, p) -open set U of X with $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq U$, there exists a $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y containing y and $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U^{(\Lambda, p)}$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X . Then, $U^{(\Lambda, p)}$ is (Λ, p) -closed in X . Since f is weakly $p(\Lambda, p)$ -closed, $[f([U^{(\Lambda, p)}]_{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): It suffices see that $U^{\theta(\Lambda, p)} = U^{(\Lambda, p)}$ for every (Λ, p) -open set U of X .

(3) \Rightarrow (4): It suffices see that $U^{\theta(\Lambda, p)} = U^{(\Lambda, p)}$ for every $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set U of X .

(4) \Rightarrow (5): Let U be any $r(\Lambda, p)$ -open set of X . Then, U is $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open in X . Using (4), we have $[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda, p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda, p)})$.

(5) \Rightarrow (6): Let B be any subset of Y and U be any (Λ, p) -open set of X with $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$. Then, $f^{-1}(B) \cap [X - U^{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)} = \emptyset$ and hence $B \cap f([X - U^{(\Lambda, p)}]^{(\Lambda, p)}) = \emptyset$. Since $X - U^{(\Lambda, p)}$ is $r(\Lambda, p)$ -open, $B \cap [f(X - U^{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)} = \emptyset$ by (5). Put $V = Y - [f(X - U^{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)}$. Then, we have V is $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open such that $B \subseteq V$ and

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(V) &\subseteq X - f^{-1}([f(X - U^{(\Lambda, p)})]^{p(\Lambda, p)}) \\ &\subseteq X - f^{-1}(f(X - U^{(\Lambda, p)})) \\ &\subseteq U^{(\Lambda, p)}. \end{aligned}$$

(6) \Rightarrow (7): This is obvious.

(7) \Rightarrow (1): Let K be any (Λ, p) -closed set of X and $y \in Y - f(K)$. Since $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq X - K$, there exists a $p(\Lambda, p)$ -open set V of Y such that $y \in V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq [X - K]^{(\Lambda, p)} = X - K_{(\Lambda, p)}$ by (7).

Thus, $V \cap f(K_{(\Lambda,p)}) = \emptyset$ and hence $y \in Y - [f(K_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)}$. It implies that $[f(K_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f(K)$. Thus, f is weakly $p(\Lambda,p)$ -closed. \square

Theorem 4.4. For a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is weakly $p(\Lambda,p)$ -closed;
- (2) $[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda,p)})$ for every $r(\Lambda,p)$ -open set U of X .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let U be any $r(\Lambda,p)$ -open set of X . Then, U is (Λ,p) -open in X . Thus, by Theorem 4.3,

$$[f(U)]^{p(\Lambda,p)} = [f([U^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \subseteq f(U^{(\Lambda,p)}).$$

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let K be any (Λ,p) -closed set of X . Then, $[K^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)}$ is $r(\Lambda,p)$ -open in X . By (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} [f(K_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)} &\subseteq [f([K^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)})]^{p(\Lambda,p)} \\ &\subseteq f([K^{(\Lambda,p)}]_{(\Lambda,p)})^{(\Lambda,p)} \\ &\subseteq f(K^{(\Lambda,p)}) \\ &= f(K). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that f is weakly $p(\Lambda,p)$ -closed. \square

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