

## A Note on $\xi$ -Zero Regular Spaces

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In this paper, we introduce the concept of  $\xi$ -continuity using the  $\xi$ -zero set, and generalize the characterization of the  $\xi$ -regularness using the  $\xi$ -continuity. From these results, we will show that the  $\xi$ -product space of  $\xi$ -zero regular spaces is  $\xi$ -zero regular and  $\xi$ -zero regular space has the hereditary property. Also, we will show that  $\xi$ -zero regularization is reflective.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\xi = \{E_i : i \in I\}$  be a family of topological spaces. A subset  $Z$  of  $X$  is said to be a  $\xi$ -zero set if  $Z = \{y \in X : f_i(x) = f_i(y) \text{ for } x \in X\}$  for some continuous map  $f_i : X \rightarrow E_i \in \xi$ .

**Definition 2.** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\xi$ -continuous at a point  $x$  of  $X$  if for every  $\xi$ -zero set nbd  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\xi$ -zero set nbd  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\xi$ -continuous on  $X$  if it is  $\xi$ -continuous at every point of  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.** If a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $x \in X$ , then  $f$  is  $\xi$ -continuous at  $x$ .

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x \in X$ , it is sufficient to show that for any  $\varepsilon$ -zero set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\xi$ -zero set in  $X$ . Since  $V$  is  $\xi$ -zero set in  $Y$ , there exists  $u_i : Y \rightarrow E_i$  for some  $i \in I$  such that  $u_i^{-1}(u_i(f(x))) = V$ . On the other hand,  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(u_i^{-1}(u_i(f(x)))) = (u_i \circ f)^{-1}(u_i \circ f(x))$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\xi$ -zero set in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.** Identity map  $1_X : X \rightarrow X$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.** If a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\xi$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ , and a map  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $\xi$ -continuous at  $f(x)$ , then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\xi$ -continuous at  $x$ .

**Proof.** Let  $W$  be a  $\xi$ -zero set nbd of  $g(f(x))$ . Then, since  $g$  is  $\xi$ -continuous at  $f(x)$ , there exists  $\xi$ -zero set nbd  $V$  of  $f(x)$  such that  $g(V) \subset W$ . On the other hand, since  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , there exists  $\xi$ -zero set nbd  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . Thus  $g(f(U)) \subset W$ , i.e.  $(g \circ f)(U) \subset W$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

**Remark.** By the above theorems, the class of topological spaces and  $\xi$ -continuous maps form a category.

**Definition 3.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $(X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of topological spaces. A source  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is called  $\xi$ -initial if it satisfies the following;

- 1) Each map  $f_\alpha$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.
- 2) For any topological space  $Y$  and a map  $h : Y \rightarrow X$ ,  $h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous if and only if for each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $f_\alpha \circ h : Y \rightarrow X_\alpha$  is  $\varepsilon$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.** a) If  $(f : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  and  $(g_\beta : X \rightarrow X_\beta)_{\beta \in B}$  are sources of  $\xi$ -continuous maps,  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \subset (g_\beta)_{\beta \in B}$ , and  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -initial, then  $(g_\beta)_{\beta \in B}$  is  $\xi$ -initial.

b) If  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -initial and  $(g_{\lambda\alpha} : X_\alpha \rightarrow Y_{\lambda\alpha})_{\lambda\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha}$  is  $\xi$ -initial for all  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $(g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ f_\alpha : X \rightarrow Y_{\lambda\alpha})_{\lambda\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha}$  is  $\xi$ -initial.

c) Let  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  be a source of  $\xi$ -continuous maps, and for each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $(g_{\lambda\alpha} : X_\alpha \rightarrow Y_{\lambda\alpha})_{\lambda\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha}$  be a source of  $\xi$ -continuous maps. Then, if  $(g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ f_\alpha : X \rightarrow Y_{\lambda\alpha})_{\lambda\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha}$  is  $\xi$ -initial, then  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\xi$ -initial.

**Proof.** a) Let  $h : Y \rightarrow X$  be a map such that  $h \circ g_\beta$  is  $\xi$ -continuous for all  $\beta \in B$ . Then, since  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \subset (g_\beta)_{\beta \in B}$ ,  $f_\alpha \circ h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous for all  $\alpha \in A$ . Since  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\xi$ -initial,  $h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

b) Let  $h : Y \rightarrow X$  be a map such that  $g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ f_\alpha \circ h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous for all  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $\lambda_\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha$  since  $(g_{\lambda\alpha})_{\lambda_\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha}$  is  $\xi$ -initial,  $f_\alpha \circ h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous for all  $\alpha \in A$ . Also, since  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\xi$ -initial,  $h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

c) Let's show that if  $(f_\alpha \circ h)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\xi$ -continuous, then  $h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous. Since  $g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ (f_\alpha \circ h) = (g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ f_\alpha) \circ h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous, and  $(g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A, \lambda_\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha}$  is  $\xi$ -initial,  $h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous. Hence  $(g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A, \lambda_\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha}$  is  $\xi$ -initial.

**Definition 4.** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\xi$ -homeomorphism if  $f$  is bijective,  $f$  is  $\xi$ -continuous, and  $f^{-1}$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

**Definition 5.** Let  $\{X_i : i \in I\}$  be any family of topological spaces. The  $\xi$ -product topology  $\mathcal{T}_\xi$  in  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is the  $\xi$ -initial topology with respect to the source  $(Pr_i : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow X_i)_{i \in I}$ . We call  $(\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \mathcal{T}_\xi)$   $\xi$ -product space.

**Definition 6.** A space  $X$  is  $\xi$ -zero regular if  $X$  is  $\xi$ -homeomorphic with a subspace of  $\xi$ -product space  $\prod_{E \in \xi} E$  for some  $\xi' \subset \xi$ .

**Definition 7.** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $\xi$ -embedding if  $f$  is injective and  $\xi$ -initial.

**Theorem 5.** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $\xi$ -embedding if and only if  $f : X \rightarrow f(X) \subset Y$  is an  $\xi$ -homeomorphism.

**Proof.** Since  $f : X \rightarrow f(X)$  is bijective, there exists  $f^{-1} : f(X) \rightarrow X$ . On the while, since  $f$  is  $\xi$ -initial and  $1_{f(X)}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}$  is  $\xi$ -continuous. Thus  $f$  is an  $\xi$ -homeomorphism.

Conversely, let  $h : Z \rightarrow X$  be a map and  $f \circ h : Z \rightarrow Y$  be  $\xi$ -continuous. Since  $f : X \rightarrow f(X)$  is an  $\xi$ -homeomorphism,  $f^{-1} : f(X) \rightarrow X$  is  $\xi$ -continuous. Hence  $f^{-1} \circ (f \circ h) = h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous. Thus  $f$  is an  $\xi$ -embedding.

**Theorem 6.** a)  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\xi$ -initial if and only if  $\prod f_\alpha : X \rightarrow \prod X_\alpha$  is  $\xi$ -initial.

b)  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source if and only if  $\prod f_\alpha : X \rightarrow \prod X_\alpha$  is  $\xi$ -embedding.

**Proof.** a) By b) and c) of Theorem 4, it is obvious.

b) Let  $x \neq y$ . Since  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is mono source, there exists  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $f_\alpha(x) \neq f_\alpha(y)$ . Thus  $(\prod f_\alpha)(x) \neq (\prod f_\alpha)(y)$ . Hence  $\prod f_\alpha$  is an  $\xi$ -embedding.

Conversely, let  $\prod f_\alpha$  be a mono source. Then for  $x \neq y$  in  $X$ ,  $(\prod f_\alpha)(x) \neq (\prod f_\alpha)(y)$ . Hence there exists  $\alpha \in I$  such that  $f_\alpha(x) \neq f_\alpha(y)$ . Thus  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is a mono source.

**Theorem 7.** The following statements are equivalent;

a) A space  $X$  is  $\xi$ -zero regular.

b)  $C(X, \xi) = \bigcup_{E \in \xi} \{f : X \rightarrow E; \varepsilon\text{-continuous}\}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source.

c) There exists  $\mathcal{F} \subset \bigcup_{E \in \xi} E^{X_\alpha}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source.

**Proof.** a) $\Rightarrow$ c). Since  $X$  is  $\xi$ -zero regular, there exists an  $\varepsilon$ -embedding  $f: X \rightarrow \prod_{E \in \mathcal{E}'} E$ . If  $x \neq y$ , then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\xi$ -embedding,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  for each  $x \neq y$  in  $X$ . Hence there exists projection  $Pr_E$  such that  $Pr_E \circ f(x) \neq Pr_E \circ f(y)$ . i.e.  $\mathcal{F} = (Pr_E \circ f)_{E \in \mathcal{E}'}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source.

c) $\Rightarrow$ b). Since  $\mathcal{F} \subset \prod_{E \in \mathcal{E}'} E^X$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source,  $\mathcal{F} \subset C(X, \xi)$ . Hence  $C(X, \xi)$  is initial mono source.

b) $\Rightarrow$ e). Since  $C(X, \xi)$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source,  $\prod_{f \in C(X, \xi)} f$  is  $\xi$ -embedding by theorem 6, b).

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of  $\xi$ -zero regular spaces. If  $(f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  be  $\xi$ -initial mono source, then  $X$  is  $\xi$ -zero regular.

**Proof.** Since for each  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $X_\alpha$  is  $\xi$ -zero regular, there exists  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \subset \prod_{E \in \mathcal{E}'} E^{X_\alpha}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source. Thus  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \{g_{\lambda\alpha} \circ f_\alpha : X \rightarrow E, g_{\lambda\alpha} \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha\}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source. Hence  $X$  is  $\xi$ -zero regular.

**Remark.** The class of  $\xi$ -zero regular spaces and  $\varepsilon$ -continuous maps form a category which is denoted by  $\xi$ -zero-Reg.

**Corollary 9.**  $\xi$ -zero-Reg is  $\xi$ -productive and  $\xi$ -hereditary.

**Remark.** Let  $A$  be a category, and let  $\text{ob}(A) \supset \xi$ . Then  $\xi$ -zero-Reg  $\subset A$ .

**Lemma 10.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a maps. Then  $\ker f = \{(x, y) \mid f(x) = f(y)\}$  is an equivalence relation. Conversely, if  $R$  is an equivalence relation, and if  $q: X \rightarrow X/R$  is a quotient map, then  $\ker q = R$ .

**Lemma 11.** Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be sets. For a surjective map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and a surjective map  $g: X \rightarrow Z$ , there exists a map  $h: Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $h \circ f = g$  if and only if  $\ker f \subset \ker g$ .

**Theorem 12.** Suppose that 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{e} & Y \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ Z & \xrightarrow{m} & P \end{array}$$
 commutes and  $e, m, f$ , and  $g$  are  $\xi$ -continuous.

If  $e$  is onto and  $m$  is  $\xi$ -embedding, then there exists a unique  $\xi$ -continuous map  $h: Y \rightarrow Z$  with  $h \circ e = f$  and  $m \circ h = g$ .

**Proof.** Let's show that  $\ker e \subset \ker f$ . Let  $(x, x') \in \ker e$ , we have  $m(f(x)) = m(f(x'))$ . Since  $m$  is injective, it follows that  $f(x) = f(x')$ , i.e.  $(x, x') \in \ker f$ . Consequently, there exists  $h: Y \rightarrow Z$  with  $h \circ e = f$ . Since  $m \circ h \circ e = m \circ f$ ,  $m \circ f = g \circ e$ , and  $e$  is onto,  $m \circ h = g$ .

Finally, it remains to show that  $h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous. Since  $m \circ h = g$ ,  $g$  is  $\xi$ -continuous and  $m$  is  $\xi$ -initial,  $h$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

**Theorem 13.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $\varepsilon_X: X \rightarrow \varepsilon X$  be an  $\xi$ -zero regularization. For every  $\xi$ -zero regular space  $Y$ , and every map  $f \in C(X, \xi)$ , there exists a unique  $\xi$ -continuous map  $\bar{f}: \varepsilon X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f = \bar{f} \circ \varepsilon_X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R = \bigcap \{\ker f : f \in C(X, \xi)\}$ . Then  $R$  is an equivalence relation. Let  $q: X \rightarrow X/R$  be a quotient space. Since for each map  $f \in C(X, \xi)$   $R = \ker q \subset \ker f$ , there exists a unique map  $\bar{f}: X/R \rightarrow Y$  for some  $Y \in \xi$  such that  $\bar{f} \circ q = f$ .

Let  $\varepsilon X$  be the space  $X/R$  endowed with the  $\xi$ -initial topology with respect to  $\bigcup_{f \in C(X, \xi)} \{\bar{f}: X/R \rightarrow Y \in \xi\}$ .

and let  $\varepsilon_X = q : X \rightarrow \varepsilon X$ . Then since  $\bigcup_{f \in C(X, \xi)} \{f : X/R \rightarrow E \in \xi\}$  is  $\xi$ -initial, and  $f$  is  $\xi$ -continuous,  $\varepsilon_X : X \rightarrow \varepsilon X$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

Let's show that  $\varepsilon X \in \xi$ -zero-Reg. It is enough to show that  $\bigcup_{f \in C(X, \xi)} \{f : X/R \rightarrow E \in \xi\}$  is a mono source. Suppose  $[x] \neq [y]$  in  $\varepsilon X = X/R$ . Then  $(x, y) \notin R = \bigcap \{ker f \mid f \in C(X, \xi)\}$ . Hence there exists a map  $f_0 \in C(X, \xi)$  such that  $(x, y) \notin ker f_0$ . i.e.  $f_0(x) \neq f_0(y)$ .

Thus  $\bar{f}_0([x]) = \bar{f}_0(\varepsilon_X(x)) = f_0(x) \neq f_0(y) = \bar{f}_0([y])$ . Hence  $\bigcup_{f \in C(X, \xi)} \{f : \varepsilon X \rightarrow E \in \xi\}$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source. This show that  $\varepsilon X \in \xi$ -zero-Reg.

Since  $Y \in \xi$ -zero-Reg,  $C(Y, \xi)$  is  $\xi$ -initial mono source. For any  $u \in C(Y, \xi)$ ,  $u \circ f \in C(X, \xi)$ . Therefore there exists a unique  $\xi$ -continuous map  $\bar{u} : \varepsilon X \rightarrow E \in \xi$  such that  $\bar{u} \circ \varepsilon_X = u \circ f$ .

Let  $(x, x') \in ker \varepsilon_X$ , then  $\varepsilon_X(x) = \varepsilon_X(x')$ . Thus  $\bar{u} \circ \varepsilon_X(x) = \bar{u} \circ \varepsilon_X(x')$  for any  $u \in C(Y, \xi)$ , i.e.  $u \circ f(x) = u \circ f(x')$  for all  $u \in C(Y, \xi)$ . Since  $C(Y, \xi)$  is mono source,  $f(x) = f(x')$ . Hence  $(x, x') \in ker f$ .

In all,  $ker \varepsilon_X \subset ker f$ . Since  $\varepsilon_X$  is onto, there exists a unique map  $\bar{f} : \varepsilon X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\bar{f} \circ \varepsilon_X = f$ . Since for any  $u \in C(Y, \xi)$ ,  $u \circ \bar{f} \circ \varepsilon_X = u \circ f = \bar{u} \circ \varepsilon_X$  and  $\varepsilon_X$  is onto,  $u \circ \bar{f} = \bar{u}$  is  $\xi$ -continuous for every  $u \in C(Y, \xi)$ . Since  $C(Y, \xi)$  is  $\xi$ -initial,  $\bar{f} : \varepsilon X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\xi$ -continuous.

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