

# Almost continuity and its applications on weak structures

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**Abstract** In this paper, we introduce and study the concept of almost continuity in weak structures (Császár in *Acta Math Hung* 131(1–2):193–195, 2011) and discuss some of its characteristic properties. Finally, we give some applications of this new kind of continuity.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

Császár [1] defined generalized topology and studied some of its concepts like generalized open sets and continuity. Later on, Maki et al. [6] introduced minimal structures and investigated some of its concepts. Lately, Császár [2] presented the weak structures (A family  $\mathcal{W} \subset P(X)$  is called a weak structure on  $X$  (briefly,  $WS$ ) iff  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{W}$ ). A non-empty set  $X$  with a weak structure  $\mathcal{W}$  is called simply a space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$ . The members of  $\mathcal{W}$  are  $\mathcal{W}$ -open subsets and their complements are  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed subsets. Moreover, Császár [2] presented the operations  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  and  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  in  $WS$  as the intersection of all  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed set containing  $A$  and the union of all  $\mathcal{W}$ -open subsets of  $A$ . Also, the properties of  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  and  $i_{\mathcal{W}}$  are introduced and discussed. For more details about weak structures, the readers should refer [4, 5, 7–9].

**Theorem 1.1** [2] *For any space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  and  $A, B \subseteq X$ , we have:*

- (1)  $A \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  and  $A \supseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$ ;
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(A) \subset c_{\mathcal{W}}(B)$  and  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(A) \subset i_{\mathcal{W}}(B)$ ;
- (3) If  $A$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed, then  $A = c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$ , and if  $A$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -open, then  $A = i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$ ;

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- (4)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)) = c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  and  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$ ;
- (5)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(X - A) = X - i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  and  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(X - A) = X - c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$ ;
- (6)  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)))) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(A))$  and  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)))) = c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(A))$ ;
- (7)  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  iff  $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\mathcal{W}$ -open subset  $V$  containing  $x$ ;
- (8)  $x \in i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$  iff there exists a  $\mathcal{W}$ -open subset  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subset A$ .

**Theorem 1.2** [3] For a space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  and  $U, V \subseteq X$ , we have:

- (1)  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(U \cap V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \cap i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$ ;
- (2)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \cup c_{\mathcal{W}}(V) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(U \cup V)$ .

**Definition 1.1** Let  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  be a space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then

- (1)  $A \in \alpha(\mathcal{W})$  [2] if  $A \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)))$ ;
- (2)  $A \in \pi(\mathcal{W})$  [2] if  $A \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}((A)))$ ;
- (3)  $A \in \sigma(\mathcal{W})$  [2] if  $A \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}((i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)))$ ;
- (4)  $A \in \beta(\mathcal{W})$  [2] if  $A \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)))$ ;
- (5)  $A \in \rho(\mathcal{W})$  [2] if  $A \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(A)) \cup c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(A))$ ;
- (6)  $A \in r(\mathcal{W})$  [3] if  $A = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(A))$ ;
- (7)  $A \in rc(\mathcal{W})$  [3] if  $A = c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}((A)))$ .

## 2 Almost $\mathcal{W}$ -continuity

**Lemma 2.1** For any space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  and  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $V$ , if  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , then  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \cap V = \emptyset$  for each subset  $U$  of  $X$ .

*Proof* Let  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set and  $U \subseteq X$ . Suppose  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)$  and  $x \in V$ . Since  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)$  and  $V$  is an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set containing  $x$ , then  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore if  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , then  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \cap V = \emptyset$  for each subset  $U$  of  $X$ . □

**Definition 2.1** For any space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  and  $S \subseteq X$ , a point  $x \in X$  is said to be:

- (1)  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$ -cluster point of  $S$  if  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(V) \cap S \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ -cluster point of  $S$  if  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \cap S \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$ .

The set of all  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-cluster points of  $S$  is called the  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-closure of  $S$  and is denoted by  $c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\theta}(S)$  (resp.  $c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\delta}(S)$ ). If  $S = c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\theta}(S)$  (resp.  $S = c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\delta}(S)$ ), then  $A$  is called  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-closed. The complement of an  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-closed set is called  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-open.

The union of all  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-open sets contained in  $S$  is called the  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-interior of  $S$  and is denoted by  $i_{\mathcal{W}}^{\theta}(S)$  (resp.  $i_{\mathcal{W}}^{\delta}(S)$ ). The class of  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-open sets in  $\mathcal{W}$  is denoted by  $\theta(\mathcal{W})$  (resp.  $\delta(\mathcal{W})$ ) and the class of  $\mathcal{W}_{\theta}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{W}_{\delta}$ )-closed sets in  $\mathcal{W}$  is denoted by  $\theta c(\mathcal{W})$  (resp.  $\delta c(\mathcal{W})$ ).

*Remark 2.1* One may notice that if  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  a space and  $V \subseteq X$ , then

$$c_{\mathcal{W}}(V) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\delta}(V) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\theta}(V).$$

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  be a space. Then

$$c_{\mathcal{W}}(V) = c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\delta}(V) = c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\theta}(V)$$

for each  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $V$  in  $X$ .

*Proof* We aim to prove that  $c_{\mathcal{W}}^\theta(N) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(N)$ . Let  $N$  be an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set in  $X$  and let  $x \notin c_{\mathcal{W}}(N)$ . Then there exists  $M \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $x \in M$  and  $M \cap N = \emptyset$ . By Lemma 2.1, we have  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(M) \cap N = \emptyset$  and hence  $x \notin c_{\mathcal{W}}^\theta(N)$ . Thus  $c_{\mathcal{W}}^\theta(N) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(N)$ . Since  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(N) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}^\theta(N)$  for each subset  $N$  in  $X$ , then  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(N) = c_{\mathcal{W}}^\theta(N)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.2** A function  $f: (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  from a space  $(X, \mathcal{W}_X)$  to a space  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is called almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if for every  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set  $N$  containing  $f(x)$ , there is a  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $M$  including  $x$  such that  $f(M) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(N))$ . A map  $f$  is called almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous if it is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous at each  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.1** For a function  $f: (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous;
- (2)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V))$  for each  $V \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (3)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each  $F \in rc(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (4)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$  for each  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(F)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed set  $F$  in  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$  for each  $V \in \pi(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (7)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(F)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each  $F \in \pi c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (8)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$  for each  $V \in \alpha(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (9)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(F)))) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each  $F \in \alpha c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (10) For each a point  $x \in X$  and a  $V \in \pi(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ ;
- (11) For each a point  $x \in X$  and a  $V \in \alpha(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ ;
- (12)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  for each  $V \in \beta(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (13)  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(F)) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(F))$  for each  $F \in \beta c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (14)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  for each  $V \in \sigma(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (15)  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(F)) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(F))$  for each  $F \in \sigma c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (16)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  for each  $V \in \pi(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (17)  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V))$  for each  $V \in \pi c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (18)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  for each  $V \in \alpha(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (19)  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V))$  for each  $V \in \alpha c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ .

*Proof* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $V \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $V = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  and  $f(x) \in V = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ , then there exists  $U \in \mathcal{W}_Y$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $f(x) \in U \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$ . By (1), there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $W$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(W) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U))$ . Thus

$$f(x) \in f(W) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$$

and hence  $x \in W \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$ . Therefore

$$x \in W \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(W) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)).$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose that  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set such that  $f(x) \in V$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$ . Since  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ . By (2),

$$x \in i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$$

then there is  $x \in U \in \mathcal{W}_X$  provided that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$ . Thus there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  and  $f(U) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ . Therefore  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3): Obvious.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $V$  is an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set containing  $f(x)$ . From (1), there is a  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ . Thus  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$ . Since  $U$  is  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open, then  $x \in i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$ . Therefore

$$f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))).$$

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set containing  $f(x)$ . Then

$$x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$$

and then there is a  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that

$$x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))).$$

Thus  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ . Therefore  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous.

(4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5): It is clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): Let  $V \in \pi(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ . Then  $V \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  and hence  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$ . Since  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ , then by (2), we get  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$ .

(6)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7): It is clear.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): It follows from  $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \pi(\mathcal{W})$ .

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (9)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (8): It follows from  $\alpha(\mathcal{W}) \subseteq \pi(\mathcal{W})$ .

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): It follows from  $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \alpha(\mathcal{W})$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (10): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in \pi(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $f(x) \in i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  and hence there exists  $U \in \mathcal{W}_Y$  such that  $f(x) \in U \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$ . By (1), there exists a  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(W) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U))$ . Hence  $f(W) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ .

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (11): It follows from  $\alpha(\mathcal{W}) \subseteq \pi(\mathcal{W})$ .

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): It follows from  $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \alpha(\mathcal{W})$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (12): Let  $V \in \beta(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ . Then  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(V) = c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$  and hence  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(V) \in rc(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ . By (3), we get  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ .

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $H \in rc(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ . Then  $H \in \beta(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  and hence by (12), we get  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(H)) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(H)) = f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(H))) = f^{-1}(H)$ .

(12)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (13): Obvious.

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (14)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (15): It follows from  $\beta(\mathcal{W}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{W})$ .

(14)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): It is similar to that of (12)  $\Rightarrow$  (3).

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (16)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (17)  $\Rightarrow$  (18)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (19): It follows from  $\beta(\mathcal{W}) \subseteq \pi(\mathcal{W})$  and  $\pi(\mathcal{W}) \subseteq \alpha(\mathcal{W})$ .

(19)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): It is similar to that of (12)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). □

**Theorem 2.2** For a function  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$ . Consider the following statements:

- (1)  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous;
- (2)  $f(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\delta}(f(V))$  for each subset  $V$  of  $X$ ;
- (3)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(U)) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}^{\delta}(U))$  for each subset  $U$  of  $Y$ ;
- (4)  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}_\delta}(U)) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(U))$  for each subset  $U$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  for each  $F \in \delta c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ ;
- (6)  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V))$  for each  $V \in \delta(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ .

Then (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6).

*Proof* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  and  $U$  be an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By (1), there exists an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(W) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U))$  and hence  $W \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $f(W) \cap f(V) \neq \emptyset$  which implies  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)) \cap f(V) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $f(x) \in c_{\mathcal{W}_\delta}(f(V))$  and hence  $x \in f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}_\delta}(f(V)))$  which implies  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}_\delta}^\delta(f(V)))$ . Therefore  $f(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{W}}^\delta(f(V))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4): It is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $H \in \delta c(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ . Then  $H = c_{\mathcal{W}}^\delta(H)$ . By (3), we get  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(H)) \subseteq f^{-1}(c_{\mathcal{W}}^\delta(H)) = f^{-1}(H)$ .

(5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6): It is clear.

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  be a space and  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  be  $\mathcal{W}$ -open for each  $V \in rc(\mathcal{W})$ . Then  $rc(\mathcal{W}) \subseteq \delta c(\mathcal{W})$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V \in rc(\mathcal{W})$  and let  $x \notin V$ . Then  $x \notin c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  and hence there exists an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap i_{\mathcal{W}}(V) = \emptyset$ . Since  $V \in rc(\mathcal{W})$ , then  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -open. Then by Lemma 2.1, we have  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \cap i_{\mathcal{W}}(V) = \emptyset$  and hence  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)) \cap i_{\mathcal{W}}(V) = \emptyset$ . Since  $U$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -open, then  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \in rc(\mathcal{W})$  and hence  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U))$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -open. By Lemma 2.1, we have  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)) \cap c_{\mathcal{W}}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)) \cap V = \emptyset$  and hence  $x \notin c_{\mathcal{W}}^\delta(V)$ . Therefore  $c_{\mathcal{W}}^\delta(V) \subseteq V$  and hence  $V \in \delta c(\mathcal{W})$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  be a space and  $V \in rc(\mathcal{W})$ . If  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set, it leads to the equality of the statements in Theorem 2.2.*

*Proof* It is clear from Lemma 2.3 and Theorem 2.1(3).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4** *Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  be an almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous function and let  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set of  $Y$ . If  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)) - (f^{-1}(V))$ , then  $f(x) \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$ .*

*Proof* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set of  $Y$  such that  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V)) - f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f(x) \notin c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$ . Then there exists an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous, then there exists an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(W) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U))$ . Since  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , then by Lemma 2.1, we have  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(U) \cap V = \emptyset$  and hence  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(U)) \cap V = \emptyset$ . Thus  $f(W) \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(V))$  and  $W$  is an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set containing  $x$ , then  $W \cap f^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $f(W) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $f(x) \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.3** For any WS  $\mathcal{W}$  on  $X$  and  $A \subset X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called  $\mathcal{W}$ -boundary point of  $A$  iff  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(A) \cap c_{\mathcal{W}}(X - A)$ . The family of all  $\mathcal{W}$ -boundary points of  $A$  is denoted by  $Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.5** *For any space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  and  $A \subseteq X$ , we have:*

- (1)  $Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(A) = Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(X - A)$ ;
- (2)  $Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(A) = c_{\mathcal{W}}(A) - i_{\mathcal{W}}(A)$ ;
- (3)  $A \cap Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(A) = \emptyset$  if  $A \in \mathcal{W}$ ;
- (4)  $Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(A) \subset A$  if  $X - A \in \mathcal{W}$ .

*Proof* It follows from Theorem 1.1 and Definition 2.3.  $\square$

*Remark 2.2* It is clear that the converse of (3) and (4) in the above theorem are not correct in general as illustrated by the next example.

*Example 2.1* Let  $X = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $\mathcal{W} = \{\emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}, \{z\}\}$ . It is clear that:

- (1)  $A = \{x, z\}$  achieves  $A \cap Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(A) = \emptyset$ , but  $A \notin \mathcal{W}$ ;
- (2)  $A = \{z\}$  achieves  $Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(A) \subset A$ , but  $A$  is not  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  be a function and let  $A = \{x \in X : f \text{ is not almost } \mathcal{W}\text{-continuous at } x\}$ . Then  $A = Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$  for each  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ .

*Proof* Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $f$  is not almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous at  $x$  and hence there exists an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $U \cap (X - f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and hence  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(X - f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$ . Since  $f(x) \in V$ , then  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$  and thus  $x \in c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$ . Thus we get  $x \in Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$ . Therefore

$$A \subseteq Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))) \tag{1}$$

Let  $x \notin A$  and  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous at  $x$  and  $V$  is an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set containing  $f(x)$  and hence there exists an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))$ . Thus  $x \in i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$  and hence  $x \notin X - i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))) = c_{\mathcal{W}}(X - f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$  which implies  $x \notin Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$ . Therefore

$$A \supseteq Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)))) \tag{2}$$

From (1) and (2) we have  $A = Bd_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))))$ . □

**Definition 2.4** A map  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is said to be  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous iff  $f^{-1}(H)$  is an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set in  $X$  for every  $H \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ .

*Remark 2.3* One may notice that each  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous function is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous, but the converse need not be true in general as shown by the following example.

*Example 2.2* Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_X = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{x, y\}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_Y = \{\emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}\}$  and  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  be a map defined by  $f(a) = f(b) = x$ ,  $f(c) = y$ . One may notice that:

- (1)  $A = \{x\} \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  and  $f^{-1}(A) = \{a, b\}$  which is not an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set in  $X$ .
- (2) For  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set  $\emptyset$ , we have  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and hence  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\emptyset)) = \emptyset$  which implies  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\emptyset))) = f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(\emptyset) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\emptyset))))$ . For  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set  $\{x\}$ , we have  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{x\}) = \{x\}$  and hence  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{x\})) = \{x\}$  which implies  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{x\}))) = f^{-1}(\{x\}) = \{a, b\}$ . Thus  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{x\})))) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  and hence  $f^{-1}(\{x\}) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{x\}))))$ . For  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set  $\{y\}$ , we have  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{y\}) = \{y\}$  and hence  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{y\})) = \{y\}$  which implies  $f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{y\}))) = f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \{c\}$ . Thus  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{y\})))) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$  and hence  $f^{-1}(\{y\}) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(\{y\}))))$ . Then  $f$  satisfy (4) in Theorem 2.1 and hence  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous. Hence  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous but it is not  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous.

**Theorem 2.7** If a function  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous and  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed for each  $V \subseteq X$ , then  $f$  is  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous.

*Proof* Let  $H \in rc(\mathcal{W}_Y)$ . Then by Theorem 2.1(3) we have  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(H)) \subseteq f^{-1}(H)$  and hence  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(H)) = f^{-1}(H)$ . Since  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed for each  $V \subseteq X$ , then  $c_{\mathcal{W}}(f^{-1}(H))$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed in  $X$  and hence  $(f^{-1}(H))$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8** *If a function  $f: (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous, then for each  $V \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  such that  $f(x) \in V$ , there is a  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set containing  $x$  and hence there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ . Thus there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.4** By the following example, we show that the converse of the above theorem need not be true in general.

**Example 2.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_X = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{x, y\}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_Y = \{\emptyset, \{x\}, \{y\}\}$  and  $f: (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  be a function defined by  $f(a) = f(b) = x$ ,  $f(c) = y$ . One may notice that:

- (1)  $A = \{x\} \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  and  $f^{-1}(A) = \{a, b\}$  which is not an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set in  $X$ .
- (2) For  $a \in X$ ,  $f(a) = x \in \{x\} = V$  which is an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set, there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U = \{a\}$  containing  $a$  such that  $f(U) = f(\{a\}) = \{x\} \subseteq \{x\} = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}\{x\}) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ . For  $b \in X$ ,  $f(b) = x \in \{x\} = V$  which is an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set, there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U = \{b\}$  containing  $b$  such that  $f(U) = f(\{b\}) = \{x\} \subseteq \{x\} = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}\{x\}) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ . For  $c \in X$ ,  $f(c) = y \in \{y\} = V$  which is an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set, there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U = \{c\}$  containing  $c$  such that  $f(U) = f(\{c\}) = \{y\} \subseteq \{y\} = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}\{y\}) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ .

**Theorem 2.9** *Let  $f: (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  be a function. If for each  $x \in X$  and each  $V \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ , then  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous.*

*Proof* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set such that  $f(x) \in V$ . Then  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) \in r(\mathcal{W})$  containing  $f(x)$  and hence there is  $U \in \mathcal{W}_X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$ . Therefore  $f$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10** *Let  $f: (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  be a map. If  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  is an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open set for each  $V \in r(\mathcal{W})$ , then the converse of Theorem 2.9 is true.*

*Proof* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in r(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) = i_{\mathcal{W}}(V)$  and hence  $i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V))$  is an  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open set containing  $f(x)$  and hence there exists an  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq i_{\mathcal{W}}(c_{\mathcal{W}}(V)) = V$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.5** If we replaced a space  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  by a topological space  $(Y, \tau)$  in Theorems 2.7, 2.8, and in  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuity definition, then the statements in these theorem are equivalents.

**Definition 2.5** A family of sets  $\xi = \{\lambda_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  in a space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  is said to be a cover of  $X$  if  $\bigcup_{\lambda_{\alpha} \in \Delta} \lambda_{\alpha} = X$  and a subfamily of  $\xi$  having a similar property is called a subcover of  $\xi$ .

**Definition 2.6** A space  $(X, \mathcal{W})$  is called:

- (1)  $\mathcal{W}$ -regular if for every  $x \in X$  and  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed set  $U$  such that  $x \notin U$ , there exist  $M, N \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $x \in M$ ,  $U \subseteq N$  and  $M \cap N = \emptyset$ .

- (2) Almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -regular if for every  $x \in X$  and  $F \in rc(\mathcal{W})$  with  $x \notin F$ , there exist  $M, N \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $x \in M$ ,  $F \subseteq N$  and  $M \cap N = \emptyset$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{W}$ -normal if for every two  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed sets  $U$  and  $V$  with  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , there exist  $M, N \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $U \subseteq M$ ,  $V \subseteq N$  and  $M \cap N = \emptyset$ .
- (4) Almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -normal if for every  $U, V \in rc(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  with  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , there exist  $M, N \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $U \subseteq M$ ,  $V \subseteq N$  and  $M \cap N = \emptyset$ .
- (5)  $\mathcal{W}$ -compact if every  $\mathcal{W}$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- (6) Nearly  $\mathcal{W}$ -compact if every cover  $\xi = \{\lambda_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta, \lambda_\alpha \in r(\mathcal{W})\}$  of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 2.11** *If  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is an  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous,  $\mathcal{W}$ -open function and  $(X, \mathcal{W}_X)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -regular, then  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -regular.*

*Proof* Let  $f$  be  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous and  $\mathcal{W}$ -open function and  $F \in rc(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  with  $x \notin F$ . Then  $f^{-1}(F)$  are  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed set in  $X$  with  $f^{-1}(x) \notin f^{-1}(F)$ . Since  $(X, \mathcal{W}_X)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -regular, then there exist  $M, N \in \mathcal{W}_X$  such that  $f^{-1}(F) \subseteq M$ ,  $f^{-1}(x) \in N$  and  $M \cap N = \emptyset$  and hence  $F \subseteq f(M)$ ,  $x \in f(N)$  and  $f(M) \cap f(N) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -open, then  $f(M)$  and  $f(N)$  are  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open sets. Therefore  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -regular.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12** *If  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is an  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous,  $\mathcal{W}$ -open function and  $(X, \mathcal{W}_X)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -normal, then  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -normal.*

*Proof* Let  $f$  be  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous and  $F_1, F_2 \in rc(\mathcal{W}_Y)$  such that  $F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $f^{-1}(F_1), f^{-1}(F_2)$  are  $\mathcal{W}$ -closed sets in  $X$  with  $f^{-1}(F_1) \cap f^{-1}(F_2) = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X, \mathcal{W}_X)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -normal, then there exist two  $\mathcal{W}_X$ -open sets  $M$  and  $N$  such that  $f^{-1}(F_1) \subseteq M$ ,  $f^{-1}(F_2) \subseteq N$  and  $M \cap N = \emptyset$  and then  $F_1 \subseteq f(M)$ ,  $F_2 \subseteq f(N)$  and  $f(M) \cap f(N) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -open, then  $f(M)$  and  $f(N)$  are  $\mathcal{W}_Y$ -open sets. Therefore  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is almost  $\mathcal{W}$ -normal.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.13** *If  $f : (X, \mathcal{W}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is an  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous surjective function and  $(X, \mathcal{W}_X)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -compact, then  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is nearly  $\mathcal{W}$ -compact.*

*Proof* Let  $f$  be  $r(\mathcal{W})$ -continuous,  $\mathcal{W}$ -open and  $\xi = \{\lambda_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta, \lambda_\alpha \in r(\mathcal{W})\}$  be a cover of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\xi) = \{f^{-1}(\lambda_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta, \lambda_\alpha \in r(\mathcal{W})\}$  is an  $\mathcal{W}$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $(X, \mathcal{W}_X)$  is  $\mathcal{W}$ -compact, then  $\{f^{-1}(\lambda_\alpha) : \alpha = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $f^{-1}(\xi)$  and hence  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha=1}^n f^{-1}(\lambda_\alpha)$ . Thus  $Y = \bigcup_{\alpha=1}^n f(f^{-1}(\lambda_\alpha)) = \bigcup_{\alpha=1}^n \lambda_\alpha$ . Therefore  $(Y, \mathcal{W}_Y)$  is nearly  $\mathcal{W}$ -compact.  $\square$

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