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**ON QUASI- CONFLUENT MAPPINGS**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this work we study quasi-confluent mappings, where we the relation between these mappings and confluent mappings. Also, we study some operations on quasi-confluent mappings, such as: the pullback, factrization, composition and product of quasi-confluent mappings .

**1 . Introduction :**

In this work a space  $X$  is a topological space  $(X,T)$ , a “*mapping*” is a continuous function and, we use “ $\rightarrow\rightarrow$ ” to denote the mapping is “*onto*” .

Let  $X$  be a space and let  $p$  be any point in  $X$ , then :

i)The **component** of  $p$  in  $X$  is the largest connected subset of  $X$  containing  $p$  and it is denoted by  $C(X,p)$ ,[5] .If  $m(X)$  = number of components in the space  $X$ , then the space  $X$  is connected if and only if,  $m(X)=1$ , which means  $X$  will be disconnected if and only if,  $m(X)>1$ .

ii)The **quasi-component** of  $p$  in  $X$  is the set containing of  $p$  together with all points  $x$  of  $X$  such that there exist no disjoint two open sets  $W$  and  $V$  with  $X = W \cup V$ , where  $x \in W$  and  $p \in V$ , and it is denoted by  $Q(X, p)$ .Also, we can say that it is the intersection of all non- empty clopen sets in  $X$  containing  $p$ . $Q(X,p)$  may be different from  $C(X, p)$ , and each component of a space  $X$  is contained in some quasi-component of  $X$ . In a compact Hausdorff space  $X$ , the quasi-components are connected and coincide with components of  $X$ , [3].

We will use the symbol  $\square$  to indicate the end of the proof.

**2 . Basic definitions and Examples :**

In this section we recall the basic definitions needed in this work.

**2.1 Definition[1]:** A subset  $K$  of a space  $X$  is said to be **continuum** if,  $K$  is connected and compact.

**2.2 Definition[6]:** A subset  $U$  of a space  $X$  is said to be **strongly connected** if, for any open subsets  $W$  and  $V$  of  $X$ , if  $U \subseteq W \cup V$ , then either  $U \subseteq W$  or  $U \subseteq V$ .

**2.3 Definition[2] :**A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow\rightarrow Y$  is said to be **confluent** if, given a continuum  $K \subseteq Y$ , every component  $C$  of  $f^{-1}(K)$  we have  $f(C) = K$  .

**2.4 Example :** Let  $X = [2,5]$  and  $Y = [4,25]$  with the usual topology defined on  $X$  and  $Y$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow\rightarrow Y$  be a function defined by:  $f(x) = x^2, \forall x \in X$ .  
 $f$  is a confluent mapping.

**2.5 Definition[4] :** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow\rightarrow Y$  is said to be **quasi-confluent** if, for each continuum  $K$  in  $Y$ , and for each quasi-component  $C$  of  $f^{-1}(K)$ , we have  $f(C) = K$ .

**2.6 Remark:** Every confluent mapping is a quasi-confluent mapping, but the converse is not true in general since  $Q(X,p)$  may be different from  $C(X, p)$ , [3].

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**2.7 Theorem [4]:** Every quasi-confluent mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of a compact Hausdorff space  $X$  onto a Hausdorff space  $Y$  is confluent.

### 3. Pullback of Quasi-Confluent Mappings:

In this section, we study the pullback of quasi-confluent mappings. So, we recall the following definitions:

**3.1 Definition [5]:** A *fiber structure* is a triple  $(X, f, Y)$  consisting of two spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , and a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ .

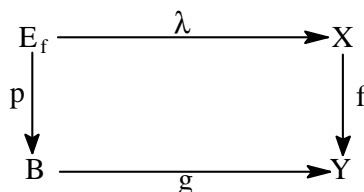
The space  $X$  is said to be the *fibred* (or, *total*) space,  $f$  is termed the *projection*, and  $Y$  is the *base* space.

Next, we recall the definition of the pullback.

**3.2 Definition [5]:** Let  $(X, f, Y)$  be a fiber structure. Let  $B$  be any space and let  $g: B \rightarrow Y$  be any mapping into the base  $Y$ . Let  $E_f$  be a subspace of the Cartesian product  $X \times B$  where  $E_f = \{(x, b) : f(x) = g(b)\}$ , and let  $p: E_f \rightarrow B$  be the projection of  $E_f$  in  $B$  such that  $p(x, b) = b, \forall (x, b) \in E_f$ .

The fiber structure  $(E_f, p, B)$  is said to be the *fiber structure over  $B$*  induced by the mapping  $g$  and the projection  $p$  is said to be the *pullback* of  $f$  by  $g$ .

Now, let  $\lambda: E_f \rightarrow X$  be the projection such that  $\lambda(x, b) = x, \forall (x, b) \in E_f$ .



We observe that the following diagram is commutative.

Before we prove the main result in this section, we state and prove the following lemma.

**3.3 Lemma [4]:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping, let  $B$  be any space, and let  $g: B \rightarrow Y$  be any mapping, if  $K \subseteq B$ , then  $p^{-1}(K) = f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$ , where  $p$  is the pullback of  $f$  by  $g$ .

**3.4 Theorem:** The pullback of a quasi-confluent mapping is a quasi-confluent mapping.

**Proof:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be any quasi-confluent mapping, let  $B$  be any space, and let  $g: B \rightarrow Y$  be any mapping. Let  $K$  be any continuum in  $B$ , and  $C$  be any quasi-component of  $p^{-1}(K)$ , where  $p$  is the pullback of  $f$  by  $g$ . Then,  $C$  is a quasi-component of  $f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$  by (3.3). So, there exists a quasi-component  $C_1$  in  $f^{-1}(g(K))$  such that  $C = C_1 \times K$ . Since  $f$  is a quasi-confluent mapping, and since  $g(K)$  is a continuum in  $Y$ . So,  $f(C_1) = g(K)$ . Therefore,  $p(C) = p(C_1 \times K) = K$ . Therefore,  $p$  is a quasi-confluent mapping.  $\square$

### 4. Factorization of Quasi-Confluent Mappings:

In the present section, we study a direct consequence of Whyburn's factorization theorem for quasi-confluent mappings. So, we recall few definitions that will be needed in this section. First, we recall the definition of a factorable mapping.

**4.1 Definition [1]:** If  $h: X \rightarrow W$  is a mapping, any representation of  $h$  in the form  $h = g \circ f$  where  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  are two mappings and  $Y$  is a certain space, will said to be *factorization* of  $h$ , and  $h$  is said to be a *factorable* mapping and  $Y$  is a *middle* space.

**4.2 Example :** Let  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  be a mapping defined by:  $h(x) = 9x^2 + 6x + 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ . The mapping  $h$  is factorable and has a factorization in the form  $h = g \circ f$ , where  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a mapping defined by:  $f(x) = 3x+1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  is a mapping defined by:  $g(x) = x^2, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**4.3 Theorem[4]:** If  $h: X \rightarrow W$  is a confluent mapping of a strongly connected compact space  $X$  onto a Hausdorff space  $W$ , then there exists a unique factorization for  $h$  into two confluent mappings in the form  $h = g \circ f$ .

Now, we can get the factorization of a quasi- confluent mapping in the following theorem :

**4.3 Theorem:** If  $h: X \rightarrow W$  is a quasi-confluent mapping of a strongly connected compact Hausdorff space  $X$  onto a Hausdorff space  $W$ , then there exists a unique factorization for  $h$  into two quasi-confluent mappings in the form  $h = g \circ f$ .

## 5. Composition of Quasi - Confluent Mappings :

In the present section, we study the composition of two quasi-confluent mappings. So , we recall the following theorem :

**5.1 Theorem [4]:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  are two confluent mappings, then  $h = g \circ f$  is a confluent mapping.

**5.2 Theorem [4]:** If  $X, Y$  and  $W$  are Hausdorff spaces,  $X$  is a compact space , and if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  are two quasi-confluent mappings, then  $h = g \circ f$  is a quasi-confluent mapping.

**Proof :** Since  $f$  and  $g$  are two quasi-confluent mappings, and since  $X$  and  $Y$  are two compact Hausdorff spaces. Then , from (2.7)  $f$  and  $g$  are confluent mappings .Thus,  $h = g \circ f$  is a confluent mapping , by (5.1) . From (2.5),  $h = g \circ f: X \rightarrow W$  is a quasi-confluent mapping.  $\square$

From (2.6) , we canclue that the following result:

**5.3 Corllary:** If  $X, Y$  and  $W$  are three spaces, and if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  are two confluent mappings, then  $h = g \circ f$  is a quasi-confluent mapping.

From (2.7) , we can get the following results:

**5.4 Corllary :** If  $X, Y$  and  $W$  are Hausdorff spaces,  $X$  is a compact space, and if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  are two quasi-confluent mappings, then  $h = g \circ f$  is a confluent mapping.

**5.5 Corllary :** If  $X, Y$  and  $W$  are Hausdorff spaces,  $X$  is a compact space, and if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a confluent mapping and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  is a quasi-confluent mapping ( or,if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a quasi- confluent mapping and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  is a confluent mapping), then  $h = g \circ f$  is a confluent mapping (or,  $h = g \circ f$  is a quasi-confluent mapping ).

## 6. Product of Quasi -C onfluent Mappings:

In this section, we study the product of quasi-confluent mappings. So, we recall the following theorem:

**6.1 Theorem [4]:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two strongly connected compact spaces,  $W$  and  $V$  are two Hausdorff spaces, and if  $f: X \rightarrow W$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow V$  are two confluent mappings, then  $f \times g: X \times Y \rightarrow W \times V$  is a confluent mapping.

**6.2 Theorem:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two strongly connected compact Hausdorff spaces,  $W$  and  $V$  are two Hausdorff spaces, and if  $f: X \rightarrow W$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow V$  are two quasi-confluent mappings, then  $f \times g: X \times Y \rightarrow W \times V$  is a quasi-confluent mapping.

**Proof:** Since  $f$  and  $g$  are quasi-confluent mappings of a compact Hausdorff space onto a Hausdorff space. Thus,  $f$  and  $g$  are confluent mappings, by (2.2). From (6.1) we get that  $f \times g$  is a confluent mapping. Therefore,  $f \times g$  is a quasi-confluent mapping, by (2.4).  $\square$

From (2.6), we conclude that the following result:

**6.3 Corollary:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two strongly connected compact spaces,  $W$  and  $V$  are two Hausdorff spaces, and if  $f: X \rightarrow W$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow V$  are two confluent mappings, then  $f \times g: X \times Y \rightarrow W \times V$  is a quasi-confluent mapping.

From (2.7), we can get the following results:

**6.4 Corollary:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two strongly connected compact Hausdorff spaces,  $W$  and  $V$  are two Hausdorff spaces, and if  $f: X \rightarrow W$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow V$  are two quasi-confluent mappings, then  $f \times g: X \times Y \rightarrow W \times V$  is a confluent mapping.

**6.5 Corollary:** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two strongly connected compact Hausdorff spaces,  $W$  and  $V$  are two Hausdorff spaces, and if  $f: X \rightarrow W$  is a confluent mapping and  $g: Y \rightarrow V$  is a quasi-confluent mapping (or, if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a quasi-confluent mapping and  $g: Y \rightarrow W$  is a confluent mapping), then  $f \times g: X \times Y \rightarrow W \times V$  is a confluent mapping (or,  $f \times g: X \times Y \rightarrow W \times V$  is a quasi-confluent mapping).

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