

## WHEN DO \*CONTINUOUS EXTENSIONS EXIST?

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In non-standard analysis we frequently need a non-standard extension of some standard function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , that is, an internal function  $g: {}^*X \rightarrow {}^*Y$  other than  ${}^*f$  such that  $g|_X = f$ . Often  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces and we want  $g$  to be \*continuous, so that for each \*open  $U \subseteq {}^*Y$ ,  $g^{-1}(U) \subseteq {}^*X$  is \*open. H. Gonsior showed in [3] that if  $X$  is normal, then any function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a \*continuous extension. Obviously, the problem of which pairs  $(X, Y)$  have this property has some uninteresting solutions:  $(X, X)$  is such a pair where  $X$  is a discrete space. However, by introducing additional conditions on  $X$  and  $Y$  we can produce an interesting class of such pairs. First we remind the reader of the following definitions.

**Definition 1** A topological space  $X$  is said to be Urysohn (or functionally Hausdorff) iff for any two points  $x, y \in X$  there is a continuous function  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g(x) = 1$  and  $g(y) = 0$ .

**Definition 2** A topological space  $Y$  is said to be pathwise connected iff for any two points  $x, y \in Y$  there is a continuous function  $h: I \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h(1) = x$  and  $h(0) = y$ .

It is evident that any space  $Y$  is pathwise connected iff for any two points  $x, y \in Y$  there is a continuous function  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h(1) = x$  and  $h(0) = y$ .

**Theorem 1** *Let  $X$  be a Urysohn space and let  $Y$  be a pathwise connected space in a model  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then for any enlargement  ${}^*\mathfrak{M}$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$ , each function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  has a \*continuous extension  $g: {}^*X \rightarrow {}^*Y$ . Moreover, if  $X$  is not a Urysohn space, then there is a function  $f_1: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with no \*continuous extension, and if  $Y$  is not pathwise connected, then there is a function  $f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Y$  with no \*continuous extension.*

*Proof:* Let  $X$  be a Urysohn space, let  $Y$  be a pathwise connected space and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an arbitrary function. We shall show that the binary relation  $R$  defined by:  $\langle x, y \rangle Rg$  iff  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous and  $g(x) = y$  is concurrent on  $\{\langle x, f(x) \rangle: x \in X\}$ .