

Strongly Pseudo-Regular and Strongly Pseudo-Normal Topological Spaces

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Abstract: In this paper strongly pseudo-regular and strongly pseudo-normal topological spaces have been introduced and their properties have been studied. A number of important theorems regarding these spaces have been established.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the second in a series of our papers on generalizations and specializations of regular and normal topological spaces. The first such paper has appeared in 2018 [17]. Earlier, regular and normal topological spaces have been generalized in various other ways. p -regular, p -normal, β -normal and γ -normal spaces ([7], [8], [10], [12], [15]) are several examples of some of these.

Here we have introduced strongly pseudo-regular and strongly pseudo-normal spaces and studied their important properties. Many important results about these spaces have been established.

We have used the terminology and definitions of text books of S. Majumdar and N. Akhter [1], Munkres [2], Dugundji [3], Simmons [4], Kelley [5] and Hocking-Young [6].

Unless otherwise stated, every compact set considered in this paper will have at least two elements.

II. PRELIMINARIES

We start with the definitions of γ -normal, p -normal, β -normal spaces.

A subset A of a topological space X is said to be **regular open** (resp. **regular closed**) if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ (resp. $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$), **preopen** (briefly **p-open**) if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$, **β -open** if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$, **γ -open** if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$.

Definition 2.1: A topological space X is said to be **γ -normal** (resp. **p -normal**, **β -normal** [7]) if for every pair of disjoint closed subsets A and B of X , there exist disjoint γ -open (resp. p -open, β -open) sets U and V of X such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

We shall now define and study strongly pseudo-regular spaces as specializations of pseudo-regular spaces (see [17]).

III. STRONGLY PSEUDO-REGULAR SPACES

Definition 3.1: A topological space X will be called **strongly pseudo-regular** if, for each compact set K and for every $x \in X$ with $x \notin K$, there exist open sets G and H such that $x \in G$ and $K \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \emptyset$.

Ex 3.1: $X = \mathbb{R}$ with usual topology is strongly pseudo-regular. To see this, let K be a non-empty compact subset of X and let $x \in X$, $x \notin K$. Then, by Heine Borel Theorem, K is closed and bounded. Hence, K may be written as $K = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} [a_i, b_i]$, where

$$[a_i, b_i] \cap [a_j, b_j] = \emptyset \text{ if } i \neq j.$$

Let $a_0 = \min_i \{a_i\}$, $b_0 = \max_j \{b_j\}$. Since $x \notin K$, one of the following three conditions must hold:

- (i) $x < a_0$
- (ii) $x > b_0$
- (iii) there exist a_{j_1}, a_{k_1} and b_{j_1}, b_{k_1} such that $a_{j_1} \leq b_{j_1} < a_{k_1} \leq b_{k_1}$, and $[a_{j_1}, b_{j_1}]$ and $[a_{k_1}, b_{k_1}]$ are consecutive intervals in K , and $b_{j_1} < x < a_{k_1}$.

If (i) holds, let $\partial_1 = \frac{1}{3}|x - a_{i_0}|$, and let $U_1 = (x - \partial_1, x + \partial_1)$, $V_1 = (a_{i_0} - \partial_1, b_{j_0} + \partial_1)$. Then U_1, V_1 are open and $\overline{U_1} \cap \overline{V_1} = \phi$. Also $x \in U_1, K \subseteq V_1$.

If (ii) holds, let $\partial_2 = \frac{1}{3}|x - b_{j_0}|$, and let $U_2 = (x - \partial_2, x + \partial_2)$, $V_2 = (a_{i_0} - \partial_2, b_{j_0} + \partial_2)$. Then U_2, V_2 are open, $x \in U_2, K \subseteq V_2$ and $\overline{U_2} \cap \overline{V_2} = \phi$.

If (iii) holds, let $\partial_3 = \frac{1}{3} \min\{x - b_{j_1}, a_{k_1} - x\}$, and let $U_3 = (x - \partial_3, x + \partial_3)$ and $V_3 = (a_{i_0} - \partial_3, b_{j_1} + \partial_3) \cup (a_{k_1} - \partial_3, b_{j_0} + \partial_3)$. Then U_3, V_3 are open, $x \in U_3, K \subseteq V_3$ and $\overline{U_3} \cap \overline{V_3} = \phi$.

Thus, X is strongly pseudo-regular.

Theorem 3.1: Every strongly pseudo-regular space is pseudo regular but the converse is not true in general.

Proof: The first part is obvious. To prove the converse, let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\mathfrak{S} = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. Then (X, \mathfrak{S}) is a topological space. The closed subsets of X are $X, \phi, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, d\}, \{d\}$. Let $K = \{a\}$. Then K is compact and $b \notin K$. Then we have open sets $G = \{a\}, H = \{b, c\}$ such that $K \subseteq G, b \in H$ and $G \cap H = \phi$. Hence X is pseudo regular. G and H are the only disjoint open sets which contain K and b respectively.

Now, we have $\overline{H} = \{b, c, d\}, \overline{G} = \{a, d\}$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \{d\} \neq \phi$. Hence X is not strongly pseudo-regular.

Theorem 3.2: Any subspace of a strongly pseudo-regular space is strongly pseudo-regular.

Proof: Let X be a strongly pseudo-regular space and $Y \subseteq X$. Let $y \in Y$ and K be a compact subset of Y such that $y \notin K$. Since K is compact in Y, so K is compact in X. Since X is strongly pseudo-regular, there exist open sets G and H of X such that $y \in G$ and $K \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$. Let $U = G \cap Y$ and $V = H \cap Y$. Then U and V are open sets of Y where $y \in U$ and $K \subseteq V$ and $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \phi$. Hence Y is strongly pseudo-regular.

Corollary 3.1: Let X be a topological space and A, B are two strongly pseudo-regular subspace of X. Then $A \cap B$ is strongly pseudo-regular.

Proof: Since $A \cap B$ being a subspace of both A and B, $A \cap B$ is strongly pseudo-regular by the above theorem.

Theorem 3.3: A topological space X is strongly pseudo-regular if, for each $x \in X$ and for any compact set K not containing x, there exists an open set H of X such that $x \in H \subseteq \overline{H} \subseteq K^c$.

Proof: Let X be strongly pseudo-regular and let K be compact in X. Let $x \notin K$ i.e; $x \in K^c$. Since X is strongly pseudo regular, there exist open sets U, V such that $x \in U, K \subseteq V$ and $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \phi$ and so $U \cap V = \phi$. Then $U \subseteq V^c \subseteq K^c$. So $\overline{U} \subseteq \overline{V^c} = V^c \subseteq K^c$. Writing $U=H$ we have $x \in H \subseteq \overline{H} \subseteq K^c$.

Theorem 3.4: A topological space X is strongly pseudo-regular if X is completely Hausdorff.

Proof: Let X be a completely Hausdorff space and K be a compact subset of X. Let x, y be two distinct points of X with $y \in K$ and $x \notin K$. Since X is completely Hausdorff there exist open sets G_y and H_y such that $x \in G_y$ and $y \in H_y$ and $\overline{G_y} \cap \overline{H_y} = \phi$. Let $\{H_y : y \in K\}$ is a open cover of K.

Since K is compact, so there exist a finite subcover $\{H_{y_1}, H_{y_2}, \dots, H_{y_n}\}$ of K. Let $H = H_{y_1} \cup H_{y_2} \cup \dots \cup H_{y_n}$ and $G = G_{y_1} \cap G_{y_2} \cap \dots \cap G_{y_n}$. Then $K \subseteq H, x \in G$ and we claim that $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$.

If $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} \neq \phi$, let $z \in \overline{G} \Rightarrow z \in \overline{G_{y_1}} \cap \dots \cap \overline{G_{y_n}}$ and $z \in \overline{H} \Rightarrow z \in \overline{H_{y_i}}$, for some y_i . This implies $z \in \overline{G_{y_i}} \cap \overline{H_{y_i}}$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$. Hence X is strongly pseudo-regular.

Theorem 3.5: The product space X of any non-empty collection $\{X_i\}$ of topological spaces is strongly pseudo-regular if and only if each X_i is strongly pseudo-regular.

Proof: Let $\{X_i\}$ be a non-empty collection of strongly pseudo-regular space and $X = \prod X_i$. We show that X is strongly pseudo-regular space. Let K be a compact set not containing a point $x \in X$. Let $K_i = \Pi_i(K)$, $x_i \notin K_i$. Since the projection maps are continuous $\Pi_i(K) = K_i$ is a compact subset of X_i . Since $x \notin K$, there exists i_0 such that $x_{i_0} \notin K_{i_0}$. Since X_{i_0} is strongly pseudo-regular, there exist open sets G_{i_0}, H_{i_0} in X_{i_0} such that $x_{i_0} \in H_{i_0}$, $K_{i_0} \subseteq G_{i_0}$ and $\overline{G_{i_0}} \cap \overline{H_{i_0}} = \phi$. For each $i \neq i_0$, let G_i, H_i be open sets such that $x_i \in H_i, K_i \subseteq G_i$. Let $G = \prod_i G_i$ and $H = \prod_i H_i$. Then $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$, since $\overline{G_{i_0}} \cap \overline{H_{i_0}} = \phi$ and $K \subseteq G, x \in H$. Hence X is strongly pseudo-regular.

Conversely, if X is strongly pseudo-regular, then we show that for each i , X_i is strongly pseudo-regular. For each i , let K_i be a compact subset of X_i and $x_i \in X_i$ but $x_i \notin K_i$. Let $K = \prod_i K_i$ and $x = \{x_i\}$ then $x \in X$ but $x \notin K$. Then K compact by Tychonoff Theorem. Since X is strongly pseudo-regular, there exist open sets G and H such that $x \in G$ and $K \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$ and $G = \prod_i G_i, H = \prod_i H_i, G_i, H_i$ are open sets in X_i such that $x_i \in H_i, K_i \subseteq G_i$ and $\overline{G_i} \cap \overline{H_i} = \phi$. Therefore X_i is strongly pseudo-regular.

Theorem 3.6: Let X be a strongly pseudo-regular space and R is an equivalence relation of X . Then R is a closed subset of $X \times X$.

Proof: We shall prove that R^c is open. So, let $(x, y) \in R^c$. It is sufficient to show that there exist two open sets G and H of X such that $x \in G$ and $y \in H$ and $G \times H \subseteq R^c$. Let $p: X \rightarrow \frac{X}{R}$ be the projection map. Since $(x, y) \in R^c$, $p(x) \neq p(y)$ i.e; $x \notin p^{-1}(p(y))$. Again, since $\{y\}$ is compact and p is a continuous mapping, $p(y)$ is compact. Also, let $\{G_i\}$ be an open cover of $p^{-1}(p(y))$ in X , and let $\overline{G_i} = p(G_i)$. Then $\{\overline{G_i}\}$ is an open cover of $p(y)$ in $\frac{X}{R}$. Since $p(y)$ is a singleton element in $\frac{X}{R}$, there exists $\overline{G_{i_0}}$ such that $p(y) \in \overline{G_{i_0}}$ in $\frac{X}{R}$. Then by the definition of the topology in $\frac{X}{R}$ and the nature of the map p , (i) G_{i_0} is open in X , (ii) $G_{i_0} = p^{-1}(\overline{G_{i_0}})$ and (iii) $p^{-1}(p(y)) \subseteq G_{i_0}$ in X . Hence $p^{-1}(p(y))$ is compact in X . So by the strongly pseudo-regularity of X there exist open sets G and H in X such that $x \in G$ and $p^{-1}(p(y)) \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$. Hence $y \in p^{-1}(p(y)) \subseteq H$ i.e; $y \in H$. Since $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$, $p(\overline{G}) \cap p(\overline{H}) = \phi$. Therefore $G \times H \subseteq R^c$ and so $(x, y) \in G \times H \subseteq R^c$.

Corollary 3.2: Let X be a strongly pseudo-regular space and R is an equivalence relation of X . Then $\frac{X}{R}$ is completely Hausdorff.

Proof: Let $\text{cls } x$ and $\text{cls } y$ be two distinct points of $\frac{X}{R}$. Then $\text{cls } x = p(x)$ and $\text{cls } y = p(y)$ for some $x, y \in X$ such that $x \neq y$ and $(x, y) \in R^c$. By the proof of the above theorem, there exist open sets G_x and G_y in $\frac{X}{R}$ such that $\text{cls } x \in G_x$ and $\text{cls } y \in G_y$ and $\overline{G_x} \cap \overline{G_y} = \phi$. Thus $\frac{X}{R}$ is completely Hausdorff.

We shall now define a new class of specialized pseudo normal spaces (see [17]), viz., strongly pseudo-normal spaces and proceed to study them.

IV. STRONGLY PSEUDO-NORMAL SPACES

Definition 4.1: A topological space X will be called **strongly pseudo-normal** if, for each pair of disjoint compact subsets K_1, K_2 of X , there exist open sets G and H such that $K_1 \subseteq G, K_2 \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$.

Ex 4.1: $X = \mathbb{R}$ with usual topology is strongly pseudo-normal. To see this, let K_1 and K_2 be two non-empty disjoint compact sets in X . Then, K_1 and K_2 may be written as $K_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} [a_i, b_i]$, $K_2 = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} [c_j, d_j]$ where $[a_i, b_i] \cap [a_{i'}, b_{i'}] = \emptyset$ if $i \neq i'$, $[c_j, d_j] \cap [c_{j'}, d_{j'}] = \emptyset$ if $j \neq j'$ and $[a_i, b_i] \cap [c_j, d_j] = \emptyset$ for each i and j .

For each consecutive pair $[a_i, b_i]$ and $[c_j, d_j]$ in the natural ordering in \mathbb{R} , let

$$\partial_{ij} = \frac{1}{3} \inf \{ |x - y| : x \in [a_i, b_i], y \in [c_j, d_j] \}$$

and let

$$V_{ij} = (a_i - \partial_{ij}, b_i + \partial_{ij}),$$

$$W_{ij} = (c_j - \partial_{ij}, d_j + \partial_{ij}).$$

Then, each V_{ij} and each W_{ij} are open, and

$$V_{ij} \cap W_{ij} = \emptyset. \text{ Let } V = \bigcup_{i,j} V_{ij} \text{ and } W = \bigcup_{i,j} W_{ij}. \text{ Then, } V \text{ and } W \text{ are open,}$$

$$\overline{V} \cap \overline{W} = \left(\bigcup_{i,j} \overline{V_{ij}} \right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i,j} \overline{W_{ij}} \right) = \bigcup_{i,j} (\overline{V_{ij}} \cap \overline{W_{ij}}) = \emptyset \text{ and } K_1 \subseteq V, K_2 \subseteq W.$$

Thus, X is strongly pseudo-normal.

In the above $\overline{V} = \bigcup_{i,j} \overline{V_{ij}}$, $\overline{W} = \bigcup_{i,j} \overline{W_{ij}}$, because of the nature of V_{ij} 's and W_{ij} 's.

Theorem 4.1: Every strongly pseudo-normal space is pseudo normal but the converse is not true in general.

Proof: Let X be strongly pseudo-normal. Let K_1, K_2 be two disjoint compact subsets of X . Since X is strongly pseudo-normal, there exist open sets G and H such that $K_1 \subseteq G, K_2 \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \emptyset$. Since $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \emptyset$, so $G \cap H = \emptyset$. Thus X is pseudo normal.

Conversely, let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\mathfrak{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. Then \mathfrak{T} is a topology on X . The closed subsets of X are $X, \emptyset, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, d\}, \{d\}$. Let $K_1 = \{a\}, K_2 = \{b\}$. Then K_1 and K_2 are two disjoint compact subsets of X . We have open sets $G = \{a\}, H = \{b, c\}$ such that $K_1 \subseteq G, K_2 \subseteq H$ and $G \cap H = \emptyset$. Hence X is pseudo normal. Clearly, G and H are the only disjoint open sets which separate K_1 and K_2 respectively.

We have $\overline{G} = \{b, c, d\}, \overline{H} = \{a, d\}$ and so $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \{d\} \neq \emptyset$. Hence X is not strongly pseudo-normal.

Theorem 4.2: Every open image of a strongly pseudo-normal space is strongly pseudo-normal.

Proof: Let X be a strongly pseudo-normal space and Y a topological space and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an open and onto mapping. Let K_1 and K_2 be two disjoint compact subsets in Y . Since f is open, f^{-1} is continuous, $f^{-1}(K_1)$ and $f^{-1}(K_2)$ are compact in X . Since X is strongly pseudo-normal, there exist open subsets U and V of X such that $f^{-1}(K_1) \subseteq U$ and $f^{-1}(K_2) \subseteq V$ and $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \emptyset$. Again, since f is open, $f(U)$ and $f(V)$ are open in Y and $K_1 \subseteq f^{-1}(K_1) \subseteq f(U), K_2 \subseteq f^{-1}(K_2) \subseteq f(V)$. Now $f(\overline{U}) \cap f(\overline{V}) = \emptyset$. Since f is open, f is also closed. Therefore $f(\overline{U})$ is closed, hence $f(\overline{U}) = \overline{f(U)}$. Since $f(U) \subseteq f(\overline{U}), \overline{f(U)} \subseteq \overline{f(\overline{U})} = f(\overline{U})$. Similarly $\overline{f(V)} \subseteq \overline{f(\overline{V})} = f(\overline{V})$. Therefore $\overline{f(U)} \cap \overline{f(V)} = \emptyset$. Hence Y is strongly pseudo-normal.

Corollary 4.1: Every quotient space of a strongly pseudo-normal space is strongly pseudo-normal.

Proof: Let X be a strongly pseudo-normal space and R is an equivalence relation on X . Since the projection map $p: X \rightarrow \frac{X}{R}$ is open and onto, the corollary then follows from the above theorem.

Although a subspace of a normal space need not be normal (see [1], p. 109), we have the following theorem:

Theorem 4.3: Every subspace of a stronglypseudo-normal space is stronglypseudo-normal.

Proof: Let X be a stronglypseudo-normal space and $Y \subseteq X$. Let K_1 and K_2 be two disjoint compact subsets in Y . Since K_1 and K_2 are compact in Y , these are compact in X too. Since X is stronglypseudo-normal, there exist open sets U and V such that $K_1 \subseteq U$ and $K_2 \subseteq V$ and $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \phi$. Let $G=U \cap Y$ and $H=V \cap Y$. Then G and H are open sets in Y with property that $K_1 \subseteq G$ and $K_2 \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$. Hence Y is stronglypseudo-normal.

Comment4.1: A continuous image of a stronglypseudo-regular (a stronglypseudo-normal) space need not be stronglypseudo-regular (stronglypseudo-normal).

For, if (X, T_1) is a stronglypseudo-regular (a stronglypseudo-normal) space and (X, I) a space with the indiscrete topology, then the identity map $1_x : (X, T_1) \rightarrow (X, I)$ is continuous and onto. But (X, I) is not stronglypseudo-regular (stronglypseudo-normal).

Theorem 4.4: A topological space X is stronglypseudo-normal if for each pair of disjoint compact sets K_1 and K_2 , there exist open set U such that $K_1 \subseteq U \subseteq \overline{U} \subseteq K_2^c$.

Proof: Let X be a strongly pseudo-normal and K_1, K_2 be two compact subsets of X and $K_1 \cap K_2 = \phi$. Since X is strongly pseudo-normal, there exist open sets U, V such that $K_1 \subseteq U, K_2 \subseteq V$ and $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \phi$ and so $U \cap V = \phi$. Then $U \subseteq V^c \subseteq K_2^c$. So $\overline{U} \subseteq \overline{V^c} = V^c \subseteq K_2^c$. Hence we have $K_1 \subseteq U \subseteq \overline{U} \subseteq K_2^c$.

Theorem 4.5: A topological space X is stronglypseudo-normal if X is completely Hausdorff.

Proof: Let X be a completely Hausdorff space and A, B be two disjoint compact subsets of X . Let $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. Then $x \neq y$. Since X is completely Hausdorff, there exist open sets G_y and H_y such that $x \in G_y$ and $y \in H_y$ and $\overline{G_y} \cap \overline{H_y} = \phi$. Obviously $\{H_y : y \in B\}$ is an open cover of B . Since B is compact, so there exist finite subcover $H_{y_1}, H_{y_2}, \dots, H_{y_m}$ of B . Let $H_x = H_{y_1} \cup H_{y_2} \cup \dots \cup H_{y_m}$ and $G_x = G_{y_1} \cap G_{y_2} \cap \dots \cap G_{y_m}$. Then $B \subseteq H_x, x \in G_x$ and $\overline{G_x} \cap \overline{H_x} = \phi$ i.e; X is strongly pseudo-regular. So for each $x \in A$ there exist two open sets G_x and H_x of X such that $x \in G_x$ and $B \subseteq H_x$ and $\overline{G_x} \cap \overline{H_x} = \phi$. Hence $\{G_x : x \in A\}$ is an open cover of A . Since A is compact, so there exist finite subcover $G_{x_1}, G_{x_2}, \dots, G_{x_n}$ of this cover A . Let $G = G_{x_1} \cup G_{x_2} \cup \dots \cup G_{x_n}$ and $H = H_{x_1} \cap H_{x_2} \cap \dots \cap H_{x_n}$. Then G, H are open sets of X and $A \subseteq G, B \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$. Hence X is stronglypseudo-normal.

Theorem 4.6: Every stronglypseudo-normal space is stronglypseudo-regular.

Proof: Let X be a stronglypseudo-normal space. Let K be a compact subset of X and let $x \in X$ such that $x \notin K$. Therefore $\{x\}$ and K are disjoint compact subsets of X . Since X is stronglypseudo-normal there exist open sets G and H in X such that $\{x\} \subseteq G$ and $K \subseteq H$ i.e; $x \in G$ and $K \subseteq H$ and $\overline{G} \cap \overline{H} = \phi$. Hence X is stronglypseudo-regular.

Theorem 4.7: Every normal T_1 - space is strongly pseudo-regular.

Proof: Let X be normal and T_1 . Then by Theorem 3.10 of ([1], p. 108), for each $x \in X$ and for each open set G with $x \in G$, there exists an open set H_x in X such that $x \in H_x \subseteq \overline{H_x} \subseteq G$... (1)

Let K be a compact subset of X and let $y \in X$ such that $y \notin K$. We note that X is Hausdorff, hence for each $x \in K$, there exist open sets G_x and V_x such that $x \in G_x, y \in V_x$ and $G_x \cap V_x = \phi$. By (1), there exists an open set H_x in X such that $x \in H_x \subseteq \overline{H_x} \subseteq G_x$. Clearly $\kappa = \{H_x \mid x \in K\}$ and so $G = \{G_{x_1}, \dots, G_{x_n}\}$ is open cover of K . K being compact. κ has a finite subcover, say, $\{H_{x_1}, \dots, H_{x_n}\}$. Let $G = G_{x_1} \cup \dots \cup G_{x_n}$ and $V = V_{x_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{x_n}$. Then G and V are open sets in K and $G \cap V = \phi$. Also if $H = H_{x_1} \cup \dots \cup H_{x_n}$, then H is open, $H \supseteq K$ and $x \in V$ and $H \cap V = \phi$. Since $\overline{H_{x_1}}, \dots, \overline{H_{x_n}} \subseteq G, \overline{H_{x_1}} \cup \dots \cup \overline{H_{x_n}}$ is contained in G and is disjoint from $V. \overline{H_{x_1}} \cup \dots \cup \overline{H_{x_n}}$ is a closed set

containing $H_{x_1} \cup \dots \cup H_{x_n}$ and so $\overline{H} \subseteq \overline{H_{x_1}} \cup \dots \cup \overline{H_{x_n}}$. Hence $\overline{H} \cap V = \phi$. Now, there exists an open set W in X such that $x \in W \subseteq \overline{W} \subseteq V$. Then $\overline{H_{x_1}} \cup \dots \cup \overline{H_{x_n}} \cap \overline{W} = \phi$ i.e., $\overline{H} \cap \overline{W} = \phi$. Therefore X is strongly pseudo-regular.

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