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# Research Article **On Quasi-***w***-Confluent Mappings**

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We introduce a new class of mappings called quasi- $\omega$ -confluent maps, and we study the relation between these mappings, and some other forms of confluent maps. Moreover, we prove several results about some operations on quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mappings such as: composition, factorization, pullbacks, and products.

## **1. Introduction**

A generalization of the notion of the classical open sets which has received much attention lately is the so-called  $\omega$ -open sets. These sets are characterized as follows [1]: a subset W of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\omega$ -open set if and only if for each  $x \in W$ , there exists  $U \in \tau$ such that  $x \in U$  and U - W is countable. One can then show that the family of all  $\omega$ -open subsets of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , denoted by  $\tau_w$ , forms a topology on X finer than  $\tau$ . Using this notion of  $\omega$ -open sets, one can then define notions such as  $\omega$ -compact and  $\omega$ -connected sets whose definitions follow closely the definitions of the related classical notions. For example, a space X is called  $\omega$ -connected provided that X is not the union of two disjoint nonempty  $\omega$ -open sets. And X is said to be  $\omega$ -compact if every  $\omega$ -open cover of X has a finite subcover. For more information regarding these notions and some recent related results, see [2–4].

Recall that a subset *K* of a space *X* is said to be a continuum if *K* is connected and compact. Using this idea of a continuum, Charatonik introduced and studied the idea of a confluent mapping between topological spaces [5] as follow: A mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is said to be confluent provided that for each continuum *K* of *Y* and for each component *C* of  $f^{-1}(K)$ , we have f(C) = K.

In [6], motivated by Charatonik's work, we have introduced the notion of  $\omega$ -confluent mappings and studied its basic properties. In particular, we say a space *X* is an  $\omega$ -continuum

if it is  $\omega$ -connected and  $\omega$ -compact at the same time, and a subset K of a space X is said to be  $\omega$ -continuum if K is  $\omega$ -connected and  $\omega$ -compact as a subspace of X. Moreover, a mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is said to be  $\omega$ -confluent provided that for each  $\omega$ -continuum K of Y and for each component C of  $f^{-1}(K)$ , we have f(C) = K.

In this paper, we are interested in the further generalizations of the work of Charatonik in the context of  $\omega$ -open sets and the idea of quasicomponents. Recall that a quasicomponent of space X containing a point  $p \in X$  is the intersection of all nonempty clopen sets in X containing p [7]. In particular, we will introduce the notion of quasi- $\omega$ -confluent maps and study its relation with the classical mappings such as confluent,  $\omega$ -confluent, and quasiconfluent maps. We also study operations on such mappings like compositions, pullback of quasi- $\omega$ -confluent, factorizations, and products.

## 2. Quasi-*w*-Confluent Mappings

In this section, we introduce and study a new form of  $\omega$ -confluent mapping, which is a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping. Throughout this paper, all mappings are assumed to be continuous.

Now, we introduce the following notion.

*Definition* 2.1. A mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is said to be quasi- $\omega$ -confluent (resp., quasiconfluent) if for each  $\omega$ -continuum (resp., continuum) K in Y and for each quasicomponent QC of  $f^{-1}(K)$ , we have f(QC) = K.

First, we need the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2** (see [6]). Let X be a topological space. Then,

- (1) every  $\omega$ -connected subset K of X is connected,
- (2) every  $\omega$ -compact subset K of X is compact,
- (3) every  $\omega$ -continuum subset K of X is a continuum.

**Proposition 2.3.** (1) Every ω-confluent mapping is quasi-ω-confluent. (2) Every quasiconfluent mapping is quasi-ω-confluent.

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $f : X \to Y$  be an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping, let K be any  $\omega$ -continuum in Y, and let x be any point in  $f^{-1}(K)$  and  $QC_x$  be the quasicomponent of x in  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Then, any component  $C_x$  of x in  $f^{-1}(K)$  contained in the quasicomponents  $QC_x$ , or  $C_x \subset QC_x$ . Thus,  $f(C_x) \subset f(QC_x)$ . Since f is an  $\omega$ -confluent, then  $f(C_x) = K$ . This implies,  $K \subset f(QC_x)$ . But we have  $QC_x \subset f^{-1}(K)$ . So,  $f(QC_x) \subset K$ . Thus,  $f(QC_x) = K$ . Therefore, f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

(2) Let *K* be any  $\omega$ -continuum in *Y* and *QC* be any quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Then, *K* is a continuum in *Y* by the Theorem 2.2(3). Since, *f* is quasiconfluent. So that, f(QC) = K. Thus, *f* is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

*Remark* 2.4. It is clear that every  $\omega$ -confluent (confluent or quasiconfluent) mapping is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent, but the converses are not necessarily true, as shown by the following examples.

*Example 2.5.* Let  $K = \{1/n : n \text{ is a positive integer}\}, D = K \times [0, 1].$ 

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(a) Let  $X = D \cup \{(0,0), (0,1)\}$  subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  under the usual topology  $\tau_u$ , and  $Y = \{0,1\}$ , with the topology  $\tau_Y = \{\phi, Y\}$ . Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the mapping defined by

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } (x,y) \in \{(0,0), (0,1)\}, \\ 1, & \text{for } (x,y) \in \{k\} \times [0,1], \text{ for each } k \in K. \end{cases}$$
(2.1)

Then, *f* is quasi-*w*-confluent but not quasiconfluent. Since, if we take the continuum  $K = \{0,1\}$  in *Y*, then the quasicomponents of  $f^{-1}(K)$  are  $\{(0,0), (0,1)\}$  and *D*. So,  $f(\{(0,0), (0,1)\}) \neq K$ , and  $f(D) \neq K$ .

(b) Let  $X = D \cup \{(0,0), (0,1)\} \cup ([0,1] \times \{0\})$  subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  under the usual topology  $\tau_u$ , and  $Y = \{0,1\}$ , with the topology  $\tau_Y = \{\phi, Y\}$ . Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the mapping defined by

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } (x,y) = (0,1), \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(2.2)

Then, *f* is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent, but not confluent. Since if we take the continuum  $K = \{0, 1\}$  in *Y*, then the components of  $f^{-1}(K)$  are  $\{(0, 1)\}$  and  $X \setminus \{(0, 1)\}$ . So,  $f(\{(0, 1)\}) \neq K$ , and  $f(X \setminus \{(0, 1)\} \neq K$ .

*Example 2.6.* Let  $X = \{p, q, r\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}\}$  defined on *X* and *Y*, respectively. Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping defined by f(p) = a, f(q) = b, f(r) = c. Then, *f* is quasi- $\omega$ - confluent, but it is not confluent.

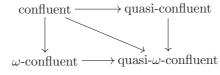
*Remark* 2.7. Quasi- $\omega$ -confluent does not imply  $\omega$ -confluent in general, since the quasicomponent containing p, QC(X, p) may be different from the component containing p, C(X, p), as the following example shows.

*Example 2.8.* Let  $X = K \times [0,1] \cup \{(0,0), (0,1)\} \cup ([0,1] \times \{0\})$  be a subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  under the usual topology  $\tau_u$ , where K be as in Example 2.5, and let Y = [0,1] with the topology  $\tau_{ind} = \{\phi, Y, \}$ . Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the mapping defined by

$$f(x,y) = x, \quad \forall (x,y) \in X.$$
(2.3)

Then, *f* is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent, but *f* is not  $\omega$ -confluent. Note that if we take the  $\omega$ -continuum K = [0,1], then the components of  $f^{-1}(K)$  are  $C_1 = \{(0,1)\}$  and  $C_2 = X - \{(0,1)\}$ . Thus,  $f(C_1) \neq K$  and  $f(C_2) = K$ .

The following diagram summarizes the relations between confluent mapping, quasiconfluent mapping, and  $\omega$ -confluent mapping with quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping.



The following theorem shows that under certain conditions, quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping will be  $\omega$ -confluent.

**Theorem 2.9.** Every quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping  $f : X \to Y$  of a compact Hausdorff space X into a Hausdorff space Y is  $\omega$ -confluent.

*Proof.* Let *K* be any  $\omega$ -continuum in *Y* and *C* any component of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Then, by the Theorem 2.2, *K* is continuum subset of *Y*. Since *Y* is Hausdorff, then *K* is closed in *Y* and since *f* is continuous, then  $f^{-1}(K)$  is closed in *X*, since *X* is compact Hausdorff space, so that  $f^{-1}(K)$  is compact Hausdorff space. Thus, the quasicomponents are connected and coincide with components of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Thus, f(C) = K. Therefore, *f* is  $\omega$ -confluent.

**Proposition 2.10.** If X is hereditarily locally connected, then any quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is  $\omega$ -confluent.

*Proof.* It follows that from the fact that in locally connected space, the components and quasicomponents are the same.  $\Box$ 

*Definition 2.11* (see [2]). A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\omega$ -space if every  $\omega$ -open set is open in X. It is easy to see that in an  $\omega$ -space that the continuum and  $\omega$ -continuum sets coincide.

**Proposition 2.12.** *If* Y *is an*  $\omega$ *-space and if*  $f : X \to Y$  *is a mapping of a compact Hausdorff space* X *into a Hausdorff space* Y*, then the following are equivalent:* 

(1) f is confluent,

- (2) f is  $\omega$ -confluent,
- (3) *f* is quasiconfluent,
- (4) f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ . Obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let *f* be an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping, *K* any continuum in *Y*, and *QC* any quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Since *Y* is an  $\omega$ -space, then *K* is an  $\omega$ -continuum, since *Y* is Hausdorff and *X* is compact Hausdorff, so that the components and quasicomponents of  $f^{-1}(K)$  are the same. Hence, f(QC) = K by assumption. Thus, *f* is quasiconfluent mapping.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ . It follows from Proposition 2.3(2).

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping,  $K \subseteq Y$  any continuum, and C be an arbitrary component of  $f^{-1}(K)$ , since Y is an  $\omega$ -space, then K is an  $\omega$ -continuum in Y, since X is a compact Hausdorff and Y is a Hausdorff. Then, C is a quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Thus, f(C) = K. Therefore, f is confluent mapping.

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping of zero-dimensional space X into space Y. Then, the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is an  $\omega$ -confluent,
- (2) f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let *f* be quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping,  $K \subseteq Y$  any  $\omega$ -continuum, and *C* any component of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Since *X* is a *zero*-dimensional space, then it is totally disconnected. Then the components of  $f^{-1}(K)$  are coincide with quasicomponents. Thus, *C* is a quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Then, f(C) = K, by the assumption. Therefore, *f* is an  $\omega$ -confluent.

**Proposition 2.14.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping of space X into zero-dimensional space Y. Then, the following are equivalent:

- (1) f is quasiconfluent,
- (2) f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows immediately from the Proposition 2.3(2).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let *K* be any  $\omega$ -continuum, and let *QC* be any quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(K)$ . Since *Y* is *zero*-dimensional space. Then, the connected subsets of *Y* are precisely the singleton sets. Thus, the  $\omega$ -continuum are coincide with continuum sets in *Y*, therefore, *K* is a continuum in *Y*, so that f(QC) = K. Hence, *f* is quasiconfluent mapping.

**Proposition 2.15.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be any mapping. If X is a hereditarily locally connected space, then the following conditions (1) and (2) are equivalent, and the conditions (3) and (4) are equivalent:

- (1) f is  $\omega$ -confluent mapping,
- (2) f quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping,
- (3) f is confluent mapping,
- (4) f quasiconfluent mapping.

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of Proposition 2.10.

### 3. Composition and Factorization of Quasi-*w*-Confluent Mappings

In this section, we study the composition and factorization of quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping. So, we need to recall the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** (see [6]). Let  $f : X \to Y$  and  $g : Y \to Z$  be two  $\omega$ -confluent mappings, where f is a surjective. Then,  $h = g \circ f$  is an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a surjective quasi- $\omega$ -confluent of compact Hausdorff space X into space Y and  $g : Y \to Z$  a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent of space Y into Hausdorff space Z. Then,  $h = g \circ f$  is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

*Proof.* Since *X* and *Y* are two compact Hausdorff spaces and since *f* and *g* are two quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mappings, then *f* and *g* are  $\omega$ -confluent mappings by Theorem 2.9. Therefore,  $h = g \circ f$  is an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping by Theorem 3.1. Then, from Proposition 2.3,  $h = g \circ f$  is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

**Proposition 3.3.** If X is hereditarily locally connected space and if  $f : X \to Y$  and  $g : Y \to Z$  are two quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping such that f is onto closed or open map, then  $h = g \circ f$  is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

*Proof.* The proof follows immediately from Proposition 2.10 and Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping of strongly connected space X into Hausdorff space Y, and let f be a canonical decomposition ( $f = \text{inc} \circ f' \circ p_{R_f}$ ) of the following mappings:

$$f': \frac{X}{R_f} \longrightarrow f(X), \quad \text{inc}: f(X) \longrightarrow Y, \quad \text{and} \ p_{Rf}: X \longrightarrow \frac{X}{R_f},$$
 (3.1)

where  $p_{R_f}$  is the quotient surjection map, inc is the inclusion map, and f' is the bijection mapping, where  $X/R_f$  denote to quotients space over the kernel relation  $R_f = \{(x, x') : f(x) = f(x')\}$ . Then, fis a canonical decomposition of  $\omega$ -confluent mappings.

*Proof.* We have to prove that these mappings  $p_{R_f}$ , *i*, and *f'* are  $\omega$ -confluent mappings. Let *K* be any arbitrary  $\omega$ -continuum in the quotients space  $X/R_f$  and *C* any component of  $p_{R_f}^{-1}(K)$ . Since  $p_{R_f}$  is continuous mapping, then  $X/R_f$  is a Hausdorff, so that *K* is closed in  $X/R_f$ . Then, by the continuity of  $p_{R_f}$ , we have  $p_{R_f}^{-1}(K)$  is closed in *X*. But *X* is strongly connected. Therefore,  $p_{R_f}^{-1}(K)$  is connected. This means  $p_{R_f}^{-1}(K) = C$ . So,  $p_{R_f}(C) = K$ . Thus,  $p_{R_f}$  is an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

It is clearly that f' and inc are  $\omega$ -confluent mappings, since Y is a Hausdorff, then the subspace f(X) is Hausdorff, and since X is strongly connected, then  $X/R_f$  is strongly connected and also Hausdorff. Thus, f' and the inclusion map inc are  $\omega$ -confluent. Hence, f is canonical decomposition of  $\omega$ -confluent mappings.

*Remark* 3.5. In the above theorem, if X is strongly connected compact Hausdorff space, then the mapping f is the canonical decomposition of quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mappings.

**Corollary 3.6.** If X, Y, and Z are Hausdorff spaces, X is a compact space, and if  $f : X \to Y$  is a surjective  $\omega$ -confluent mapping and  $g : Y \to Z$  is a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping, then  $h = g \circ f$  is  $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

**Corollary 3.7.** If X, Y, and Z are Hausdorff spaces, X is a compact space, and if  $f : X \to Y$  is a surjective quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping and  $g : Y \to Z$  is  $\omega$ -confluent mapping, then  $h = g \circ f$  is a quasi- $\omega$ - confluent mapping.

Now, we study Whyburn's factorization theorem for quasi-*w*-confluent mappings. Thus, we recall the definition of a factorable mapping.

*Definition 3.8* (see [8]). If  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping, any representation of f in the form  $f = f_2 \circ f_1$ , where  $f_1 : X \to Z$  and  $f_2 : Z \to Y$  are two mappings and Z is a certain space, will said to be factorization of f, and f is said be a factorable mapping and Z a middle space.

Before we study the factorization property, we state the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.9** (see [6]). If  $f : X \to Y$  is an  $\omega$ -confluent of strongly connected compact space X into Hausdorff space Y, then there exists a unique factorization for f into two  $\omega$ -confluent mappings

$$f(x) = f_2 \circ f_1(x), \quad \forall x \in X, \tag{3.2}$$

such that  $f_1$  is confluent mapping.

Now, we can get the factorization of a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping in the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.10.** If  $f : X \to Y$  be a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent of strongly connected compact Hausdorff space X into Hausdorff space Y, then there exists a unique factorization for f into two quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mappings in the form  $f = f_2 \circ f_1$ .

*Proof.* Since *f* and *g* are two quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mappings and since *X* is strongly connected compact Hausdorff space and *Y* is a Hausdorff space, then from Theorem 2.9 *f* and *g* are  $\omega$ -confluent mappings. Thus, *f* has unique factorization in the form  $f = f_2 \circ f_1$  by Theorem 3.9.

Next, we study the product property of quasiconfluent mappings.

Let  $\{X_i\}_{i\in I}$  and  $\{Y_i\}_{i\in I}$  be any two families of topological spaces. The product space of  $\{X_i\}_{i\in I}$  and  $\{Y_i\}_{i\in I}$  is denoted by  $\prod_{i\in I}X_i$  and  $\prod_{i\in I}Y_i$ , respectively. Let  $f_i : X_i \to Y_i$  be a mapping for each  $i \in I$ . Let  $f : \prod_{i\in I}X_i \to \prod_{i\in I}Y_i$  be the product mappings as follows:  $f((x_i)) = (f_i(x_i))$  for each  $(x_i) \in \prod_{i\in I}X_i$ . The projection of  $\prod_{i\in I}X_i$  and  $\prod_{i\in I}Y_i$  onto  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$ , respectively, is denoted by  $p_i$  and  $q_i$ .

Before we get the following result, we need to state the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.11** (see [6]). Let  $f_i : X_i \to Y_i$  be an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping, for each  $i \in I$  of space  $X_i$  into Hausdorff space  $Y_i$ . Then,

$$f: \prod_{i\in I} X_i \longrightarrow \prod_{i\in I} Y_i \tag{3.3}$$

is an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping if the following equality holds:

$$\left(\prod_{i\in I}\tau_i\right)_{\omega}=\prod_{i\in I}(\tau_i)_{\omega},\quad\forall i\in I.$$
(3.4)

As immediate consequence of the above theorem, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.12.** Let  $f_i : X_i \to Y_i$  be a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping of compact Hausdorff space X into Hausdorff space Y for each  $i \in I$ , then

$$f:\prod_{i\in I}X_i\longrightarrow\prod_{i\in I}Y_i$$
(3.5)

is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping if the following equality holds:

$$\left(\prod_{i\in I}\tau_i\right)_{\omega}=\prod_{i\in I}(\tau_i)_{\omega},\quad\forall i\in I.$$
(3.6)

*Proof.* Since,  $X_i$  is compact Hausdorff, then the product space  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is compact Hausdorff, and since  $Y_i$  is Hausdorff, then the product space  $\prod_{i \in I} Y_i$  is also Hausdorff. From Theorem 2.9, we infer that  $f_i : X_i \to Y_i$  is an  $\omega$ -confluent for each  $i \in I$ . Then, by Theorem 3.11,  $f : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \to \prod_{i \in I} Y_i$  is an  $\omega$ -confluent mapping. Therefore, f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent by Proposition 2.3.

#### 4. Pullback of Quasi-*w*-Confluent Mappings

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

Definition 4.1 (see [9]). A fiber structure is a triple (X, f, Y) consisting of two spaces X and Y and a mapping  $f: X \to Y$ . The space X is said to be the fibered (or, total) space, f is termed the projection, and Y is the base space. Next, we recall the definition of the pullback.

*Definition* 4.2 (see [9]). Let (X, f, Y) be a fiber structure. Let Z be any space, and let  $g: Z \to Y$ be any mapping into the base Y. Let  $E_f$  be a subspace of the cartesian product  $X \times Z$ , where  $E_f = \{(x, z) : f(x) = g(z)\}$ , and let  $p : E_f \to Z$  be the projection of  $E_f$  onto Z such that  $p(x,z) = z, \forall (x,z) \in E_f$ . The fiber structure  $(E_f, p, Z)$  is said to be the fiber structure over Z induced by the mapping g, and the projection p is said to be the pullback of f by g.

Now, let  $\gamma : E_f \to X$  be the projection such that  $\gamma(x, z) = x, \forall (x, z) \in E_f$ . We observe that the following diagram is commutative.



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

**Lemma 4.3** (see [6]). Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping, let Z be any space, and let  $g: Z \to Y$  be any mapping, and if  $K \subseteq Z$ , then  $p^{-1}(K) = f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$ , where p is the pullback of f by g.

**Theorem 4.4.** The pullback of a quasiconfluent mapping is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent.

*Proof.* Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a quasiconfluent mapping, let Z be any space, and let  $g : Z \to Y$ be any mapping. Let  $K \subseteq Z$  be any  $\omega$ -continuum and QC any quasicomponent of  $p^{-1}(K)$ . Then, QC is a quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$  by Lemma 4.3. Since every  $\omega$ -continuum is continuum, then K is a continuum by Theorem 2.2. Thus, g(K) is continuum in Y. Since f is quasiconfluent mapping, then f(QC') = g(K) for each quasicomponent QC' of  $f^{-1}(g(K))$ . Since  $p^{-1}(K) = f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$ , so  $K = p(f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K) = p(QC' \times K)$  such that  $QC = QC' \times K$ for some quasicomponent QC' of  $f^{-1}(g(K))$ . Thus,  $p(QC) = P(QC' \times K) = K$ . Therefore, p is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent. 

The pullback of quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping is not necessarily quasi- $\omega$ -confluent as shown by the following example.

*Example 4.5.* Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  be the real number with upper limit topology,  $Y = \{a, b\}$  with the topology  $\tau_Y = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ , and  $Z = \mathbb{R}$  with topology  $\tau_Z = \{\phi, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} - \{1\}, \mathbb{R} - \{2\}, \mathbb{R} - \{1, 2\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } x > 0, \\ b, & \text{if } x \le 0, \end{cases}$$
(4.1)

and let  $g : Z \to Y$  be a mapping defined by

$$g(z) = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } z \in \mathbb{R} - \{1, 2\}, \\ b, & \text{if } z \in \{1, 2\}. \end{cases}$$
(4.2)

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Let  $E_f$  be a subspace of the cartesian product  $X \times Z$ , where

$$E_f = \{ (x, z) : f(x) = g(z) \}.$$
(4.3)

Then, the pullback of *f* by *g* is the projection  $p: E_f \rightarrow Z$  which is defined by

$$p(x,z) = z, \quad \forall (x,z) \in E_f. \tag{4.4}$$

We note that *f* is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping, but *p* is not quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping. Since if we take the  $\omega$ -continuum  $K = [0, \infty) \subset Z$ , then by Lemma 4.3, we get  $p^{-1}(K) = f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$ . But  $g(K) = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\omega$ -continuum in *Y*.

Under certain condition, the pullback p of quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping f will be quasi- $\omega$ -confluent as shown by the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.6.** If Y is a zero -dimensional space and if  $f : X \to Y$  is a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping, then the pullback p of f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent.

*Proof.* Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping, let Z be any space, and let  $g : Z \to Y$  be an mapping. Let K be any  $\omega$ -continuum in Z, and let QC be any quasicomponent of  $p^{-1}(K)$ , where p is the pullback of f by g. Then QC is the quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$  by Lemma 4.3. By Theorem 2.2, K is continuum. Thus, g(K) is continuum in Y by the continuity of g. Since Y is *zero*-dimensional space, then the quasiconfluent mapping equivalent to the quasi- $\omega$ -confluent by Proposition 2.14. This implies the continuum and  $\omega$ -continuum sets coincide in Y. Thus, g(K) is an  $\omega$ -continuum in Y. Since f is a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent, then f(QC') = g(K) for each quasicomponents QC' of  $f^{-1}(g(K))$ , and since  $p^{-1}(K) = f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K$ .  $K = p(f^{-1}(g(K)) \times K) = p(QC' \times K)$  such that  $QC = QC' \times K$  for some quasicomponent of  $f^{-1}(g(K))$ . Thus,  $p(QC) = P(QC' \times K) = K$ . Therefore, p is a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent.

**Corollary 4.7.** If  $f : X \to Y$  is a quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping of space X into  $\omega$ -space Y, then the pullback of f is quasi- $\omega$ -confluent mapping.

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