

On Contra $p^*g\alpha$ -Continuous Functions and Strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -Closed Spaces

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Abstract. The aim of this paper is to introduce and study the concept of contra $p^*g\alpha$ continuous function and strongly $p^*g\alpha$ closed function. Already Jafari and Noiri introduced new generalization of centre continuity, contra- α -continuity, contra precontinuity. Here, we introduce a new study and a new class of contra continuous functions.

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1. Introduction

Dontcher and Noiri are investigated the notions of Contra-continuity and contra semi continuity respectively. Caldas and Jafari introduced the notion of Contra β – continuous functions in topological spaces. Dass and Rodrigo investigated and give more properties in contra d. continuous functions. The aim of this paper to introduce a new class of functions called contra $p^*g\alpha$ - continuous functions.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, η) will always denote the topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. Let A be a Subset of (X, τ) , $\text{cl}(A)$ and $\text{Int}(A)$ denote the closure and interior of A , respectively, Now we recall some definitions which we needed in this paper.

Definition 2.1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset A of the space X is said to be

1. Preopen if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ and preclosed if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$.
2. Semi open if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ and semi closed if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$.
3. Regular open if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ and regular closed if $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$.

Definition 2.2. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset $A \subseteq X$ is said to be

1. g -closed if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
2. $*g\alpha$ -closed if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is $g\alpha$ -open in X .

3. $p^*g\alpha$ -closed if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is $*g\alpha$ -open in X .
The complements of above mentioned sets are called their respective open sets.

Definition 2.3. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

1. g -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V in (Y, σ) .
2. $*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V in (Y, σ) .
3. $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V in (Y, σ) .
4. $p^*g\alpha$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set V in (Y, σ) .
5. Strongly $p^*g\alpha$ continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for every $p^*g\alpha$ closed set V in (Y, σ) .
6. Pre- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every pre-closed set V in (Y, σ) .
7. Perfectly $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in (X, τ) for every $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set V in (Y, σ) .
8. Super continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular open in (X, τ) for every open set V in (Y, σ) .
9. Contra-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for every open set V in (Y, σ) .
10. Contra pre-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is preclosed in (X, τ) for every open set V in (Y, σ) .
12. Contra g -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V in (Y, σ) .
13. Contra semi-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semiclosed in (X, τ) for every open set V in (Y, σ) .
14. RC-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in (X, τ) for every open set V in (Y, σ) .
15. $p^*g\alpha$ -open if $f(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (Y, σ) for every $p^*g\alpha$ -open set V in (X, τ) .

Definition 2.4. A space (X, τ) is called

1. A $gT^{**}\alpha$ space [21] if every g -closed set is $p^*g\alpha$ closed.
2. A P -Tspace [3] if every $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set is closed.

Theorem 2.5. [1] Let (X, τ) be a topological space.

- (1) A subset A of (X, τ) is regular open $\Leftrightarrow A$ is opened $p^*g\alpha$ closed.
- (2) A subset A of (X, τ) is open and regular closed then A is $p^*g\alpha$ closed.

Theorem 2.6. [2] Every closed set in a topological space (X, τ) is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed.

3. Contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -Continuous Functions

Definition 3.1. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open (respectively $p^*g\alpha$ closed) in (X, τ) for every closed (respectively open) set V in (Y, σ) .

Example 3.2. Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, Y\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous function, since for the closed

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(respectively open) set $V = \{b\}$ in (Y, σ) , $f^{-1}(V) = \{b\}$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open (respectively $p^*g\alpha$ -closed) in (X, τ) .

Definition 3.3. Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . The set $\bigcap \{U \in \tau / A \subset U\}$ is called the kernel of A and is denoted by $\text{Ker}(A)$.

Lemma 3.4. The following properties hold for subsets A, B of a space X :

1. $x \in \text{Ker}(A)$ if and only if $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$ for any $F \in C(X, x)$.
2. $A \subset \text{Ker}(A)$ and $A = \text{Ker}(A)$ if A is open in X .
3. If $A \subset B$ then $\text{Ker}(A) \subset \text{Ker}(B)$.

Theorem 3.5. Every contra-continuous function is a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function.

Proof: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Let V be an open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is contra-continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) . Hence by theorem 2.6, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Thus f is a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function.

Remark 3.6. Converse of this theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.7. Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$.

Define $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b$; $f(b) = c$ and $f(c) = a$. Then f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous but not contra-continuous, since for the open (resp. closed) set $V = \{b, c\}$, $f^{-1}(V) = \{a, b\}$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed (resp. $p^*g\alpha$ -open) but it is not closed.

Remark 3.8. Contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous (respectively contra semi-continuous, contra-semi pre-continuous, contra semi-continuous) are independent concepts.

Remark 3.10. The composition of two contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions need not be contra $p^*g\alpha$ continuous and this is shown by the following example.

Example 3.1. Let $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y = Z$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ and $\eta = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Z\}$. Define

$f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = a$; $f(b) = b$ and $f(c) = b$. Then f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous, since f or the closed set $V = \{a\}$, $f^{-1}(V) = \{a\}$ is $p^*g\alpha$ open in (X, τ) .

Define $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ by $g(x) = x$. Then g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous, since for the closed set $V = \{b\}$ in (Z, η) , $g^{-1}(V) = \{b\}$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (Y, σ) . But their composition is not a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, since for the closed set $V = \{b\}$ in (Z, η) , $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b, c\}$ is not a $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) .

Theorem 3.12. The following are equivalent for a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$: Assume that $p^*g\alpha(X)$ (respectively $p^*g\alpha C(X)$) is closed under any union (resp. intersection)

1. f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous

2. The inverse image of a closed set V of Y is $p^*g\alpha$ -open
3. For each $x \in X$ and each $V \in C(Y, f(x))$, there exists $U \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq V$.
4. $f(p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X .
5. $p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Ker}(B))$ for every subset B of Y .

Proof: The implications (1) \Rightarrow (2), (2) \Rightarrow (3), is true obvious.

(3) \Rightarrow (2)

Let V be any closed set of Y and $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Then $f(x) \in V$ and there exists $U_x \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x)$ such that $f(U_x) \subset V$. Hence we obtain $f^{-1}(V) = \cup\{U_x / x \in f^{-1}(V)\}$ and by assumption $f^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open.

(2) \Rightarrow (4)

Let A be any subset of X . Suppose that $y \notin \text{Ker}(f(A))$. Then by **Lemma 3.4**, there exists $V \in C(X, x)$ such that $f(A) \cap V = \emptyset$. Thus we have $A \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ and $p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$. Hence we obtain $f(p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(A)) \cap V = \emptyset$ and $y \notin f(p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(A))$. Thus $f(p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f(A))$.

(4) \Rightarrow (5)

Let B be any subset of Y . By (4) and **Lemma 3.4**, we have $f(p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \text{Ker}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \text{ker}(B)$ and $p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Ker}(B))$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1)

Let U be any open set of Y by **Lemma 3.4** we have $f(p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(U))) \subset f^{-1}(\text{ker}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$ and $p^*g\alpha\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$. By assumption $f^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in X . Hence f is a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.13. If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -irresolute (resp. contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous) and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ in contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous (respectively continuous). Then their composition $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous (respectively continuous) then $g^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -in (Y, σ) and since f is $p^*g\alpha$ -irresolute (respectively contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous) then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.14. If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra-continuous and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is continuous then their composition $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is this $p^*g\alpha$ continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is open in (Y, σ) .

Since f is contra-continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is closed in (X, τ) . Hence by theorem 2.6, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.15. If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra-continuous and super-continuous and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra-continuous then their composition $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

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Proof: Let U be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is contra-continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is closed in (Y, σ) and since f is contra-continuous and super-continuous $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is both open and regular closed in (X, τ) . Hence by theorem 2.5, $(gof)^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence gof is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.16. Let $(X, \tau), (Y, \sigma)$ be any topological spaces and (Y, σ) be $T_{1/2}$ space (respectively gT_{α}^{**} space). Then the composition $gof : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ of contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and the g -continuous (respectively p^*g -continuous) function $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let V be any closed set in (Z, η) . Since g is g -continuous (resp $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous), $g^{-1}(V)$ is g -closed (respectively $p^*g\alpha$ -closed) in (Y, σ) and (Y, σ) is $T_{1/2}$ space (respectively gT_{α}^{**} -space), hence $g^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) . Hence gof is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.17. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a surjective $p^*g\alpha$ -open function and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is a function such that $gof : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous then g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let V be any closed subset of (Z, η) . Since gof is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous then $(gof)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) and since f is surjective and $p^*g\alpha$ -open, then $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (Y, σ) . Hence g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.18: Let $\{X_i / i \in I\}$ be any family of topological spaces. If $f : X \rightarrow \prod X_i$ is a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function. Then $\pi_i \circ f : X \rightarrow X_i$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous for each $i \in I$, where π_i is the projection of $\prod X_i$ onto X_i .

Theorem 3.19. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous then $gof : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra-continuous

Proof: Let U be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $g^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (gof)^{-1}(U)$ is closed in (X, τ) . Hence gof is contra-continuous.

Theorem 3.20: If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is pre $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra-pre continuous then $gof : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous.

Proof : Let U be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is contra pre continuous, then $g^{-1}(U)$ is pre-closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is pre $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (gof)^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence gof is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.21. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous then $gof : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any open set in (Z, η) . Since g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $g^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (Y, σ) and since f is strongly- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (gof)^{-1}(U)$ is closed in (X, τ) . By theorem 2.6, $(gof)^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence gof is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.22. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be surjective $p^*g\alpha$ -irresolute and $p^*g\alpha$ -open and

$g:(Y,\sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ be any function. Then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous if and only if g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: The necessary part obvious. To prove the converse part, let V be any closed set in (Z, η) . Since $g \circ f$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) and since f is $p^*g\alpha$ -open surjection, then $f((g \circ f)^{-1}(V)) = g^{-1}(V)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (Y, σ) . Hence g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.23. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function and H is an open $p^*g\alpha$ -closed subset of (X, τ) . Assume that $p^*g\alpha C(X, \tau)$ (the class of all $p^*g\alpha$ -closed sets of (X, τ)) is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed under finite intersections. Then the restriction $f_H : (H, \tau_H) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any open set in (Y, σ) . By hypothesis and assumption, $f^{-1}(U) \cap H = H_1$ (say) is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Since $(f_H)^{-1}(U) = H_1$, it is sufficient to show that H_1 is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in H . By hypothesis, H_1 is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in H . Thus f_H is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.24. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function and $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$ the graph function given by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for every $x \in X$. Then f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous if g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous

Proof: Let V be a closed subset of Y . Then $X \times V$ is a closed subset of $X \times Y$. Since g is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous, then $g^{-1}(X \times V)$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -open subset of X . Also $g^{-1}(X \times V) = f^{-1}(V)$. Hence f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous.

Theorem 3.25. If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and Y is regular, then f is $p^*g\alpha$ continuous.

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary point of X and N be an open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since Y is regular, there exists an open set U in Y containing $f(x)$ such that $cl(U) \subseteq N$. Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, by **theorem 3.12**, there exists $Z \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x)$ such that $f(Z) \subseteq cl(U)$. Then $f(Z) \subseteq N$. Hence by **theorem 4.13**, f is $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.26. Every continuous and RC-continuous function is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Let U be an open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is continuous and RC-continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ is open and regular closed in (X, τ) . Hence by theorem 2.5, f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.27. Every continuous and contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous (respectively contra-continuous and $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous) function is a super-continuous function.

Proof: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function. Let U be an open (resp. closed) set in (Y, σ) . Since f is continuous and contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous (respectively contra-continuous and $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous), $f^{-1}(U)$ is open and $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence by **theorem 2.5**, $f^{-1}(U)$ is regular open in (X, τ) . This shows that f is a super-continuous function.

Theorem 3.28. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function and X a pT_s space. Then the following are equivalent.

1. f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

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2. f is contra-continuous

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2).

Let U be an open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) and since X is p - T_s space, $f^{-1}(U)$ is closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is contra-continuous.

(2) \Rightarrow (1)

Let U be an open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is contra-continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ is closed in (X, τ) . Hence by theorem 2.6, $f^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

4. Contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -closed and strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed

Definition 4.1. The graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in $X \times Y$ if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ there exist $U \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x)$ and $V \in C(Y, y)$ such that $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \phi$.

Lemma 4.2. The graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -closed if and only if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$, there exists $U \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x)$ and $V \in C(Y, y)$ such that $f(U) \cap V = \phi$.

Theorem 4.3. If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and Y is Urysohn then $G(f)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in $X \times Y$.

Proof: Let $(x, y) \in X \times Y - G(f)$. Then $y \neq f(x)$ and there exist open sets A, B such that $f(x) \in A$, $y \in B$ and $\text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(B) = \phi$. Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and by theorem 3.12 there exists $U \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq A$. Hence $f(U) \cap \text{cl}(B) = \phi$. Thus by lemma 4.2, $G(f)$ is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in $X \times Y$.

Definition 4.4. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be

1. Strongly S -closed if every closed cover of X has a finite subcover.
2. S -closed if every regular closed cover of X has a finite subcover.
3. Strongly compact if every preopen cover of X has a finite subcover.
4. Locally indiscrete if every open set of X is closed in X
5. Midly Hausdorff if the δ -closed sets form a network for its topology τ , where a δ -closed set is the intersection of regular closed sets.
5. Ultra normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets
6. Nearly compact if every regular open cover of X has a finite subcover.
7. $p^*g\alpha$ -compact if every $p^*g\alpha$ -open cover of X has a finite subcover.
8. $p^*g\alpha$ -connected if X cannot be written as the disjoint union of two non-empty $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets.

Definition 4.5. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed if every $p^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of X has a finite sub cover.

Example 4.6. A p - T_s strongly S -closed space is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 4.7. Let (X, τ) be p -Ts space. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ has a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -closed graph, then the inverse image of a strongly S -closed set K of Y is closed in (X, τ) .

Proof: Let K be a strongly S -closed set of Y and $x \in f^{-1}(K)$. For each $k \in K$, $(x, k) \notin G(f)$. By Lemma 4.2, there exist $U_k \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x)$ and $V_k \in C(Y, k)$ such that $f(U_k) \cap V_k = \emptyset$. Since $\{K \cap V_k / k \in K\}$ is a closed cover of the subspace K , there exists a finite subset $K_0 \subset K$ such that $K \subset \cup \{V_k / k \in K_0\}$. Set $U = \cap \{U_k / k \in K_0\}$. Then U is open, since X is a P -Ts space. Therefore, $f(U) \cap K = \emptyset$ and $U \cap f^{-1}(K) = \emptyset$. This shows that $f^{-1}(K)$ is closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem 4.8. If a space (X, τ) is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed then the space is strongly S -closed.

Proof: We get the result from the definitions of 4.4 and 4.5 and theorem 2.6.

Theorem 4.9. Let (X, τ) be $p^*g\alpha$ -connected and (Y, σ) be a T_1 -space. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous then f is constant.

Proof: Since (Y, σ) is a T_1 space, $\eta = \{f^{-1}(y) / y \in Y\}$ is a disjoint $p^*g\alpha$ -open partition of X .

If $|\eta| \geq 2$, then X is the union of two non-empty $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets. Since (X, τ) is $p^*g\alpha$ -connected,

$|\eta| = 1$. Hence f is constant.

Theorem 4.10. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and pre-closed surjection. If (X, τ) is a P -Ts, then (X, τ) is a locally indiscrete space.

Proof: Let U be any open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and (X, τ) is a P -Ts space, $f^{-1}(U)$ is closed in (X, τ) . Since f is a pre-closed surjection, then U is pre-closed in (Y, σ) . Therefore $cl(U) = cl(Int(U)) \subset U$. Hence U is closed in (Y, σ) . Thus (Y, σ) is a locally indiscrete space.

Theorem 4.11. If every closed subset of a space X is $p^*g\alpha$ -open then the following are equivalent.

1. X is S -closed
2. X is strongly S -closed

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2)

Let $\{A_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be a closed cover of X . Then by hypothesis and by **theorem 2.5**, $\{A_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ is a regular closed cover of X . Since X is S -closed, then we have a finite sub cover of X . Hence X is strongly S -closed.

(2) \Rightarrow (1)

Let $\{A_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be a regular closed cover of X . Since every regular closed is closed and X is strongly S -closed, then we have a finite subcover of X . Hence X is S -closed.

Definition 4.12. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be

1. P -Hausdorff if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X there exist disjoint $p^*g\alpha$ open sets A and B of x and y respectively.

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2. P-Ultra Hausdorff if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X there exist disjoint P-clopen sets A and B of x and y respectively.

Theorem 4.13. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous injection, where Y is Urysohn then the topological space (X, τ) is a P-Hausdorff.

Proof: Let x_1 and x_2 be two distinct points of (X, τ) . Suppose $y_1 = f(x_1)$ and $y_2 = f(x_2)$. Since f is injective and $x_1 \neq x_2$ then $y_1 \neq y_2$. Since the space Y is Urysohn, there exist open sets A and B such that $y_1 \in A, y_2 \in B$ and $\text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(B) = \emptyset$. Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and by **theorem 3.12**, there exist $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets $U_{x_1} \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x_1)$ and $U_{x_2} \in p^*g\alpha O(X, x_2)$ such that $f(U_{x_1}) \subset \text{cl}(A)$ and $f(U_{x_2}) \subset \text{cl}(B)$. Thus we have $U_{x_1} \cap U_{x_2} = \emptyset$, since $\text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(B) = \emptyset$. Hence X is a P-Hausdorff.

Theorem 4.14. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous injection, where Y is P-ultra Hausdorff then the topological space (X, τ) is P-Hausdorff

Proof: Let x_1 and x_2 be two distinct points of (X, τ) . Since f is injection and Y is P-ultra Hausdorff, then $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ and also there exist clopen sets U and V in Y such that $f(x_1) \in U$ and $f(x_2) \in V$, where $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, x_1 and x_2 belong top- $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ respectively, where $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$. Hence X is P-Hausdorff.

Lemma 4.15. Every mildly Hausdorff strongly S-closed space is locally indiscrete.

Theorem 4.16. If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is continuous and (X, τ) is a locally indiscrete space, then f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in (X, τ) and since (X, τ) is locally indiscrete, $f^{-1}(U)$ is closed in (X, τ) .

Hence by **theorem 2.6**, $f^{-1}(U)$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Thus f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Corollary 4.17. If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a continuous and (X, τ) is mildly Hausdorff strongly S-closed space then f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: It follows from **Lemma 4.15** and **theorem 4.16**.

Theorem 4.18. A contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous image of a $p^*g\alpha$ -connected space is connected.

Proof: Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function of $p^*g\alpha$ -connected space onto a topological space Y . If possible, assume that Y is not connected. Then $Y = A \cup B$, $A \neq \emptyset$, $B \neq \emptyset$ and $A \cap B = \emptyset$, where A and B are clopen sets in Y . Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $X = f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(A \cup B) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$, where $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are non-empty $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets in X . Also $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$.

Hence X is not $p^*g\alpha$ -connected, which is a contradiction. Therefore Y is connected.

Definition 4.19. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be P-normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets.

Theorem 4.20. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a closed contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous injection and Y is ultra-normal, then X is P -normal.

Proof: Let A_1 and A_2 be non-empty disjoint closed subsets of X . Since f is closed and injective, then $f(A_1)$ and $f(A_2)$ are non-empty disjoint closed subsets of Y . Since Y is ultra-normal, then $f(A_1)$ and $f(A_2)$ can be separated by disjoint clopen sets B_1 and B_2 respectively.

Hence, $V_1 \subset f^{-1}(B_1)$ and $V_2 \subset f^{-1}(B_2)$. Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $f^{-1}(B_1)$ and $f^{-1}(B_2)$ are $p^*g\alpha$ -open subsets of X and $f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2) = \emptyset$. Hence X is P -normal.

Theorem 4.21. The image of a strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed space under a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ continuous surjective function is compact.

Proof: Suppose that $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection. Let $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be any open cover of Y . Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of X . Since X is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed, then there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Thus we have $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Hence Y is compact.

Theorem 4.22. Every strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed space (X, τ) is a compact S -closed space.

Proof: Let $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be a cover of X such that for every $\alpha \in I$, V_α is open and regular closed by assumption. Then by **theorem 2.5**, each V_α is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in X . Since X is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Hence (X, τ) is a compact S -closed space.

Theorem 4.23. The image of a $p^*g\alpha$ -compact space under a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjective function is strongly S -closed.

Proof: Suppose that $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection. Let $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be any closed cover of Y . Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -open cover of X . Since X is $p^*g\alpha$ -compact, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Thus we have $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Hence Y is strongly S -closed.

Theorem 4.24. The image of a $p^*g\alpha$ -compact space in any P - T_s space under a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjective function is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed.

Proof: Suppose that $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection. Let $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be any $p^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of Y . Since Y is P - T_s space, then $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ is a closed cover of Y . Since f is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -open cover of X . Since X is $p^*g\alpha$ -compact, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Thus we have $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Hence Y is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 4.25. The image of strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed space under a $p^*g\alpha$ -irresolute surjective function is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed.

Proof: Suppose that $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -irresolute surjection. Let $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be any $p^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of Y . Since f is $p^*g\alpha$ -irresolute then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of X . Since X is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed then there exist a finite subset

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I_0 of I such that $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Thus we have $Y = \bigcup \{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$. Hence Y is strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed.

Lemma 4.26. The product of two $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets is $p^*g\alpha$ -open

Theorem 4.27. Let $f : (X_1, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (X_2, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be two functions where Y is a Urysohn space and f and g are contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function. Then $\{(x_1, x_2) / f(x_1) = g(x_2)\}$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in the product space $X_1 \times X_2$.

Proof: Let V denote the set $\{(x_1, x_2) / f(x_1) = g(x_2)\}$. In order to show that V is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed, we show that $(X_1 \times X_2) - V$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open. Let $(x_1, x_2) \notin V$. Then $f(x_1) \neq g(x_2)$. Since Y is Urysohn, there exist open sets U_1 and U_2 of $f(x_1)$ and $g(x_2)$ such that $\text{cl}(U_1) \cap \text{cl}(U_2) = \emptyset$. Since f and g are contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(U_1))$ and $g^{-1}(\text{cl}(U_2))$ are $p^*g\alpha$ -open sets containing x_1 and x_2 in X_1 and X_2 . Hence by **Lemma 4.26**, $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(U_1)) \times g^{-1}(\text{cl}(U_2))$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open.

Further $(x_1, x_2) \in f^{-1}(\text{cl}(U_1)) \times g^{-1}(\text{cl}(U_2)) \subset ((X_1 \times X_2) - V)$. It follows that $(X_1 \times X_2) - V$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -open. Thus V is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in the product space $X_1 \times X_2$.

Corollary 4.28. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous and Y is a Urysohn space, then $V = \{(x_1, x_2) / f(x_1) = f(x_2)\}$ is $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in the product space $X_1 \times X_2$.

Theorem 4.29. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a continuous function. Then f is RC-continuous if and only if it is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Suppose that f is RC-continuous. Since every RC-continuous function is contra-continuous. Therefore by **Theorem 3.5**, f is contra $p^*g\alpha$ continuous.

Conversely, Let V be any open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is continuous and contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open and $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . By **theorem 2.5**, $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular open in (X, τ) .

That is, $\text{Int}(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(V))) = f^{-1}(V)$. Since $f^{-1}(V)$ is open, $\text{Int}(\text{cl}(f^{-1}(V))) = \text{Int}(f^{-1}(V))$ and so $\text{cl}(\text{Int}(f^{-1}(V))) = f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore V is regular closed in (X, τ) . Hence f is RC-continuous.

Theorem 4.30. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be perfectly $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function, X be locally indiscrete space and connected. Then Y has an indiscrete topology.

Proof: Suppose that there exists a proper open set U of Y . Since Y is locally indiscrete, U is a closed set of Y .

Therefore by **theorem 2.6**, U is a $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set of Y . Since f is perfectly $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ is a proper clopen set of X . This shows that X is not connected, which is a contradiction. Therefore Y has an indiscrete topology.

Theorem 4.31. If $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a function and (X, τ) a P-Ts space, then the following statements are equivalent:

1. f is perfectly continuous.
2. f is continuous and contra-continuous
3. f is continuous and contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous.
4. f is super-continuous.

Proof:

- (1) \Rightarrow (2) is obvious.
- (2) \Rightarrow (3) by **theorem 2.6**, it is clear.
- (3) \Rightarrow (4) by **theorem 3.27**, it is clear
- (4) \Rightarrow (1)

Let U be any open set in (Y, σ) . By assumption, $f^{-1}(U)$ is regular open in (X, τ) . By **theorem 2.5**, $f^{-1}(U)$ is open and $p^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a P-Ts space, $f^{-1}(U)$ is clopen in (X, τ) . Hence f is perfectly continuous.

Theorem 4.32. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function. Let A be an open $p^*g\alpha$ -closed subset of X and let B be an open subset of Y . Assume that $p^*g\alpha C(X, \tau)$ (the class of all $p^*g\alpha$ -closed sets of (X, τ)) be $p^*g\alpha$ -closed under finite intersections. Then, the restriction $f|_A : (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (B, \sigma_B)$. Is a contra $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function.

Proof: Let V be an open set in (B, σ_B) . Then $V = B \cap K$ for some open set K in (Y, σ) . Since B is an open set of Y , V is an open set in (Y, σ) . By hypothesis and assumption, $f^{-1}(V) \cap A = H_1$ (say) is a $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) . Since $(f|_A)^{-1}(V) = (H_1)$, it is sufficient to show that H_1 is a $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set in (A, τ_A) . Let G_1 be $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (A, τ_A) such $(H_1) \subseteq (G_1)$. then by hypothesis and **theorem 4.21**. G_1 is $p^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) .

Since H_1 is a $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) , we have $pcl_X(H_1) \subseteq Int(G_1)$. Since A is open $pcl_A(H_1) = pcl_X(H_1) \cap A \subseteq Int(G_1) \cap Int(A) = Int(G_1 \cap A) \subseteq Int(G_1)$ and so $H_1 = (f|_A)^{-1}(V)$ is a $p^*g\alpha$ -closed set in (A, τ_A) . Hence $f|_A$ is contra- $p^*g\alpha$ -continuous function.

Theorem 4.33. A topological space (X, τ) is nearly compact if and only if it is compact and strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 4.34. A topological space (X, τ) is S-closed if and only if it is strongly S-closed and $p^*g\alpha$ -compact.

Theorem 4.35. If a topological space (X, τ) is locally indiscrete space then compactness and strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -closedness are the same.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a compact space. Since (X, τ) is a locally indiscrete space, then every open set is closed and by **theorem 2.6**, compactness and strongly $p^*g\alpha$ -compactness are the same in a locally indiscrete topological space.

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