

A New Class of Contra Continuous Functions via b-Open Sets in SETS

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Abstract: In this paper, we define and study a new class of functions named contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous and almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous functions in simple extended topological spaces (SETS) and investigate some of its basic properties and relations concerning the above newly introduced functions.

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1. Introduction

In 1996, Dontchev [3] initiated the notion of contra continuous functions and an year later Dontchev, Ganster and Reilly [5] studied a new class of functions called regular set connected functions. Dontchev and Noiri [4], Jafari and Noiri [6,7] investigated the concepts of contra semi-continuous functions, contra pre-continuous functions and contra α -continuous functions between topological spaces respectively. Nasef [15] defined the so called contra b-continuous functions in topological spaces. A.A.Omari and M.S.M.Noorani [18] discussed the further properties of contra b-continuous functions and established the idea of almost contra b-continuous functions. Caldas, Jafari, Noiri and Simoes [2] proposed a new class of functions called generalized contra continuous (contra g -continuous) functions. New types of contra generalized continuity such as contra αg -continuity [6] and contra gc -continuity [4] have been introduced and investigated. Metin Akdag and Alkan Ozkan [14] introduced some of the fundamental properties of contra generalized b-continuous (contra gb -continuous) via the concept of gb -open sets. Thirumalaiswamy and Saranya [22], Vidhya and Parimelazhagan [25] devised and presented a new class of functions called contra g^*b -continuous and almost contra g^*b -continuous functions in topological spaces. The concept of extending a topology by a non-open set was proposed by Levine [11] in 1963. A simple extension of a topology τ is defined as $\tau(B) = \{(B \cap O) \cup O' / O, O' \in \tau\}$ by Levine. B.Kanchana and F.Nirmala Irudayam [9, 10] formulated the concept of $g^{*+}b$ -closed sets and $g^{*+}b$ -continuity in extended topological spaces. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the notion of contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous, almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous and study some of their properties.

Throughout this paper X, Y and Z (or (X, τ^+) , (Y, σ^+) and (Z, η^+)) are simple extension topological space in which no separation axioms are assumed unless and otherwise stated. For any subset A of X , the interior of A is same as the interior in usual topology and the closure of A is newly defined in simple extension topological spaces.

2. Preliminaries

The following definitions are useful in the sequel.

Definition 2.1: A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called a,

- regular open set [21], if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ and a b -open set [1], if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$.
- generalized closed set (briefly g -closed) [12], if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
- generalized b -closed set (briefly gb -closed) [17], if $\text{bcl}(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
- g^*b -closed set [23], if $\text{bcl}(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g -open in X .

Definition 2.2: A subset A of a topological space (X, τ^+) is called a,

- regular⁺ open set [8], if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}^+(A))$.
- b^+ -open set [16], if $A \subseteq \text{cl}^+(\text{int}(A)) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}^+(A))$.
- generalized⁺ closed set (briefly g^+ -closed) [9], if $\text{cl}^+(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
- generalized b^+ -closed set (briefly gb^+ -closed) [9], if $\text{bcl}^+(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
- $g^{*+}b$ -closed set [9], if $\text{bcl}^+(A) \subseteq U$, whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g^+ -open in X .

Definition 2.3: A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called,

- gb -continuous [17], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb -closed in X for every closed set V of Y .
- g^*b -continuous [24], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^*b -closed in X for every closed set V of Y .
- contra continuous [3], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for each open set V of Y .
- contra pre-continuous [7], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is pre-closed in X for each open set V of Y .
- contra semi-continuous [4], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi-closed in X for each open set V of Y .
- contra α -continuous [6], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α -closed in X for every open set V of Y .

- (vii) contra b-continuous [18], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is b-closed in X for every open set V of Y.
- (viii) contra gb-continuous [14], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb-closed in X for every open set V of Y.
- (ix) contra g^*b -continuous [22,25], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^*b -closed in X for every open set V of Y.
- (x) almost continuous (almost contra-continuous) [20], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is open (closed) in X for each regular open set V of Y.
- (xi) almost contra g^*b -continuous [22,25], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^*b -closed in X for every regular open set V of Y.
- (xii) regular set connected [22], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X for every regular open set V of Y.

Definition 2.4: A function $f: (X, \tau^+) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^+)$ is called,

- (i) gb^+ -continuous [19], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb^+ -closed in X for every closed set V of Y.
- (ii) $g^{*+}b$ -continuous [10], if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X for every closed set V of Y.

Definition 2.5: A space (X, τ) is called a g^*b -locally indiscrete [22], if every g^*b -open set in it is closed.

3. Contra $g^{*+}b$ -Continuous and Almost Contra $g^{*+}b$ -Continuous Functions

In this section we promote the new idea of contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous functions and almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous functions in simple extended topological spaces.

Definition 3.1: A function $f: (X, \tau^+) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^+)$ is called,

- (i) contra $^+$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for each open set V of Y.
- (ii) contra pre $^+$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is pre $^+$ -closed in X for each open set V of Y.
- (iii) contra semi $^+$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi $^+$ -closed in X for each open set V of Y.
- (iv) contra α^+ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α^+ -closed in X for every open set V of Y.
- (v) contra b^+ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is b^+ -closed in X for every open set V of Y.
- (vi) contra gb^+ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb^+ -closed in X for every open set V of Y.
- (vii) almost $^+$ continuous (almost contra $^+$ -continuous) if $f^{-1}(V)$ is open (closed) in X for each regular $^+$ open set V of Y.
- (viii) almost contra pre $^+$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is pre $^+$ -closed in X for each regular $^+$ open set V of Y.
- (ix) almost contra semi $^+$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi $^+$ -closed in X for each regular $^+$ open set V of Y.

- (x) almost contra α^+ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is α^+ -closed in X for each regular $^+$ open set V of Y.
- (xi) almost contra b^+ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is b^+ -closed in X for each regular $^+$ open set V of Y.
- (xii) almost contra gb^+ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb^+ -closed in X for each regular $^+$ open set V of Y.

Definition 3.2: A function $f: (X, \tau^+) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^+)$ is called contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X for every open set V of Y.

Example 3.3: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.4: Every contra $^+$ -continuous function is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be contra $^+$ -continuous. Let V be any open set in Y. Then the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X. Since every closed set is $g^{*+}b$ -closed, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X. Therefore f is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Example 3.5: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not contra $^+$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.6: Every contra pre $^+$ -continuous function is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be contra pre $^+$ -continuous. Let V be any open set in Y. Then the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ is pre $^+$ -closed in X. Since every pre $^+$ -closed set is $g^{*+}b$ -closed, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X. Therefore f is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Example 3.7: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not contra pre $^+$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.8: Every contra semi $^+$ -continuous function is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be contra semi $^+$ -continuous. Let V be any open set in Y. By the property of contra semi $^+$ -continuity we have the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ to be semi $^+$ -closed in X. But we know that every semi $^+$ -closed set is $g^{*+}b$ -closed. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X. Therefore f is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Example 3.9: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and

$\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}\}, \sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is contra g^+b -continuous but not contra semi $^+$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.10: Every contra α^+ -continuous function is contra g^+b -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be contra α^+ -continuous. Let V be any open set in Y . Then the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ is α^+ -closed in X . Since every α^+ -closed set is g^+b -closed, $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^+b -closed in X . Therefore f is contra g^+b -continuous.

Example 3.11: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}, \tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}, \sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Then the function f is contra g^+b -continuous but not contra α^+ -continuous.

Theorem 3.12: Every contra b^+ -continuous function is contra g^+b -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be contra b^+ -continuous. Let V be any open set in Y . By the property of contra b^+ -continuity we have the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ to be b^+ -closed in X . But we know that every b^+ -closed set is g^+b -closed. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^+b -closed in X . Therefore f is contra g^+b -continuous.

Example 3.13: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}, \tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}, \sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$.

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is contra g^+b -continuous but not contra b^+ -continuous.

Theorem 3.14: Every contra g^+b -continuous function is contra gb^+ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be contra g^+b -continuous. Let V be any open set in Y . Then the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^+b -closed in X . Since every g^+b -closed set is gb^+ -closed, $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb^+ -closed in X . Therefore f is contra gb^+ -continuous.

Example 3.15: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}, \tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}, \sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Let

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is contra gb^+ -continuous but not contra g^+b -continuous.

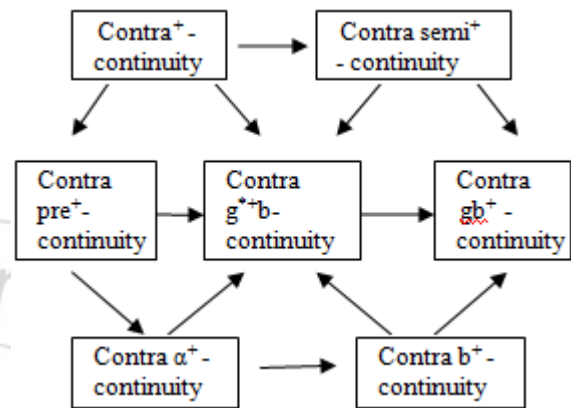
Theorem 3.16:

- (i) Every contra $^+$ -continuous function is contra semi $^+$ -continuous function.
- (ii) Every contra $^+$ -continuous function is contra pre $^+$ -continuous function.
- (iii) Every contra semi $^+$ -continuous function is contra gb^+ -continuous function.

- (iv) Every contra pre $^+$ -continuous function is contra α^+ -continuous function.
- (v) Every contra α^+ -continuous function is contra b^+ -continuous function.
- (vi) Every contra b^+ -continuous function is contra gb^+ -continuous function.

Proof: The proof is obvious.

Remark 3.17: As a summation of the concepts the above theorems we propose are in the following diagrammatic representation.



Remark 3.18: The following two examples will show that the concept of g^+b -continuous and contra g^+b -continuous are independent from each other.

Example 3.19: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}, \tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}, \sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is contra g^+b -continuous but not g^+b -continuous.

Example 3.20: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}, \tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}, \sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is g^+b -continuous but not contra g^+b -continuous.

Theorem 3.21: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra g^+b -continuous map and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is continuous map, then their composition $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is contra g^+b -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any open set in Z . Since $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is open in Y . Since $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra g^+b -continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is g^+b -closed in X . Hence $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is g^+b -closed in X . Thus $g \circ f$ is contra g^+b -continuous.

Theorem 3.22: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is g^+b -irresolute map and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is g^+b -continuous map, then their composition $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is contra g^+b -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any open set in Z . Then $g^{-1}(U)$ is g^+b -closed in Y , because $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is contra g^+b -continuous. Since $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is g^+b -irresolute,

$f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X . Thus $g \circ f$ is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Remark 3.23: The composition of two contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous maps need not be a contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous map as seen from the following example.

Example 3.24: Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$; $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\eta = \{Z, \emptyset, \{a, c\}\}$, $\eta^+ = \{Z, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau^+) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^+)$ and $g: (Y, \sigma^+) \rightarrow (Z, \eta^+)$ be the identity map. Both f and g are contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but their composition $g \circ f: (X, \tau^+) \rightarrow (Z, \eta^+)$ is not a contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous. Since for the open set $\{a, c\}$ in Z , $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X and hence $g \circ f$ is not contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Definition 3.25: A space (X, τ^+) is called a $g^{*+}b$ -locally indiscrete if every $g^{*+}b$ -open set in it is closed.

Example 3.26: Let $X = \{a, b\}$ with the topology $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$. Then (X, τ^+) $g^{*+}b$ -locally indiscrete space.

Theorem 3.27: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $g^{*+}b$ -continuous and (X, τ^+) is $g^{*+}b$ -locally indiscrete, then f is contra $^+$ -continuous.

Proof: Let V be any open set in Y . Then the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -open in X as f is $g^{*+}b$ -continuous. Since (X, τ^+) is $g^{*+}b$ -locally indiscrete $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X . Hence f is contra $^+$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.28: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous and X is the space where "every $g^{*+}b$ -closed set is closed", then f is contra $^+$ -continuous.

Proof: Let V be any open set in Y . Then the inverse image $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X as f is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X . Hence f is contra $^+$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.29: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $g^{*+}b$ -irresolute map with Y as $g^{*+}b$ -locally indiscrete space and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous map, then their composition $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be any closed set in Z . Since $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -open in Y . Since Y is $g^{*+}b$ -locally indiscrete, $g^{-1}(U)$ is closed in Y . Hence $g^{-1}(U)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed set in Y . Since $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $g^{*+}b$ -irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X . Thus $g \circ f$ is contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Definition 3.30: A function $f: (X, \tau^+) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^+)$ is called almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^{*+}b$ -closed in X for every regular $^+$ open set V of Y .

Example 3.31: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.32: Every contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous function is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Since every regular $^+$ open set is open set, the proof follows.

Example 3.33: Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.34:

- (i) Every almost contra $^+$ -continuous function is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous function.
- (ii) Every almost contra pre $^+$ -continuous function is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous function.
- (iii) Every almost contra semi $^+$ -continuous function is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous function.
- (iv) Every almost contra α^+ -continuous function is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous function.
- (v) Every almost contra b^+ -continuous function is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous function.
- (vi) Every almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous function is almost contra gb^+ -continuous function.

Proof: The proof is obvious.

Remark 3.35: Converse of the above statements is not true as shown in the following example.

Example 3.36:

- (i) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not almost contra $^+$ -continuous.
- (ii) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Then the function f is almost contra $g^{*+}b$ -continuous but not almost contra pre $^+$ -continuous.

- (iii) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is almost contra g^{*+} -continuous but not almost contra semi $^+$ -continuous.
- (iv) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is almost contra g^{*+} -continuous but not almost contra α^+ -continuous.
- (v) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is almost contra g^{*+} -continuous but not almost contra b^+ -continuous.
- (vi) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with topologies $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$, $\tau^+ = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma^+ = \{Y, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be the identity function. Then the function f is almost contra gb^+ -continuous but not almost contra g^{*+} -continuous.

Theorem 3.37: If a map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ from a topological space X into a topological space Y , then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) f is almost contra g^{*+} -continuous.
 (b) for every regular $^+$ closed set F of Y $f^{-1}(F)$ is g^{*+} -open in X .

Proof:

(a) \Rightarrow (b) : Let F be a regular $^+$ closed set in Y , then $Y - F$ is a regular $^+$ open set in Y . By (a), $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$ is g^{*+} -closed set in X . This implies $f^{-1}(F)$ is g^{*+} -open set in X . Therefore (b) holds.

(b) \Rightarrow (a) : Let G be a regular $^+$ open set of Y . Then $Y - G$ is a regular $^+$ closed set in Y . By (b), $f^{-1}(Y - G)$ is g^{*+} -open set in X . This implies $X - f^{-1}(G)$ is g^{*+} -open set in X , which implies $f^{-1}(G)$ is g^{*+} -closed set in X . Therefore (a) holds.

Definition 3.38: A function $f: (X, \tau^+) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^+)$ is said to be regular $^+$ set connected if $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X for every regular $^+$ open set V of Y .

Theorem 3.39: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra g^{*+} -continuous and almost $^+$ continuous together with X is the space where "every g^{*+} -closed set is closed", then f is regular $^+$ set connected.

Proof: Let V be a regular $^+$ open set in Y . Since f is almost contra g^{*+} -continuous and almost $^+$ continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^{*+} -closed and open in X . By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X . Therefore f is regular $^+$ set connected.

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