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Some Properties of Contra gb-continuous Functions

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Abstract

We introduce some properties of functions called contra gb-continuous function which is a generalization of contra b-continuous functions [3]. Some characterizations and several properties concerning contra gb- continuous functions are obtained.

Keywords: *g*-open, *g*-continuity, contra *g*b-continuity.

1 Introduction

In 1996, Donthev [16] introduced the notion of contra continuous functions. In 2007, Caldas, Jafari, Noiri and Simoes [10] introduced a new class of functions called generalized contra continuous (contra g-continuous) functions. They defined a function $f: X \to Y$ to be contra g- continuous if preimage every open subset of Y is g-closed in X. New types of contra generalized continuity such as contra αg -continuity [23] and contra gscontinuity [17] have been introduced and investigated. Recently, Nasef [30] introduced and studied so-called contra b-continuous functions. After that in 2009, Omari and

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Noorani [4] have studied further properties of contra *b*-continuous functions. The purpose of the present paper is to introduce some properties of notion of contra generalized *b*-continuity (contra gb - continuity) via the concept of gb-open sets in [3] and investigate some of the fundamental properties of contra gb-continuous functions. It turns out that contra gb-continuity is stronger than contra $g\beta$ -continuity and weaker than both contra gp-continuity and contra gs-continuity [17].

2 Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, the space X and Y (or (X, τ) and (Y, σ)) stand for topological spaces with no separation axioms assumed unless otherwise stated. Let A be a subset of a space X. The closure and interior of A are denoted by cl(A) and int(A), respectively.

Definition 2.1. A subset A of a space X is said to be:

(a) regular open [33] if A = int(cl(A))

(b) α -open [31] if $A \subset int(cl(int(A)))$

(c) semi-open [24] if $A \subset cl(int(A))$

(d) pre-open [28] or nearly open [19] if $A \subset int(cl(A))$

(e) β -open [1] or semi-preopen [6] if $A \subset cl(int(cl(A)))$

(f) b-open [7] or sp-open [18] or γ -open [19] if $A \subset cl(int(A)) \cup int(cl(A))$.

The family of all semi-open (resp. preopen, α -open, β -open, γ -open) sets of (X, τ) will be denoted by $SO(X, \tau)$ (resp. $PO(X, \tau), \alpha O(X, \tau), \beta O(X, \tau), \gamma O(X, \tau)$). It is shown in [31] that $\alpha O(X, \tau)$ is a topology denoted by τ^{α} and it is stronger than the given topology on X. The complement of a regular-open (resp. semi-open, preopen, α -open, β -open, γ open) set is said to be regular closed (resp. semi-closed, preclosed, α -closed, β -closed, γ -closed). The collection of all closed subsets of X will be denoted by C(X). We set $C(X, x) = \{V \in C(X) : x \in V\}$ for $x \in X$. We define similarly $\gamma O(X, x)$.

The complement of *b*-open set is said to be *b*-closed [7]. The intersections of all *b*-closed sets of X containing A is called the *b*-closure of A and is denoted by bcl(A). The union of all *b*-open sets X contained in A is called *b*-interior of A and is denoted by bint(A).

Definition 2.2. [30] A function $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is called contra b-continuous if the preimage of every open subset of Y is b-closed in X.

Definition 2.3. [21] Let X be a space. A subset A of X is called a generalized b-closed set (simply; gb-closed set) if $bcl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is open.

The complement of a generalized *b*-closed set is called generalized *b*-open (simply; gb-open). Every *b*-closed set is gb-closed, but the converse is not true. And the collection of all gb-closed (resp. gb-open) subsets of X is denoted by gbC(X) (resp. gbO(X)).

Example 2.4. [5] Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and let $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$, then the family of all b-closed set of X is $bC(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ but the family of all gb-closed set of X is $gbC(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ then it is clear that $\{a, c\}$ is gb-closed but not b-closed in X.

Lemma 2.5. Let (X, τ) be a topological space.

(a) The intersections of a b-open set and a gb-open set is a gb-open set.(b) The union of any family of gb-open sets is a gb-open set.

Proof. The statements are proved by using the same method as in proving the corresponding results for the class of b-open sets(see [7]).

3 Contra *gb*-continuous functions

In this section, we introduce some properties of continuity called contra gb-continuity which is weaker than both of contra gs-continuity and contra gp-continuity and stronger than contra $g\beta$ -continuity.

Definition 3.1. [3] A function $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is called contra gb-continuous if the preimage of every open subset of Y is gb-closed in X.

Corollary 3.2. If a function $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is contra b-continuous, then f is contra *gb*-continuous.

Proof. Obviuous

contradiction.

Note that the converse of the above is not necessary true as shows by the following example:

Example 3.3. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$ is contra gb-continuous but not contra b-continuous, since $A = \{a, c\} \in \sigma$ but A is not b-closed in (X, τ) .

Definition 3.4. Let A be a subset of a space (X, τ) .

(a) The set $\cap \{U \in \tau : A \subset U\}$ is called the kernel of A [29] and is denoted by ker(A). In [25] the kernel of A is called the Λ -set.

(b) The set $\cap \{F \subset X : A \subset F, F \text{ is gb-closed}\}$ is called the gb-closure of A and is denoted by gbcl(A) [21].

(c) The set $\cup \{G \subset X : G \subset A, G \text{ is gb-open}\}$ is called the gb-interior of A and is denoted by gbint(A) [21].

Lemma 3.5. For an $x \in X, x \in gbcl(A)$ if and only if $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every gb-open set U containing x.

Proof. (Necessity) Suppose there exists a *gb*-open set U containing x such that $U \cap A = \emptyset$. Since $A \subset X - U$, $gbcl(A) \subset X - U$. This implies $x \notin gbcl(A)$, a contradiction. (Sufficiency) Suppose $x \notin gbcl(A)$. Then there exists a *gb*-closed subset F containing Asuch that $x \notin F$. Then $x \in X - F$ and X - F is *gb*-open also $(X - F) \cap A = \emptyset$, a

Lemma 3.6. [22] The following properties hold for subsets A, B of a space X: (a) $x \in ker(A)$ if and only if $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$ for any $F \in C(X, x)$. (b) $A \subset ker(A)$ and A = ker(A) if A is open in X. (c) If $A \subset B$, then $ker(A) \subset ker(B)$.

Theorem 3.7. For a function $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$, the following continuous are equivalent: (a) f is contra gb-continuous;

(b) For every closed subsets F of Y, $f^{-1}(F) \in gbO(X, x)$;

(c) For each $x \in X$ and each $F \in C(Y, f(x))$, there exists $U \in gbO(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subset F$;

(d) $f(gbcl(A)) \subset ker(f(A))$ for every subset A of X;

(e) $gbcl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(ker(B))$ for every subset B of Y.

Proof. The implications $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$ and $(b) \Rightarrow (c)$ are obvious. $(c) \Rightarrow (b)$: Let F be any closed set of Y and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. Then $f(x) \in F$ and there exists $U_x \in gbO(X, x)$ such that $f(U_x) \subset F$. Therefore, we obtain $f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(F)\}$ which is gb-open in X.

 $(b) \Rightarrow (d)$: Let A be any subset of X. Suppose that $y \notin ker(f(A))$. Then by Lemma 3.6 there exists $F \in C(Y, y)$ such that $f(A) \cap F = \emptyset$. Thus, we have $A \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$ and $gbcl(A) \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$. Therefore, we obtain $f(gbcl(A)) \cap F = \emptyset$ and $y \notin f(gbcl(A))$. This implies that $f(gbcl(A)) \subset ker(f(A))$.

 $(d) \Rightarrow (e)$: Let B be any subset of Y. By (d) and Lemma 3.6, we have $f(gbcl(f^{-1}(B))) \subset ker(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subset ker(B)$ and $gbcl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(ker(B))$.

 $(e) \Rightarrow (a)$: Let V be any open set of Y. Then, by Lemma 3.6, we have $gbcl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(ker(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$ and $gbcl(f^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$. This shows that $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb-closed in X.

Definition 3.8. [4] A function $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is called gb-continuous if the preimage of every open subset of Y is gb-open in X.

Remark 3.9. The following two examples will show that the concept of gb-continuity and contra gb-continuity are independent from each other.

Example 3.10. Let $X = \{a, b\}$ be the Sierpinski space with the topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau)$ be defined by: f(a) = b and f(b) = a. It can be easily observed that f is contra gb-continuous. But f is not gb-continuous, since $\{a\}$ is open and its preimage $\{b\}$ is not gb-open.

Example 3.11. The identity function on the real line with the usual topology is continuous [23, Example 2] and hence gb-continuous. The inverse image of (0, 1) is not gb-closed and the function is not contra gb-continuous.

Definition 3.12. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

(a) a generalized semiclosed set (briefly gs-closed) [8] if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open;

(b) an α -generalized closed set (briefly α g-closed) [25] if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open;

(c) a generalized pre-closed set (briefly gp-closed) [26] if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open;

(d) a generalized β -closed set (briefly $g\beta$ -closed) [12] if $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open.

Definition 3.13. A function $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ is called contra αg -continuous [23] (resp. contra gs-continuous [17], contra gp-continuous, contra $g\beta$ -continuous) if the preimage of every open subset of Y is αg -closed (resp. gs-closed, gp-closed, g β -closed) in X.

We obtain the following diagram by using Definition 2.1, 2.3, 3.1, 3.12 and 3.13. contra continuous \downarrow



However, the converses are not true in general as shown by the following examples.

Example 3.14. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$ is contra αg -continuous but not contra continuous.

Example 3.15. Let $X = \{a, b\}$ with the indiscrete topology τ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$ is contra gb-continuous but not contra gs-continuous, since $A = \{a\} \in \sigma$ but A is not gs-closed in (X, τ) .

Example 3.16. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$. Define a function $f : (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau)$ as follows: f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = d and f(d) = c. Then f is contra gs-continuous. However, f is not contra αg -continuous, since $\{c, d\}$ is a closed set of (X, τ) and $f^{-1}(\{c, d\}) = \{c, d\}$ is not αg -open.

Example 3.17. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ and $Y = \{1, 2\}$ be the Sierpinski space with the topology $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, Y\}$. Let $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$ be defined by: f(a) = 1 and f(b) = f(c) = 2. Then f is contra gb-continuous but not contra gp-continuous.

Theorem 3.18. If a function $f : X \to Y$ is contra gb-continuous and Y is regular, then f is gb-continuous.

Proof. Let x be an arbitrary point of X and V be an open set of Y containing f(x). Since Y is regular, there exists an open set G in Y containing f(x) such that $cl(G) \subset V$. Since f is contra gb-continuous, so by Theorem 3.7 there exists $U \in gbO(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subset cl(G)$. Then $f(U) \subset cl(G) \subset V$. Hence, f is gb-continuous.

Definition 3.19. A space (X, τ) is said to be:

- (a) gb-space if every gb-open set of X is open in X,
- (b) locally gb-indiscrete if every gb-open set of X is closed in X.

The following two results follow immediately from Definition 3.19.

Theorem 3.20. If a function $f : X \to Y$ is contra gb-continuous and X is gb-space, then f is contra continuous.

Proof. Let $V \in O(Y)$. Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is gb-closed in X. Since X is gb-space, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X. Thus, f is contra continuous.

Theorem 3.21. Let X be locally gb-indiscrete. If a function $f : X \to Y$ is contra gbcontinuous, then it is continuous.

Proof. Let $V \in O(Y)$. Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is *gb*-closed in X. Since X is locally *gb*-indiscrete space, $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X. Thus, f is continuous.

Recall that for a function $f: X \to Y$, the subset $\{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\} \subset X \times Y$ is called the graph of f and is denoted by G_f .

Definition 3.22. The graph G_f of a function $f : X \to Y$ is said to be contra gb-closed if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$ there exists $U \in gbO(X, x)$ and $V \in C(Y, y)$ such that $(U \times V) \cap G_f = \emptyset$.

Lemma 3.23. The graph G_f of a function $f : X \to Y$ is contra gb-closed in $X \times Y$ if and only if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$ there exist $U \in gbO(X, x)$ and $V \in C(Y, y)$ such that $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$.

Theorem 3.24. If a function $f : X \to Y$ is contra gb-continuous and Y is Urysohn, then G_f is contra gb-closed in the product space $X \times Y$.

Proof. Let $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$. Then $y \neq f(x)$ and there exist open sets H_1, H_2 such that $f(x) \in H_1, y \in H_2$ and $cl(H_1) \cap cl(H_2) = \emptyset$. From hypothesis, there exists $V \in gbO(X, x)$ such that $f(V) \subset cl(H_1)$. Therefore, we obtain $f(V) \cap cl(H_2) = \emptyset$. This shows that G_f is contra gb-closed.

Theorem 3.25. If $f : X \to Y$ is gb-continuous and Y is T_1 , then G_f is contra gb-closed in $X \times Y$.

Proof. Let $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$. Then $y \neq f(x)$ and there exist open set V of Y such that $f(x) \in V$ and $y \notin V$. Since f is gb-continuous, there exists $U \in gbO(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. Therefore, we obtain $f(U) \cap (Y - V) = \emptyset$ and $(Y - V) \in C(Y, y)$. This shows that G_f is contra gb-closed in $X \times Y$.

Definition 3.26. [16] A space X is said to be strongly S-closed if every closed cover of X has a finite subcover.

Theorem 3.27. If (X, τ_{gb}) is a topological space and $f : X \to Y$ has a contra gb-closed graph, then the inverse image of a strongly S-closed set A of Y is gb-closed in X.

Proof. Assume that A is a strongly S-closed set of Y and $x \notin f^{-1}(A)$. For each $a \in A$, $(x, a) \notin G_f$. By Lemma 3.23 there exist $U_a \in gbO(X, x)$ and $V_a \in C(Y, a)$ such that $f(U_a) \cap V_a = \emptyset$. Then $\{A \cap V_a : a \in A\}$ is a closed cover of the subspace A, since A is strongly S-closed, then there exists a finite subset $A_0 \subset A$ such that $A \subset \cup \{V_a : a \in A_0\}$. Set $U = \cap \{U_a : a \in A_0\}$, but (X, τ_{gb}) is a topological space, then $U \in gbO(X, x)$ and $f(U) \cap A \subset f(U_a) \cap [\cup \{V_a : a \in A_0\}] = \emptyset$. Therefore, $U \cap f^{-1}(A) = \emptyset$ and hence $x \notin gbcl(f^{-1}(A))$. This show that $f^{-1}(A)$ is gb-closed.

Theorem 3.28. Let Y be a strongly S-closed space. If (X, τ_{gb}) is a topological space and $f: X \to Y$ has a contra gb-closed graph, then f is contra gb-continuous.

Proof. Suppose that Y is strongly S-closed and G_f is contra gb-closed. First we show that an open set of Y is strongly S-closed. Let U be an open set of Y and $\{V_i : i \in I\}$ be a cover of U by closed sets V_i of U. For each $i \in I$, there exists a closed set K_i of X such that $V_i = K_i \cap U$. Then the family $\{K_i : i \in I\} \cup (Y - U)$ is a closed cover of Y. Since Y is strongly S-closed, there exists a finite subset $I_0 \subset I$ such that $Y = \bigcup \{K_i : i \in I_0\} \cup (Y - U)$. Therefore, we obtain $U = \bigcup \{V_i : i \in I_0\}$. This shows that U is strongly S-closed. By Theorem 3.27, $f^{-1}(U)$ is gb-closed in X for every open U in Y. Therefore, f is contra gb-continuous.

Theorem 3.29. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a function and $g : X \to X \times Y$ the graph function of f, defined by g(x) = (x, f(x)) for every $x \in X$. If g is contra gb-continuous, then f is contra gb-continuous.

Proof. Let U be an open set in Y, then $X \times U$ is an open set in $X \times Y$. Since g is contra gb-continuous. It follows that $f^{-1}(U) = g^{-1}(X \times U)$ is an gb-closed in X. Thus, f is contra gb-continuous.

Theorem 3.30. $f: X \to Y$ is contra gb-continuous, $g: X \to Y$ contra continuous, and Y is Urysohn, then $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$ is gb-closed in X.

Proof. Let $x \in X - E$. Then $f(x) \neq g(x)$. Since Y is Urysohn, there exists open sets V and W such that $f(x) \in V$, $g(x) \in W$ and $cl(V) \cap cl(W) = \emptyset$. Since f is contra gbcontinuous, then $f^{-1}(cl(V))$ is gb-open in X and g is contra continuous, then $g^{-1}(cl(W))$ is open in X. Let $U = f^{-1}(cl(V))$ and $G = g^{-1}(cl(W))$. Then U and G contain x. Set $A = U \cap G$ is gb-open in X. And $f(A) \cap g(A) \subset f(U) \cap g(G) \subset cl(V) \cap cl(W) = \emptyset$. Hence $f(A) \cap g(A) = \emptyset$ and $A \cap E = \emptyset$ where A is gb-open therefore $x \notin gbcl(E)$. Thus E is gb-closed in X.

Theorem 3.31. Let $\{X_i : i \in I\}$ be any family of topological spaces. If $f : X \to \Pi X_i$ is a contra gb-continuous function. Then $P_i of : X \to X_i$ is contra gb-continuous for each $i \in I$, where P_i is the projection of ΠX_i onto X_i .

Proof. We shall consider a fixed $i \in I$. Suppose U_i is an arbitrary open set in X_i . Then $P_i^{-1}(U_i)$ is open in ΠX_i . Since f is contra gb-continuous, $f^{-1}(P_i^{-1}(U_i)) = (P_i o f)^{-1}(U_i)$ is gb-closed in X. Therefore $P_i o f$ is contra gb-continuous.

Theorem 3.32. If $f : X \to Y$ is a contra *gb*-continuous function and $g : Y \to Z$ is a continuous function, then gof $: X \to Z$ is contra *gb*-continuous.

Proof. Let $V \in O(Y)$. Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y. Since f is contra gb-continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (gof)^{-1}(V)$ is gb-closed in X. Therefore, $gof : X \to Z$ is contra gb-continuous.

Definition 3.33. A function $f: X \to Y$ is said to be: (a) [21] gb-irresolute if the preimage of a gb-open subset of Y is a gb-open subset of X, (b) pre - gb-open if image of every gb-open subset of X is gb-open.

Theorem 3.34. Let $f: X \to Y$ be surjective gb-irresolute and pre-gb-open and $g: Y \to Z$ be any function. Then $gof: X \to Z$ is contra gb-continuous if and only if g is contra

Proof. The "if" part is easy to prove. To prove the "only if" part, let $gof : X \to Z$ be contra gb-continuous and let F be a closed subset of Z. Then $(gof)^{-1}(F)$ is a gb-open subset of X. That is $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$ is gb-open. Since f is pre - gb-open $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)))$ is a gb-open subset of Y. So, $g^{-1}(F)$ is gb-open in Y. Hence g is contra gb-continuous.

4 Applications

gb-continuous.

Definition 4.1. A topological space X is said to be:

(a) gb-normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint gb-open sets,

(b) ultranormal [32] if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets.

Theorem 4.2. If $f : X \to Y$ is a contra gb-continuous, closed injection and Y is ultranormal, then X is gb-normal.

Proof. Let F_1 and F_2 be disjoint closed subsets of X. Since f is closed and injective, $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are disjoint closed subsets of Y. Since Y is ultranormal $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are separated by disjoint clopen sets V_1 and V_2 , respectively. Hence $F_1 \subset f^{-1}(V_1)$, $F_2 \subset f^{-1}(V_2) \in gbO(X)$ and $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \emptyset$. Thus X is gb-normal.

Definition 4.3. [9] A topological space X is said to be gb-connected if X is not the union of two disjoint non-empty gb-open subsets of X.

Theorem 4.4. A contra gb-continuous image of a gb-connected space is connected.

Proof. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a contra *gb*-continuous function of a *gb*-connected space X onto a topological space Y. If possible, let Y be disconnected. Let A and B form a disconnectedness of Y. Then A and B are clopen and $Y = A \cup B$ where $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Since f is contra *gb*-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 *gb*-open sets in X. Also, $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$. Hence X is non-*gb*-connected which is a contradiction. Therefore Y is connected.

Theorem 4.5. Let X be gb-connected and Y be T_1 . $f : X \to Y$ is a contra gb-continuous, then f is constant.

Proof. Since Y is T_1 space, $v = \{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$ is disjoint gb-open partition of X. If $|v| \ge 2$, then X is the union of two non-empty gb-open sets. Since X is gb-connected, |v| = 1. Therefore, f is constant.

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