

On Contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous functions

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Abstract: -- In this paper, we introduce a new class of functions called contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous functions in topological spaces. Some characterizations and several properties concerning contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous functions are obtained.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In 1996, Dontchev presented a new notion of continuous functions called contra-continuity. This notion is stronger form of LC-continuity. The purpose of this paper is to introduce a new class of generalized continuous functions called contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous functions and almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous functions and investigate their relationship with other functions.

II. PRELIMINARIES

In this paper the spaces X and Y always mean topological spaces (X, τ) and (Y, σ) respectively. For a subset A of a space, $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ represent closure of A and interior of A respectively.

Definition 2.1: A Subset A of (X, τ) is called

- (1) a preopen set [6] if $A \subseteq int\ cl(A)$ and preclosed set if $cl(int(A)) \subseteq A$
- (2) a regular open set [13] if $A = int\ cl(A)$ and regular closed set if $A = cl(int(A))$
- (3) a α -open set [7] if $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$ and α -closed if $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$

Definition 2.2: A Subset A of (X, τ) is called

- (1) generalized closed set (briefly g -closed) [5] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
- (2) g^* -closed [14] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g -open in X .
- (3) regular generalized closed (briefly rg -closed) [8] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular open in X .
- (4) generalized preregular closed set (briefly gpr -closed) [4] if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$
- (5) whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular open in X .
- (6) $g^\#$ -closed [15] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is αg -open in X .

The complements of the above mentioned closed sets are their respective open sets.

Definition 2.3[9]: A subset A of (X, τ) is called $g^*\alpha$ -

closed if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g^* -open in X . The complement of $g^*\alpha$ -closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -open set. The family of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets and $g^*\alpha$ -open sets are denoted by $G^*\alpha-C(X)$ and $G^*\alpha-O(X)$

Definition 2.4: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be

- (1) $g^*\alpha$ -continuous [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (2) $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set V of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.5: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

- (1) a contra continuous [1] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (2) a contra g^* -continuous [11] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^* -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (3) a contra $g^\#$ -continuous [15] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^\#$ -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.6: A space X is called

- (i) $\alpha T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space [9] if every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in it is closed.
- (ii) locally indiscrete [12] if every open subset of X is closed in X .

III. CONTRA $g^*\alpha$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTION

In this section, we introduce the notions of contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous, contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous functions in topological spaces and study some of their properties.

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

Example 3.2: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{2\}\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(1)=1, f(2)=3$ and $f(3)=2$. Clearly f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous function.

Example 3.3: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$ and

$\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{3\}, \{1, 3, 4\}\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(1)=1, f(2)=2, f(3)=4$ and $f(4)=3$. Clearly f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous function.

Theorem 3.4: Every contra continuous function is contra

$g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: It follows from the fact that every closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.5: Let $X = \{1,2,3,4\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$ and

$\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{1,3,4\}\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(1) = 4, f(2) = 3, f(3) = 2$ and $f(4) = 1$. Clearly f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not contra continuous since $f^{-1}(\{1,3,4\}) = \{1,2,4\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed but not closed in X .

Theorem 3.6: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and X is a $T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space, then f is contra continuous.

Proof: Let V be an open set in Y . Since f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X . Hence V is closed in Y since Y is a $T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space. Thus f is contra continuous.

Corollary 3.7: If X is a $T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space then for a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ the following are equivalent.

- (i) f is contra continuous
- (ii) f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous

Proof: It is obvious.

Remark 3.8: The concept of $g^*\alpha$ -continuity and contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuity are independent as shown in the following example.

Example 3.9: Let $X = \{1,2,3,4\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{1,4\}, \{1,2,4\}\}$ and

$\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{2\}, \{3,4\}, \{2,3,4\}\}$. Define $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(1) = 1, f(2) = 3, f(3) = 4$ and $f(4) = 2$. Clearly f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but $f^{-1}(\{1,2\}) = \{1,4\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X . Therefore f is not $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Example 3.10: Let $X = \{1,2,3,4\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1,3,4\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{1,4\}\}$. Define

$f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by identity mapping. Clearly f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous since $f^{-1}(\{1,4\}) = \{1,4\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X . Therefore f is not $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.11: Every contra g -continuous is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Since every g -closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed, the proof follows.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.12: Let $X = \{1,2,3\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{2\}\}$. Define

$f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(1) = 3, f(2) = 2$ and $f(3) = 1$. Clearly f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not contra g -continuous.

Theorem 3.13: (i) Every contra g^* -continuous is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

(ii) Every contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous is contra rg -continuous.

(iii) Every contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous is contra gpr -continuous

(iv) Every contra $g^\#$ -continuous is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: (i) & (iv) proof follows from the fact that every g^* -closed and $g^\#$ -closed is $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

(ii) & (iii) since every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set is rg -closed and gpr -closed, the proof follows.

Remark 3.14: The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following examples.

Example 3.15: Let $X = \{1,2,3\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{2\}\}$. Define

$f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(1) = 2, f(2) = 3$ and $f(3) = 1$. Clearly f is contra rg -continuous and contra gpr -continuous but not contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Example 3.16: Let $X = \{1,2,3\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{2,3\}\}$. Define

$f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(1) = 2, f(2) = 1$ and $f(3) = 3$. Here f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not contra $g^\#$ -continuous and contra g^* -continuous.

Remark 3.17: The composition of two contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous functions need not be contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous as seen from the following example.

Example 3.18: Let $X = \{1,2,3,4\} = Y$ with $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{3\}, \{1,3,4\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$ and $\eta = \{z, \emptyset, \{1,3,4\}\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and

$g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (\eta, \sigma)$ by identity mapping. Here f and g are contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous. But $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is not contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous, since $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{1,3,4\}) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\{1,3,4\})) = f^{-1}(\{1,3,4\}) = \{1,3,4\}$ which is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X .

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

Proof: Let V be open in Z . Since g is continuous $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y . Then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X since f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous. Thus $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X . Hence $g \circ f$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Corollary 3.20: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is contra continuous function then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Using the fact that every contra continuous is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.21: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be surjective, $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and $g^*\alpha$ -open and is continuous and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be any function then $g \circ f$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous iff g is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Suppose $g \circ f$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous. Let V be a closed set in Z . Then $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open

in X . Since f is $g^*\alpha$ -open and surjective, $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)))$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open in Y . (ie) $g^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open in Y . Hence g is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous. Conversely suppose that g is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous. Let V be closed in Z . Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open in Y . Since f is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open (ie) $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open in X . Hence $g \circ f$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 3.22: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. Then the following are equivalent.

- (i) f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous
- (ii) The inverse image of each closed set in Y is $g^*\alpha$ -open in X .

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) and (ii) \Rightarrow (i) are obvious.

Definition 3.23: A space (X, τ) is called locally $g^*\alpha$ -indiscrete if every $g^*\alpha$ -open set of X is closed in X .

Theorem 3.24: Let X be locally $g^*\alpha$ -indiscrete. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous then it is continuous.

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

Theorem 3.25: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and the space (X, τ) is $g^*\alpha$ -locally indiscrete then f is contra continuous.

Proof: Let $V \in O(Y)$. Since f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open in X . Since X is locally $g^*\alpha$ -indiscrete, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X . Hence f is contra continuous.

Definition 3.25: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called almost $g^*\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open set in X for every regular open set V of Y .

Definition 3.26: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called almost Contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in X for every regular open set V of Y .

Theorem 3.26: Every contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous function is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Since every regular open set is open the proof follows.

Theorem 3.27: Every regular set connected function is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof: Proof is straight forward.

Example 3.28: $X=Y=\{1,2,3,4\}$ with $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,4\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{4\}, \{1,2,4\}\}$ and $\sigma=\{\emptyset, Y, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{3,4\}, \{2,4\}, \{1,3,4\}, \{2,3,4\}\}$. Let f be an identity map. The inverse image of regular open set $\{2,4\}$ is not clopen in X . But the inverse image of regular open set in Y is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X . Hence f is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not regular set connected.

Theorem 3.27: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be two functions. Then the following properties hold.

- a) If f is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and g is regular set

connected, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and almost $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

b) If f is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and g is perfectly continuous $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: (a) Let $V \in RO(Z)$. Since g is regular set connected, $g^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in Y . Since f is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open and $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and almost $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

(b) Let v be open in Z . Since g is perfectly continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in Y . Since f is almost contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open and $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Definition 3.25: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called Contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in X for every $g^*\alpha$ -open set V in Y .

Definition 3.26: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called perfectly Contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed and $g^*\alpha$ -open in X for every $g^*\alpha$ -open set V in Y .

Theorem 3.27: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is perfectly contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute iff f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute.

Proof: It directly follows from the definitions.

Remark 3.28: The following example shows that the concepts of $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute are independent of each other.

Example 3.29: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$ with $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$ and $\sigma=\{\emptyset, Y, \{1,2\}\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(1)=2, f(2)=1$ and $f(3)=3$. Clearly f is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute but not contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute since $f^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{2\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X .

Example 3.30: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$ with $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}\}$ and $\sigma=\{\emptyset, Y, \{2,3\}\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(1)=1, f(2)=3$ and $f(3)=2$. Clearly f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute but not $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute since $f^{-1}(\{1,3\}) = \{1,2\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X .

Remark 3.31: Every contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute function is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous. But the converse need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.32: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3,4\}$ with $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,4\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{4\}, \{1,2,4\}\}$ and $\sigma=\{\emptyset, Y, \{3\}, \{1,3,4\}\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by an identity mapping. Clearly f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute.

Theorem 3.33: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be a function. Then

- (i) if g is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and f is contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute then $g \circ f$ is contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute.

- (ii) if f is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and g is contra $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute then

$g \circ f$ is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

Proof(i) Let U be $g^* \alpha$ -open in Z . Since g is $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute, $g^{-1}(U)$ is $g^* \alpha$ -open in Y . Thus $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is $g^* \alpha$ -closed in X since f is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute. (ie) $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is $g^* \alpha$ -closed in X . This implies that $g \circ f$ is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

(ii) Let U be $g^* \alpha$ -open in Z . Since g is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute, $g^{-1}(U)$ is $g^* \alpha$ -closed in Y . Thus

$f(g^{-1}(U))$ is $g^* \alpha$ -closed in X since f is $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute (ie) $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is $g^* \alpha$ -closed in X . This implies that $g \circ f$ is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

Theorem 3.34: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is $g^* \alpha$ -continuous then $g \circ f$ is contra $g^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be an open set in Z . Since g is $g^* \alpha$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(U)$ is $g^* \alpha$ -open in Y . Thus $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$ is $g^* \alpha$ -closed in X since f is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute. (ie) $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$ is $g^* \alpha$ -closed in X . This implies that $g \circ f$ is contra $g^* \alpha$ -continuous.

Remark 3.35: Every perfectly contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute function is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute and $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

The following two examples show that a contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute function may not be perfectly contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute and a $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute function may not be perfectly contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

Example 3.36: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$ with $\tau=\{\emptyset, Y, \{1\}\}$ and $\sigma=\{\emptyset, X, \{2\}, \{2,3\}\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by an identity mapping. Clearly f is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute but not perfectly contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

Example 3.37: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3,4\}$ with $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{3\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$ and $\sigma=\{\emptyset, Y, \{1\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by an identity mapping. Clearly f is $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute but not perfectly contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

Theorem 3.38: A function is perfectly contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute iff f is contra $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute and $g^* \alpha$ -irresolute.

Proof: It follows from the definitions

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