

Almost Contra- Ω^* GA-Continuous Functions

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Abstract—The notion of contra continuous functions was introduced by Dontchev. In this paper we apply the notion of Ω^* - open sets in topological space to present and study a new class of functions called almost contra- Ω^* ga-continuous functions as a new generalization of contra continuity. Furthermore, we obtain basic properties and preservation theorems of almost contra- Ω^* ga-continuity and investigate the relationship between almost contra- Ω^* ga-continuity and Ω^* ga-regular graph.

Index Terms— M- Ω^* ga-closed map, Almost contra- Ω^* ga -continuity, Ω^* ga-regular graph

1. INTRODUCTION

Dontchev[3] introduced the notions of contra-continuity in topological spaces.

He defined a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra continuous if the preimage of every open set of Y is closed in X . Recently Ganster and Reilly[6] introduced a new class of functions called regular set connected functions(in 1999). Jafari and Noiri[7] introduced contra-pre-continuous functions. Almost contra-pre-continuous functions were introduced by Ekici[4]. J.Mercy and I.Arockiarani[12]introduced On Ω^* -closed sets and Ω_p -closed sets in topological spaces. In this paper we introduce and study a new class of functions called almost contra- Ω^* ga -continuous functions which generalize classes of regular set connected [6] contra continuous [3] and perfectly continuous[13] functions. Moreover, the relationship between almost contra- Ω^* ga -continuity and Ω^* ga -regular graphs are also investigated.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, spaces (X, τ) and (Y, σ) or (Simply X and Y) always mean topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset A of (X, τ) , $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ represent the closure of A and interior of A with respect to τ respectively.

DEFINITION 2.1. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be preopen[11] (resp. preclosed) if $A \subset Int(cl(A))$ (resp. $cl(int(A) \subset A$)).

DEFINITION 2.2. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be regular open[15] (resp. regular closed) if $A = int(cl(A))$ (resp. $A = cl(int(A))$).

DEFINITION 2.3. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be α -closed[14] (resp. α -closed) if $Cl(Int(Cl(A))) \subset A$ (resp. $A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$).

DEFINITION 2.4. The intersection of all α -closed sets containing A is called α -closure of A and is denoted by $\alpha-cl(A)$.

DEFINITION 2.5. The α -interior of A is defined by the union of α -open sets contained in A and is denoted by $\alpha-int(A)$.

DEFINITION 2.6. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be generalized α -closed set[10](briefly $g\alpha$ -closed) if $\alpha-cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is α -open.

DEFINITION 2.7. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

1. Contra-continuous [3] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
2. Regular set connected[6] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X for every $V \in RO(Y)$.
3. Perfectly-continuous[13] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is both open and closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
4. Almost-continuous[16] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X for every regular open set V of (Y, σ) .

DEFINITION 2.8. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be $\pi g\alpha$ -closed[1] if $\alpha-cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is π -open.

DEFINITION 2.9. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called $\pi g\alpha$ -continuous[2] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\pi g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .

DEFINITION 2.10. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous [8] if $f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ for every $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$.

DEFINITION 2.11. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be Ω^* -closed [12] if $\text{pcl}(A) \subset \text{Int}(U)$, whenever $A \subset U$ and U is pre-open in (X, τ) .

3. ALMOST CONTRA- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

DEFINITION 3.1.

A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be
 (a) $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed if $\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is Ω^* -open.
 (b) $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open if $X-A$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed.
 The family of all $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets of X (resp. $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open sets) are denoted by $\Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ (resp. $\Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$).

DEFINITION 3.2.

A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called
 1. $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
 2. Almost- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X for every regular open set V of (Y, σ) .
 3. Contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
 4. M- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open (resp. M- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed) if image of each $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set (resp. $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed) is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open (resp. $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed).

DEFINITION 3.3 :

A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if $f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ for every $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$.

THEOREM 3.4 :

Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces. The following statements are equivalent for a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$.

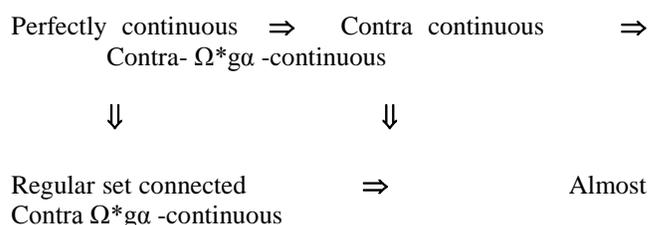
1. f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.
2. $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$ for every $F \in RC(Y, \sigma)$.
3. for each $x \in X$ and each regular closed set F in Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset F$.
4. for each $x \in X$ and each regular open set V in Y not containing $f(x)$, there exists a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set K in X not containing x such that $f^{-1}(V) \subset K$.
5. $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ for every open subset G of Y .

6. $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$ for every closed subset F of Y .

PROOF:

(1) \Rightarrow (2) : Let $F \in RC(Y)$. Then $Y-F \in RO(Y, \sigma)$. By (1), $f^{-1}(Y-F) = X - f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$. This implies $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$.
(2) \Rightarrow (1) : Let $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$. Then $Y-V \in RC(Y, \sigma)$. By (2) $f^{-1}(Y-V) = X - f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$. This implies $f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$.
(2) \Rightarrow (3) : Let F be any regular closed set in Y containing $f(x)$. By (2), $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. Take $U = f^{-1}(F)$. Then $f(U) \subset F$.
(3) \Rightarrow (2) : Let $F \in RC(Y, \sigma)$ and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. From (3), there exists a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set U_x in X containing x such that $U_x \subset f^{-1}(F)$. We have $f^{-1}(F) = \cup U_x$. Thus, $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$.
(3) \Rightarrow (4) : Let V be a regular open set in Y not containing $f(x)$. Then $Y-V$ is a regular closed set containing $f(x)$. By (3) there exists a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset Y-V$. Hence $U \subset f^{-1}(Y-V) \subset X - f^{-1}(V)$ and then $f^{-1}(V) \subset X-U$. Take $K = X-U$. We obtain a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set K in X not containing x .
(4) \Rightarrow (3) : Let F be regular closed set in Y containing $f(x)$. Then $Y-F$ is a regular open set in Y not containing $f(x)$. By (4) there exist a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set K in X not containing x such that $f^{-1}(Y-F) \subset K$. This implies $X - f^{-1}(F) \subset K \Rightarrow X - K \subset f^{-1}(F) \Rightarrow f(X - K) \subset F$. Take $U = X - K$. Then U is a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset F$.
(1) \Rightarrow (5) : Let G be an open subset of Y . Since $\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))$ is regular open, then by (1) $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$.
(5) \Rightarrow (1) : Let $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$. Then V is open in Y . By (5) $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$.
(2) \Leftrightarrow (6) The proof is obvious from the definitions.

REMARK 3.5: The following diagram holds.



None of the implications is reversible for almost Contra $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuity as shown by the following examples.

EXAMPLE 3.6 : Let $X = \{a,b,c\}$, $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b,c\}\}$.

Then the identity function $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (X,\sigma)$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous but not regular set connected.

EXAMPLE 3.7 : Let $X = \{a,b,c,d\}$, $\tau = \{X, \Phi, \{a\}, \{a,c\}, \{a,d\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{X, \Phi, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$.

Then the identity function $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (X,\sigma)$ is almost Contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous but not contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 3.8: Let $X = \{a,b,c\}$, $\tau = \{X, \Phi, \{a,b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{X, \Phi, \{a\}, \{a,b\}\}$. Then the identity function $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (X,\sigma)$ is contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous but not contra-continuous.

THEOREM 3.9: Suppose that $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets are closed under finite intersection.

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function and A is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open subset of X , Then the restriction $f/A: A \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

PROOF: Let $F \in RC(Y)$. Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous then $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X,\tau)$. Since A is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X if follow that $(f/A)^{-1}(F) = A \cap f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(A,\tau)$. Therefore, f/A is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function.

REMARK 3.10: Every restriction of an almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function is not necessarily almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

EXAMPLE 3.11 : Let $X = \{a,b,c,d\}$, $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a,d\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b,c\}\}$.

Then the identity function $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (X,\sigma)$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous but if $A = \{a,b,c\}$, where A is not $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in (X,τ) and $\tau_A = \{\Phi, \{a,b,c\}, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a,c\}\}$ is the relative topology on A induced by τ , then

$f/A: (A,\tau_A) \rightarrow (X,\sigma)$ is not almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous. Note that $\{a,b,d\}$ is regular closed in (X,τ) but that $(f/A)^{-1}\{a,b,d\} = A \cap \{a,b,d\} = \{a,b,c\} \cap \{a,b,d\} = \{a,b\}$ is not

$\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in (A,τ_A) .

DEFINITION 3.12: A cover $\Sigma = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ of subsets of X is called a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -cover if U_α is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open for each $\alpha \in I$.

THEOREM 3.13: Suppose that $\Omega^*G\alpha O(X,\tau)$ sets are closed under finite intersection.

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and $\Sigma = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -cover of X .

If for each $\alpha \in I$, f/U_α is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

PROOF: Let $V \in RC(Y)$. Since f/U_α is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function,

$(f/U_\alpha)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(U_\alpha)$. Since $U_\alpha \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X)$, by the result if U is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X and V is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X , it follows $(f/U_\alpha)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X)$ for each $\alpha \in I$. Then $f^{-1}(V) = \cup (f/U_\alpha)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X)$. This gives f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ continuous $\alpha \in I$ function.

THEOREM 3.14: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and let $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$ be the graph function of f defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for every $x \in X$. If g is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous then f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

PROOF: Let $V \in RC(Y)$, then $X \times V = X \times \text{cl}(\text{int}(V)) = \text{cl}(\text{int}(X) \times \text{cl}(\text{int}(V))) = \text{cl}(\text{int}(X \times V))$.

Therefore $X \times V \in RC(X \times Y)$. Since g is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $g^{-1}(X \times V) \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X .

This implies $f^{-1}(V) = g^{-1}(X \times V) \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X . Thus, f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

THEOREM 3.15: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be function. Then, the following properties hold:

- 1) If f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and g is regular set connected, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.
- 2) If f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and g is perfectly continuous then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.
- 3) If f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and g is regular set-connected then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous almost $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

PROOF: Let $V \in RO(Z)$ Since g is regular set connected $g^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in Y . Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open and $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed. Therefore $g \circ f$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous. (2) and (3) can be obtained similarly.

THEOREM 3.16: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a surjective M - $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open and $g: X \rightarrow Z$ is a function such that $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then g is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

PROOF : Let V be any regular closed set in Z . Since $g \circ f$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in (X,τ) .

Since f is surjective, M - $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open map, $f((gof)^{-1}(V)) = f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open. Therefore g is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

THEOREM 3.17: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a surjective M - $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed map and $g: X \rightarrow Z$ is a function such that $gof: X \rightarrow Z$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then g is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

PROOF: Similarly as the previous theorem.

THEOREM 3.18: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost continuous then f is regular set-connected.

PROOF: Let $V \in RO(Y)$. Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost continuous $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed and open. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen. Hence f is regular set-connected.

DEFINITION 3.19: A filter base Λ is said to be $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -convergent (resp. rc-convergent) to a point x in X if for any $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X containing x (resp. $U \in RC(X)$) there exist a $B \in \Lambda$ Such that $B \subset U$.

THEOREM 3.20: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then for each point $x \in X$ and each filter base Λ in X $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -converging to x , the filter base $f(\Lambda)$ is rc-convergent to $f(x)$.

PROOF: Let $x \in X$ and Λ be any filter base in X $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -converging to x . Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous then for any $V \in RC(Y)$ containing $f(x)$ there exist $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$. Since Λ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -converging to x , there exist a $B \in \Lambda$ such that $B \subset U$. This means that $f(B) \subset V$ and therefore the filter base $f(\Lambda)$ is rc-convergent to $f(x)$.

Note that a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at x if each regular closed set F in Y containing $f(x)$, there exist $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset F$.

THEOREM 3.21 : Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and $x \in X$. If there exist $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X such that $x \in U$ and the restriction of f to U is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at x then f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at x .

PROOF: Suppose that $F \in RC(Y)$ containing $f(x)$. Since $f|_U$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at x , there exists $V \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(V) = (f|_U)(V) \subset F$. Since $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X containing x it follows that $V \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in X containing x . This shows clear that f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at x .

4. THE PRESERVATION THEOREMS

In this section, we investigate the relationships among almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions, separation axioms, connectedness and compactness.

DEFINITION 4.1: A space X is said to be weakly Hausdorff [19] if each element of X is an intersection of regular closed sets.

DEFINITION 4.2 : A space X is said to be $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - T_0 if for each pair of distinct points in X there exists a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set of X containing one point but not the other.

DEFINITION 4.3: A space X is said to be $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - T_1 if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X there exists a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open sets U and V containing x and y respectively such that $y \notin U$ and $x \notin V$.

DEFINITION 4.4: A space X is said to be $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Hausdorff if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X there exists $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in (X, x) and $V \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in (Y, y) such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

THEOREM 4.5: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous injection and Y is weakly Hausdorff then X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - T_1 .

PROOF : Suppose that Y is weakly Hausdorff. For any distinct points x and y in X there exist $V, W \in RC(Y)$ such that $f(x) \in V, f(y) \in W, f(x) \notin W, f(y) \notin V$. Since f is almost $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ and $f^{-1}(W)$ are $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open subsets of X such that $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ and $y \in f^{-1}(W), y \notin f^{-1}(V), x \notin f^{-1}(W)$. This shows that X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - T_1 .

DEFINITION 4.6 : A topological space X is called $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -ultra connected if every two non-void $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed subsets of X intersect.

DEFINITION 4.7 : A topological space X is called hyper connected [20] if every open set is dense.

THEOREM 4.8 : If X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -ultra connected and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and surjective, then Y is hyper connected.

PROOF : Assume that Y is hyper connected. Then there exist an open set V such that V is not dense in Y . Then there exist disjoint non-empty regular open subsets B_1 and B_2 in Y

namely $B_1 = \text{int cl}(V)$ and $B_2 = Y - \text{cl}(V)$. Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and surjective, $A_1 = f^{-1}(B_1)$ and $A_2 = f^{-1}(B_2)$ are disjoint non-empty $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed subsets

of X which is a contradiction to the fact that X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -ultra connected. Hence Y is hyper connected.

DEFINITION 4.9 : A space X is called $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -connected provided that X is not the union of two disjoint non-empty $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open sets.

THEOREM 4.10 : If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection and X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -connected then Y is connected.

PROOF: Suppose that Y is not connected. Then there exist non-empty disjoint open sets V_1 and V_2 such that $Y = V_1 \cup V_2$. Therefore V_1 and V_2 are clopen in Y . Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$ are disjoint and $X = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2)$ which is a contradiction to the fact that X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -connected. Hence Y is connected.

DEFINITION 4.11 : A space X is said to be

- a) $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed if every $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of X has a finite subcover.
- b) Countable $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed if every countable cover of X by $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets has a finite subcover.
- c) $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Lindelof if every cover of X by $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets has a countable cover.
- d) Nearly compact if every regular open cover of X has a finite subcover. [17]
- e) Nearly countably compact if every countably cover of X by regular open sets has a finite subcover. [5 , 18]
- f) Nearly Lindelof [4] if every cover of X by regular open sets has a countable subcover.

THEOREM 4.12: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection. Then the following statements hold.

- a) If X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed then Y is nearly compact.
- b) If X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -lindelof then Y is nearly lindelof.
- c) If X is countably- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed, then Y is nearly countably compact.

PROOF: Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be any regular open cover of Y . Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of X . Since X is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed there exist a finite I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$. Thus we have $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$ and Y is nearly compact.

Proof of b) and c) are analogue to a).

DEFINITION 4.13 : A space X is said to be Mildly $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact if every $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -clopen cover of X has a finite subcover.

- a) Mildly countably- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact if every $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -clopen countable cover of X has a countable subcover.

- b) Mildly $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Lindelof if every $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -clopen cover of X has a countable subcover.

THEOREM 4.14: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection. Then

- a) If X is mildly $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact then Y is nearly compact.
- b) If X is mildly countably- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact then Y is nearly countably compact.
- c) If X is mildly $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -lindelof then Y is nearly Lindelof.

PROOF: (a) $\forall \varepsilon \in RO(Y)$. Then since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous almost $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(\varepsilon)$ is clopen. Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be any regular open cover of Y . Then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is a clopen cover of X . Since X is mildly $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact, there exist a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$. Hence Y is nearly compact.

Proof of b) and c) are similar to a).

5. $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -REGULAR GRAPHS

In this we define $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graphs and investigate the relationships between $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graphs and almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions.

DEFINITION 5.1: For a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ the subset $\{(x, f(x)) / x \in X\} \subset X \times Y$ is called the graph of f and is denoted by $G(f)$ [4]

DEFINITION 5.2 : A graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular if for each $(x, y) \in X \times Y - G(f)$, there exist a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set U in X containing x and $\forall \varepsilon \in RO(Y)$ containing y such that $(U \times \varepsilon) \cap G(f) = \phi$.

LEMMA 5.3: The following properties are equivalent for a graph $G(f)$ of a function

1. $G(f)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular.
2. for each point $(x, y) \in X \times Y - G(f)$ there exist a $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set U in X containing x and $\forall \varepsilon \in RO(Y)$ containing y such that $f(U) \cap \varepsilon = \phi$.

PROOF : It follows from definition and the fact that for any subsets $U \subset X, V \subset Y (U \times V) \cap G(f) = \phi$ iff $f(U) \cap V = \phi$.

THEOREM 5.4: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and Y is T_2 , then $G(f)$ is $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graph in $X \times Y$.

PROOF : Let $(x, y) \in X \times Y - G(f)$. It follows that $f(x) \neq y$. Since Y is T_2 , there exist open sets V and W containing $f(x)$ and y respectively such that $V \cap W = \phi$. We have $\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)) \cap$

$\text{int}(\text{cl}(W)) = \phi$. Since f is almost contra- $\Omega^*\alpha$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$ is $\Omega^*\alpha$ -closed in X containing x . Take $U = f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$. Then $f(U) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(V))$ Therefore $f(U) \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(W)) = \phi$. Hence $G(f)$ is $\Omega^*\alpha$ -regular.

THEOREM 5.5 : Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ have $\Omega^*\alpha$ -regular graph $G(f)$. If f is injective, then X is $\Omega^*\alpha$ - T_1 .

PROOF : Let x and y be any two distinct points of X . Then we have $(x, f(y)) \in X \times Y - G(f)$. By definition of $\Omega^*\alpha$ -regular graph, there exist a $\Omega^*\alpha$ -closed set U of X and

$V \in \text{RO}(Y)$ such that $(x, f(y)) \in U \times V$ and $U \cap f^{-1}(V) = \phi$. Therefore we have

$Y \notin U$. Thus $y \in X - U$. $x \notin X - U$. $X - U \in \Omega^*\alpha$ -open in (X, τ) implies X is $\Omega^*\alpha$ - T_1 .

THEOREM 5.6: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ have $\Omega^*\alpha$ -regular graph $G(f)$. If f is surjective, then Y is weakly T_2 .

PROOF: Let y_1 and y_2 be any two distinct points of Y . Since f is surjective $f(x) = y_1$ for some $x \in X$ and $(x, y_2) \in X \times Y - G(f)$. By lemma 5.3, there exist a $\Omega^*\alpha$ -closed set U of X and $F \in \text{RO}(Y)$ such that $(x, y_2) \in U \times F$ and $f(U) \cap F = \phi$. Hence $y_1 \notin F$. Then $y_2 \notin Y - F \in \text{RC}(Y)$ and $y_1 \in Y - F$. This implies that Y is weakly T_2 .

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