

## Almost Contra $\hat{\alpha}g$ Continuous Functions

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce a new class of function called almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function. Some characterization are obtained and its relationship to connectedness, compactness and  $\hat{\alpha}g$  regular graphs are obtained.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1996, Dontchev [5] introduced contra continuous function. Dontchev, Ganster and Reily[6] introduced a new class of function called regular set connected function. Jaffri and Noiri [10] introduced and studied a new form of function called contra pre continuous function. Many researchers have studied on Pre-continuous functions , almost contra pre-continuous functions on pre-topological spaces in [7],[8],[11],[15-18] and strong forms of continuous functions, called super continuous functions are studied in [20-22].In this paper, we introduce and study almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function. Moreover, we obtain basic properties and preservation theorems of almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function and relationship between almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuity and  $\hat{\alpha}g$  regular graphs. Throughout this paper  $(X,\tau)$  and  $(Y,\sigma)$  denote topological spaces where no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise stated. They are simply denoted by X and Y.

In a topological space X, the interior of A and the closure of A are respectively denoted by  $\text{int } A$  and  $\text{cl } A$ .

### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let A be a subset of a topological space X. Then A is said to be

- 1) pre open if  $A \subset \text{int } \text{cl } A$  and pre closed if  $\text{cl } \text{int } A \subset A$  [12]
- 2) regular open if  $A = \text{int } \text{cl } A$  and regular closed if  $A = \text{cl } \text{int } A$  [12]
- 3) semi open if  $A \subset \text{cl } \text{int } A$  and semi closed if  $\text{int } \text{cl } A \subset A$  [12]
- 4)  $\alpha$  open if  $A \subset \text{int } \text{cl } \text{int } A$  and  $\alpha$  closed if  $\text{cl } \text{int } \text{cl } A \subset A$  [19]

- 5)  $\beta$  open (semi pre open) if  $A \subset \text{cl int cl } A$  and  $\beta$  closed (semi pre closed) if  $\text{int cl int } A \subset A$  [2]  
 6)  $b$  open if  $A \subset \text{int cl } A \cup \text{cl int } A$  and  $b$  closed if  $\text{int cl } A \cap \text{cl int } A \subset A$  [1].

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . Then  $A$  is said to be

- 1)  $g$  closed if  $\text{cl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open [13]
- 2)  $sg$  closed if  $\text{scl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is semi open [4]
- 3)  $gs$  closed if  $\text{scl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open [3]
- 4)  $w$  closed if  $\text{cl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is semi open [24]
- 5)  $g^*$  closed if  $\text{cl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $g$  open [12]
- 6)  $g^*p$  closed if  $\text{pcl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $g$  open [25]
- 7)  $pg$  closed if  $\text{pcl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is pre open [14]
- 8)  $gp$  closed if  $\text{pcl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open [14]
- 9)  $sgb$  closed if  $\text{bcl } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is semi open [9].

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological  $X$ . Then  $A$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed if  $\text{int cl int } A \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open [23].

The complements of the respective closed sets in  $X$  are respective open sets in  $X$ .  
 The union of two  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed sets need not be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed.  
 The intersection of two  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed sets need not be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed.

**Definition 2.4.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- 1) almost contra pre continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 2) almost contra semi continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 3) almost contra  $g$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 4) almost contra  $sg$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $sg$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 5) almost contra  $gs$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gs$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 6) almost contra  $w$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $w$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 7) almost contra  $g^*$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 8) almost contra  $g^*p$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*p$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 9) almost contra  $pg$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $pg$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 10) almost contra  $gp$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gp$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 11) almost contra  $b$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 12) almost continuous  $sgb$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $sgb$  closed in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

### 3. Almost Contra $\hat{\alpha}g$ Continuous Functions.

In this section, we define almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function and discuss some of its properties.

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

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**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$   
 $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c, f(b) = b, f(c) = a$ . Clearly  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous, then it is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Proof :** The proof is obvious, as every regular open set is open set.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true can be seen from the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$

$\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$   
 $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.**

- i) Every almost contra pre continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- ii) Every almost contra semi continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- iii) Every almost contra  $g$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- iv) Every almost contra  $sg$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- v) Every almost contra  $gs$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- vi) Every almost contra  $w$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- vii) Every almost contra  $g^*$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- viii) Every almost contra  $g^*p$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- ix) Every almost contra  $pg$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- x) Every almost contra  $gp$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- xi) Every almost contra  $b$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous .
- xii) Every almost contra  $sgb$  continuous function is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Proof :** The proof directly follows from the definition of almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function.

The converse of the above results need not be true can be seen from the following examples.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$

$\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$   
 $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra pre continuous or semi continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not pre closed or semi closed.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as above.

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c, f(b) = b, f(c) = a$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $g$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $g$  closed.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as above.

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $sg$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not  $sg$  closed.

**Example 3.9.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as above.

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $gs$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not  $gs$  closed.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$

Let  $\sigma$  be as above. Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $w$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $w$  closed.

**Example 3.11.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as in 3.6. Define  $f$  as in 3.9.

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $g^*$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not  $g^*$  closed.

**Example 3.12.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $g^*p$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $g^*p$  closed.

**Example 3.13.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as in previous example. Define  $f$  as in the previous example.  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $pg$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $pg$  closed.

**Example 3.14.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as in previous example.

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $gp$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $gp$  closed.

**Example 3.15.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as in 3.6.

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $b$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not  $b$  closed.

**Example 3.16.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be as in 3.6.

Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$

$f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous but not almost contra  $sgb$  continuous as  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not  $sgb$  closed.

**Theorem 3.17.** Let arbitrary union of  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$ .

The following are equivalent for a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

- 1)  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous

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- 2) For every closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$ .  
 3) For each  $x \in X$  and each regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open set  $U$  containing  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .  
 4) For each  $x \in X$  and each regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$  not containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed set  $K$  in  $X$  not containing  $x$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subset K$ .

**Proof :**

- 1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  2) is obvious.  
 2)  $\Rightarrow$  3) Let  $F$  be a regular closed set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . This implies  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . By (2)  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  containing  $x$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(F)$ . This implies  $U$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $f(U) = f(f^{-1}(F)) \subset F$ .  
 3)  $\Rightarrow$  2) Let  $F$  be regular closed in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . This implies  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . From (3), there exists  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open set  $U_x$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U_x) \subset F$ . That is  $U_x \subset f^{-1}(F)$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(F) = \cup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(F)\}$ . This is union of  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets. So  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$ .  
 3)  $\Rightarrow$  4) Let  $V$  be regular open set in  $Y$  not containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $Y-V$  is a regular closed set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . From (3) there exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Y - V$ . This implies  $U \subset f^{-1}(Y - V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(V) \subset X - U$ . Let  $K = X - U$ . Then  $K$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed not containing  $x$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subset K$ .  
 (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  $f(x)$ . From (4), there exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed set  $K$  not containing  $x$  such that  $f^{-1}(Y-F) \subset K$ . That is  $X - f^{-1}(F) \subset K$ . Hence  $X - K \subset f^{-1}(F)$ . That is  $f(X - K) \subset F$ . Let  $U = X - K$ .  $U$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** The following are equivalent for a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

- 1)  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous  
 2)  $f^{-1}(\text{int cl } G)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$  for every open set  $G$  of  $Y$ .  
 3)  $f^{-1}(\text{cl int } F)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof :**

- (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $G$  be open in  $Y$ . Then  $\text{int cl } G$  is regular open in  $Y$ . By (1)  $f^{-1}(\text{int cl } G)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ .  
 (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $V$  be regular open in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(\text{int cl } V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ , as  $V$  is open in  $Y$ . So,  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.  
 (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $F$  be closed in  $Y$ . Then  $\text{cl int } F$  is regular closed in  $Y$ . By (1)  $f^{-1}(\text{cl int } F)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$ .  
 (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is obvious.

**Definition 3.19.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be R-map if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular open for each regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.20.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and almost continuous, then  $f$  is an R-map.

**Proof:** Let  $V \in \text{RO}(Y)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed and open. Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular open in  $X$ . So,  $f$  is an R-map.

**Definition 3.21.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be perfectly continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.22.** For two functions  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ , let  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  be a composition function. Then the following hold.

- 1) If  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $g$  is an R-map, then  $g \circ f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- 2) If  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $g$  is perfectly continuous, then  $g \circ f$  is almost  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- 3) If  $f$  is contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $g$  is almost continuous, then  $g \circ f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Proof :**

1) Let  $V$  be regular open in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is regular open in  $Y$ . As  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,

$(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ .

2) Let  $V$  be regular open in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is clopen in  $Y$ . That is  $g^{-1}(V)$  is regular open and regular closed in  $Y$ . So,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open and  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ .

3) Let  $V$  be regular open in  $Z$ .  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $Y$ . As  $f$  is contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.23.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $T_{\hat{\alpha}g}$  space if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  is open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.24.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous. If  $Y$  is a  $T_{\hat{\alpha}g}$  space, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Proof :** Let  $V$  be regular open in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $Y$ . As  $Y$  is  $T_{\hat{\alpha}g}$  space,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $Y$ .

So,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.25.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open (strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed) if  $f(U)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open ( $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed) for every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open ( $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed) set  $U$  of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.26.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is surjective and strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open (strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed) and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is a function such that  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous, then  $g$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

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

Since  $f$  is surjective and strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open (strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed)  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open ( $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed).

Hence  $g$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Definition 3.27.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be weakly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous, if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$ , containing  $f(x)$  there exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset \text{cl } V$

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**Theorem 3.28.** If a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous, then  $f$  is weakly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function.

**Proof :** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be an open set containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $\text{cl } V$  is regular closed in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ .

As  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(\text{cl } V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  containing  $x$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(\text{cl } V)$ .

Then  $f(U) \subset f(f^{-1}(\text{cl } V)) \subset \text{cl } V$ . Hence  $f$  is almost weakly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Definition 3.29.** A space  $X$  is called locally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  indiscrete, if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open set is closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.30.** If a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $X$  is locally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  indiscrete, then  $f$  is almost continuous.

**Proof :** Let  $V$  be regular closed in  $Y$ . So  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$ . As  $X$  is locally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  indiscrete,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is almost continuous.

#### 4. $\hat{\alpha}g$ regular graphs

**Definition 4.1.** 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  $G(f)$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  regular if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in \text{RO}(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** The following properties are equivalent for a graph  $G(f)$  of a function:

- 1)  $G(f)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  regular
- 2) for each point  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in \text{RO}(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Then there exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in \text{RO}(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ . That is  $V \cap f(U) = \emptyset$ . That is  $V \cap f(U) = \emptyset$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) : Assume (2).  $y \in V$ .  $y \in Y - f(X)$ . That is  $y \neq f(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ . That is  $V \cap f(X) = \emptyset$ .

This implies  $(U \times V) \cap (X \times f(X)) = \emptyset$ . That is  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , then  $G(f)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  regular in  $X \times Y$ .

**Proof :** Let  $Y$  be  $T_2$ . Let  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . It follows  $f(x) \neq y$ . As  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , there exist open sets  $V$  and  $W$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $y$  respectively such that  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ . Then  $\text{int cl } V \cap \text{int cl } W = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(\text{int cl } V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed in  $X$ , as  $\text{int cl } V$  is regular open in  $Y$ .

Let  $U = f^{-1}(\text{int cl } V)$ . Then  $f(U) \subset \text{int cl } V$ . So,  $f(U) \cap \text{int cl } W = \emptyset$ . Hence  $G(f)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  regular in  $X \times Y$ . The intersection of two  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets need not be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open. But in the following theorem, we assume that intersection of two  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function and  $g : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X \times Y, \tau \times \sigma)$ , the graph function defined by  $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ , for every  $x \in X$ . Then  $f$  is almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous if and only if  $g$  is almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous,

**Proof:** Let  $g$  be almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and  $V \in RO(Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $g(x) = (x, f(x)) \in RO(X \times Y)$ . As  $g$  is almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous, there exist  $\alpha_g$  open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $g(U) \subset X \times V$ . So,  $f(U) \subset V$ . Hence  $f$  is almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous. Conversely, let  $f$  be almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and  $W$  be a regular open set of  $X \times Y$  containing  $g(x)$ . There exists  $U_1 \in RO(X, \tau)$  and  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $(x, f(x)) \in (U_1 \times V) \subset W$ . As  $f$  is almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous, there exists  $U_2 \in RO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U_2$  and  $f(U_2) \subset V$ . Let  $U = U_1 \cap U_2$ . We have  $x \in U \in \alpha_g O(X, \tau)$  and  $g(U) \subset (U_1 \times V) \subset W$ . This implies  $g$  is almost  $\alpha_g$  continuous.

## 5. Connectedness

**Definition 5.1.** A space  $X$  is called  $\alpha_g$  connected if  $X$  cannot be written as a disjoint union of two non-empty  $\alpha_g$  open sets.

**Theorem 5.2.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an almost contra  $\alpha_g$  continuous surjection and  $X$  is  $\alpha_g$  connected then  $Y$  is connected.

**Proof:** Let  $Y$  be not connected. Then  $Y = U_0 \cup V_0$  such that  $U_0$  and  $V_0$  are disjoint nonempty open sets. Let  $U = \text{int cl } U_0$  and  $V = \text{int cl } V_0$ . Then  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint nonempty regular open sets such that  $Y = U \cup V$ . As  $f$  is almost contra  $\alpha_g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are  $\alpha_g$  closed sets of  $X$ . We have  $X = f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V)$  such that  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are disjoint. Since  $f$  is surjective,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are nonempty. This implies  $X$  is not  $\alpha_g$  connected. Hence  $Y$  is connected.

**Theorem 5.3.** The almost contra  $\alpha_g$  image of  $\alpha_g$  connected space is connected.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost contra  $\alpha_g$  continuous function of a  $\alpha_g$  connected space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ . Suppose  $Y$  is not a connected space. Then  $Y = V_1 \cup V_2$ , where  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are disjoint nonempty open sets of  $Y$ . So,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are clopen in  $Y$ . As  $f$  is almost contra  $\alpha_g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_2)$  are  $\alpha_g$  open in  $X$ . Also  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_2)$  are disjoint nonempty and  $X = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2)$ . This contradiction shows  $Y$  is connected.

**Definition 5.4.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha_g$  ultra connected if every two non empty  $\alpha_g$  closed subsets of  $X$  intersect.

**Definition 5.5.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be hyper connected if every open set is dense.

**Theorem 5.6.** If  $X$  is  $\alpha_g$  ultra connected and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra  $\alpha_g$  continuous surjection, then  $Y$  is hyper connected.

**Proof:** Let  $Y$  be not hyper connected, So, there exists an open set  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $V$  is not dense in  $Y$ . So, there exist nonempty regular open set  $B_1 = \text{int cl } V$  and  $B_2 = Y - \text{cl } V$

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in  $Y$ . As  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(B_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(B_2)$  are disjoint  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed. This contradicts the  $\hat{\alpha}g$  ultra connectedness of  $X$ . Hence  $Y$  is hyperconnected.

### 6. Separation axioms

**Definition 6.1.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g T_1$  space if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$ , there exist  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y \notin G$  and  $x \notin H$ ,  $y \in H$ .

**Definition 6.2.** A space  $X$  is said to be weakly Hausdorff if each element of  $X$  is an intersection of regular closed sets [23].

**Theorem 6.3.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous injection and  $Y$  is weakly Hausdorff, then  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g T_1$ .

**Proof :** Let  $Y$  be weakly Hausdorff. For any distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $V$  and  $W$  regular closed sets in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in V$ ,  $f(y) \notin V$ , and  $f(y) \in W$  and  $f(x) \notin W$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(W)$  are  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets of  $X$  such that  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ ,  $y \notin f^{-1}(V)$  and  $y \in f^{-1}(W)$ ,  $x \notin f^{-1}(W)$ .

This completes the proof.

**Corollary 6.4.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous injection and  $Y$  is weakly Hausdorff, then  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g T_1$ .

**Definition 6.5.** A topological space  $X$  is called Ultra Hausdorff space, if for every pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$ , containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

**Definition 6.6.** A topological space is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g T_2$  space if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $x \in G$  and  $y \in H$ .

**Theorem 6.7.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous injective function from space  $X$  into a Ultra Hausdorff space  $Y$ , then  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g T_2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be distinct points in  $X$ . As  $f$  is injective  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . As  $Y$  is Ultra Hausdorff space, there exist disjoint clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$  respectively. Then  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $y \in f^{-1}(V)$ , where  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are disjoint  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets in  $X$ . Hence the assertion.

**Definition 6.8.** A topological space is called Ultra normal space, if each pair of disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets.

**Definition 6.9.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  normal if each pair of disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets.

**Theorem 6.10.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous closed injection and  $Y$  is Ultra normal, then  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  normal.

**Proof:** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ . As  $f$  is closed and injective  $f(E)$  and  $f(F)$  are disjoint closed sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is Ultra normal, there exist disjoint clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(E) \subset U$  and  $f(F) \subset V$ . This implies  $E \subset f^{-1}(U)$  and  $F \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . As  $f$

is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are disjoint  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets in  $X$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 6.11.**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous implies for each  $x \in X$  and for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Proof :** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be almost  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous. Let  $V$  be regular open in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ .  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  containing  $x$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ . This implies  $U$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $f(U) = f(f^{-1}(V)) \subset V$ .

**Theorem 6.12.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $Y$  is semiregular, then  $f$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous

**Proof :** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be an open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By the definition of semiregularity of  $Y$ , there exists a regular open set  $G$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in G \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is almost  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous, there exists  $U \in \hat{\alpha}g - O(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset G$ . Hence we have,  $f(U) \subset G \subset V$ . This shows  $f$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

## 7. Compactness

**Definition 7.1.** A space  $X$  is said to be

- 1)  $\hat{\alpha}g$  compact if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- 2)  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed compact if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- 3) Nearly compact if every regular open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- 4) Countably  $\hat{\alpha}g$  compact if every countable cover of  $X$  by  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets has a finite subcover.
- 5) Countably  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed compact if every countable cover of  $X$  by  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed sets has a finite subcover.
- 6) Nearly countable compact if every countable cover of  $X$  by regular open sets has a finite subcover.
- 7)  $\hat{\alpha}g$  Lindelof if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.
- 8)  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed Lindelof if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.
- 9) Nearly Lindlof if every regular open cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.
- 10) S- Lindelof if every cover of  $X$  by regular closed sets has a countable subcover.
- 11) Countably S – closed if every countable cover of  $X$  by regular closed sets has a finite subcover.
- 12) S - closed if every regular closed cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 7.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous surjection. Then the following properties hold:

- 1) If  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed compact, then  $Y$  is nearly compact.
- 2) If  $X$  is countably  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed compact, then  $Y$  is nearly countably compact.
- 3) If  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed Lindelof, then  $Y$  is nearly Lindelof.

**Proof :**

(1) Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any regular open cover of  $Y$ . As  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed cover of  $X$ .

Since  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \cup \{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ .

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As  $f$  is surjective,  $Y = \cup \{V\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$ , which is a finite subcover of  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is nearly compact.

The proof of (2) and (3) are similar.

**Theorem 7.3.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous surjection. Then the following hold:

1) If  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  compact then  $Y$  is  $S$ -closed.

2) If  $X$  is countably  $\hat{\alpha}g$  compact, then  $Y$  is countably  $S$ -closed.

3) If  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  Lindelof, then  $Y$  is  $S$ -Lindelof.

**Proof :** 1) Let  $\{V\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any regular closed cover of  $Y$ . As  $f$  is almost contra  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(V\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  compact, there exist a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \cup \{f^{-1}(V\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ . As  $f$  is surjective,  $Y = \cup \{V\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  is a finite subcover for  $Y$ . This shows  $Y$  is  $S$ -closed.

The proof of (2) and (3) are similar.

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