

## Totally $\hat{\alpha}g$ Continuous Functions

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**Abstract.** In this paper,  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed sets and  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets are used to define and investigate a new class of function called totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function. Relationships between the new class and other classes of existing known functions are established.

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### 1. Introduction

Levine [2] introduced the concept of semi continuous function. Senthilkumar et al. [7] introduced  $\hat{\alpha}$  generalised closed sets in topological spaces. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function as a generalization of the concept of totally continuous function. Several properties of totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function are obtained. The interior and closure of a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is denoted by  $\text{int } A$  and  $\text{cl } A$  respectively.

### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}$  generalised closed ( $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed) if  $\text{int cl int } A \subset A$  wherever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ . The complement of  $\hat{\alpha}g$  closed set in  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open in  $X$  [7].

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be totally continuous if the inverse image of every open set of  $Y$  is clopen in  $X$  [1].

### 3. Totally $\hat{\alpha}g$ continuous function

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

The union of two  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen sets need not be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen, but in the following theorem, we assume that arbitrary union of  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen sets in  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen.

**Theorem 3.2.** The following statements are equivalent for a function  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  :

- i.  $f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.
- ii. For each  $x\in X$  and for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  there exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$ clopen set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $f(V)\subset V$ .

**Proof:**

i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii)

Let  $x\in X$  and  $V$  be open in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $x\in f^{-1}(V)$  which is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $X$ .  $f(f^{-1}(V))\subset V$ .

ii) $\Rightarrow$ i)

Let  $V$  be open in  $Y$  and  $x\in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(x)\in V$ . There exists a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen set  $U_x$  of  $X$  such that  $f(U_x)\subset V$ . Hence  $U_x\subset f^{-1}(V)$ .

$f^{-1}(V)=\bigcup_{x\in f^{-1}(V)} U_x$ , which is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $X$ .

**Remark 3.3.** It is clear that every totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous. But the converse need not be true can be seen from the following example.

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

$\hat{\alpha}g$  closed sets of  $(X,\tau)=\{\Phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, X\}$ .

Let  $f: (X,\tau)\rightarrow(X, \sigma)$  be the identity function.

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

**Remark 3.5.** It is clear that every totally continuous function is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous. But the converse need not be true can be seen from the following example.

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

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

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

**Definition 3.7.** A space  $(X,\tau)$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  space if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open set of  $X$  is open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** A function  $f:(X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $X$  is a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  space, then  $f$  is totally continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be open in  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $X$ . As  $X$  is a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  space,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen.

**Definition 3.9.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g$ connected if it cannot be written as the union of two nonempty disjoint  $\hat{\alpha}g$  open sets.

**Theorem 3.10.** If  $f$  is a totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous function from a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  connected space  $X$  onto any space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is an indiscrete space.

**Proof:** If possible, let  $Y$  be not indiscrete.

Let  $A$  be a proper nonempty open subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a proper nonempty  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen subset of  $X$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  connected.

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**Theorem 3.11.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\hat{a}g$  connected if and only if every totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous function from a space  $(X, \tau)$  into any  $T_0$  space  $(Y, \sigma)$  is constant.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be not  $\hat{a}g$  connected.

Let every totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous function from  $(X, \tau)$  to  $(Y, \sigma)$  be constant.

Since  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $\hat{a}g$  connected, there exists a proper nonempty  $\hat{a}g$  clopen subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

Let  $Y = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, Y\}$  be a topology on  $Y$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function such that  $f(A) = \{a\}, f(Y-A) = \{b\}$ . Then  $f$  is non constant and totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous such that  $Y$  is  $T_0$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $X$  must be  $\hat{a}g$  connected.

Conversely, let  $X$  be  $\hat{a}g$  connected. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous.

Let  $a, b$  be distinct points of  $Y$  such that  $f(a) = \alpha \neq \beta = f(b)$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$  and they are distinct. As  $Y$  is  $T_0$ , there exists open set  $U$  containing  $\alpha$  but not  $\beta$ . So  $U$  is a proper open subset of  $Y$ .

$f^{-1}(U)$  is a proper  $\hat{a}g$  clopen subset of  $X$ , which contradicts  $X$  is  $\hat{a}g$  connected.

Hence  $f$  must be constant.

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous function and  $Y$  is a  $T_1$  space. If  $A$  is a nonempty  $\hat{a}g$  connected subset of  $X$ , then  $f(A)$  is a single point.

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Lemma 3.13.** If  $A \in \hat{a}g O(X)$  and  $B \in \hat{a}g O(Y)$ , then  $A \times B \in \hat{a}g O(X \times Y)$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** If the function  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous function for each  $i=1, 2$ , then  $f_1 \times f_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  defined by  $(f_1 \times f_2)(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$ , for each  $x_1 \in X_1, x_2 \in X_2$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V_1 \times V_2 \in \hat{a}g O(Y_1 \times Y_2)$ . Then  $V_1 \in \hat{a}g O(Y_1), V_2 \in \hat{a}g O(Y_2)$ .

$f_1^{-1}(V_1) \in \hat{a}g CO(X_1), f_2^{-1}(V_2) \in \hat{a}g CO(X_2)$

$(f_1 \times f_2)^{-1}(V_1 \times V_2) = (f_1^{-1}(V_1), f_2^{-1}(V_2)) = f_1^{-1}(V_1) \times f_2^{-1}(V_2) \in \hat{a}g CO(X_1 \times X_2)$ . Hence  $f_1 \times f_2$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous.

**Definition 3.15.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the set of all points  $y$  in  $X$  such that  $x$  and  $y$  cannot be separated by  $\hat{a}g$  separation of  $X$  is said to be the quasi  $\hat{a}g$  component of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous function from a topological space  $X$  into a  $T_1$  space  $Y$ . Then  $f$  is constant on each quasi  $\hat{a}g$  component of  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x, y \in X$  that lie in the same quasi  $\hat{a}g$  component of  $X$ . Let  $f(x) = \alpha \neq \beta = f(y)$ . Since  $Y$  is  $T_1, \{\alpha\}$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $Y - \{\alpha\}$  is open in  $Y$ .

Since  $f$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(\{\alpha\})$  and  $f^{-1}(Y - \{\alpha\})$  are disjoint  $\hat{a}g$  clopen subsets of  $X$ .

Further  $x \in f^{-1}(\{\alpha\})$  and  $y \in f^{-1}(Y - \{\alpha\})$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $x$  and  $y$  belongs to the same quasi  $\hat{a}g$  component of  $X$ . Hence the theorem.

**Definition 3.17.** A  $\hat{a}g$  frontier of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\hat{a}g fr A = \hat{a}g cl A \cap \hat{a}g cl (X - A)$ .

**Theorem 3.18.** The set of all points  $x \in X$  in which a function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is not totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous is the union of  $\hat{a}g$  frontier of the inverse images of open sets containing  $f(x)$  if arbitrary intersection of  $\hat{a}g$  closed sets in  $X$  is  $\hat{a}g$  closed in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A = \{x \in X: f \text{ is not totally } \hat{a}g \text{ continuous at } x\}$ . Let  $B$  be the union of  $\hat{a}g$  frontier of the inverse images of open sets containing  $f(x)$ .

Let  $x \in A$ . Then there exists an open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $f(U)$  is not contained in  $V$  for each  $U \in \hat{a}gO(X)$  containing  $x$ . Hence  $x \in \hat{a}gcl(X-f^{-1}(V))$ .

On the other hand  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subset \hat{a}gcl f^{-1}(V)$ . So  $x \in \hat{a}gfr f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $A \subset B$ .

Conversely, let  $f$  be totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous at  $x \in X$ . Let  $V$  be open in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then there exists  $U \in \hat{a}gCO(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

That is  $U \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $x \in \hat{a}gint f^{-1}(V)$

$x \notin \hat{a}gcl(X-f^{-1}(V))$ . Hence  $x \notin \hat{a}gfr f^{-1}(V)$ . So  $x \notin A$  implies  $x \notin B$ . Hence  $B \subset A$ .

**Theorem 3.19.** Let  $\{X_\lambda: \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be any family of topological spaces. If  $f: X \rightarrow \Pi X_\lambda$  is a totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous function. Then  $P_\lambda \circ f: X \rightarrow X_\lambda$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous function for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , where  $P_\lambda$  is the projection of  $\Pi X_\lambda$  onto  $X_\lambda$ .

**Proof:** We shall consider a fixed  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Suppose  $U_\lambda$  is an arbitrary open set in  $X_\lambda$ . Then

$P_\lambda^{-1}(U_\lambda)$  is open in  $\Pi X$ . Since  $f$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous, we have by

$f^{-1}(P_\lambda^{-1}(U_\lambda)) = (P_\lambda \circ f)^{-1}(U_\lambda)$  is  $\hat{a}g$  clopen in  $X$ . Hence the assertion.

**Definition 3.20.**

- i) A filter base  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be  $\hat{a}g$  co-convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if for any  $U \in \hat{a}gCO(X)$  containing  $x$ , there exists  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $B \subset U$ .
- ii) A filter base  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if for any  $U \in O(X)$  containing  $x$ , there exists  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $B \subset U$ .

**Theorem 3.21.** If a function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous, then for each points  $x \in X$  and each filter base  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $X$   $\hat{a}g$  co-convergent to  $x$ , the filter base  $f(\mathcal{A})$  is convergent to  $f(x)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be any filter base in  $X$   $\hat{a}g$  co-convergent to  $x$ .

Since  $f$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous, then for any  $V \in O(Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $U \in \hat{a}gCO(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\hat{a}g$  co-convergent to  $x$ , there exists a  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $B \subset U$ . This implies  $f(B) \subset V$ .

Hence the filter base  $f(\mathcal{A})$  converges to  $f(x)$ .

#### 4. Covering properties

**Definition 4.1.** A space  $(X,\tau)$  is said to be  $\hat{a}gT_2$  if for any two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exists disjoint  $\hat{a}g$  open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** If arbitrary intersection of  $\hat{a}g$  closed sets is  $\hat{a}g$  closed in a topological space  $X$ , then  $X$  is  $\hat{a}gT_2$  if and only if for any two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exists a  $\hat{a}g$  neighbourhood  $N_y$  of  $y$  such that  $x \notin \hat{a}gcl N_y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be  $\hat{a}gT_2$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be distinct points of  $X$ . Then there exists  $\hat{a}g$  open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

But  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  implies  $V \subset X - U$

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So  $y \in V \subset X-U$ . Put  $X-U=N_y$ , We have  $\hat{a}gclN_y = \hat{a}gcl(X-U) = X-U=N_y$ , as  $X-U$  is  $\hat{a}g$  closed.  $N_y$  is a  $\hat{a}g$  neighbourhood of  $y$  such that  $x \notin \hat{a}gclN_y$ .

Conversely, let  $X$  be a topological space such that for any two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exists  $\hat{a}g$  neighbourhood  $N_y$  of  $y$  such that  $x \notin \hat{a}gclN_y$ .

$\hat{a}gclN_y$  is also a  $\hat{a}g$  neighbourhood of  $y$ . Since  $\hat{a}gclN_y$  is  $\hat{a}g$  closed,  $X - \hat{a}gclN_y$  is  $\hat{a}g$  open.  $x \notin \hat{a}gclN_y$  implies  $x \in X - \hat{a}gclN_y$ .

As  $N_y$  is a  $\hat{a}g$  neighbourhood of  $y$ , there exists a  $\hat{a}g$  open set  $U$  such that  $y \in U$  and  $(X - \hat{a}gclN_y) \cap U = \emptyset$ .

Hence  $X$  is  $\hat{a}gT_2$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** If arbitrary intersection of  $\hat{a}g$  closed sets is  $\hat{a}g$  closed in a topological space  $X$ , then  $X$  is  $\hat{a}gT_2$  if for any two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exists  $\hat{a}g$  open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $\hat{a}gclU \cap \hat{a}gclV = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a topological space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be distinct points of  $X$ .

Then there exists  $\hat{a}g$  open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $\hat{a}gclU \cap \hat{a}gclV = \emptyset$ .

$V$  is a  $\hat{a}g$  neighbourhood of  $y$  such that  $x \notin \hat{a}gclV$ , as  $x \in \hat{a}gclU$ . Hence by the above theorem  $X$  is  $\hat{a}gT_2$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** Let arbitrary intersection of  $\hat{a}g$  closed sets be  $\hat{a}g$  closed in a topological space  $X$  and Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous injective function. If  $Y$  is  $T_0$ , then  $X$  is  $\hat{a}gT_2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any pair of distinct points of  $X$ . Then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Since  $Y$  is  $T_0$ , there exists an open sets  $U$  containing  $f(x)$  but not  $f(y)$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $y \notin f^{-1}(U)$ . As  $f$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\hat{a}g$  clopen in  $X$ . Also  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $y \in X - f^{-1}(U)$ . By the above theorem,  $X$  is  $\hat{a}gT_2$ .

**Definition 4.5.** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{a}g$  compact if every  $\hat{a}g$  open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 4.6.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{a}g$  cocompact relative to  $X$  if every cover of  $A$  by  $\hat{a}g$  clopen sets of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 4.7.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{a}g$  cocompact if the subspace  $A$  is  $\hat{a}g$  cocompact.

**Theorem 4.8.** If arbitrary union of  $\hat{a}g$  clopen sets is  $\hat{a}g$  clopen for a space  $X$  and a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is totally  $\hat{a}g$  continuous and  $A$  is  $\hat{a}g$  cocompact relative to  $X$ , then  $f(A)$  is compact in  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{H_\alpha: \alpha \in I\}$  be any cover of  $f(A)$  by open sets of the subspace  $f(A)$ . For each  $\alpha \in I$ , there exists an open set  $A_\alpha$  of  $Y$  such that  $H_\alpha = A_\alpha \cap f(A)$ .

For each  $x \in A$ , there exists  $\alpha_x \in I$  such that  $f(x) \in A_{\alpha_x}$  and there exists  $U_x \in \hat{a}gCO(X)$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U_x) \subset A_{\alpha_x}$ .

Since the family  $\{U_x: x \in A\}$  is a cover of  $A$  by  $\hat{a}g$  clopen sets of  $X$ , there exists a finite subset  $A_0$  of  $A$  such that  $A \subset \cup \{U_x: x \in A_0\}$ .

Therefore we obtain  $f(A) \subset \cup \{f(U_x): x \in A_0\}$  which is a subsets of  $\{A_{\alpha_x}: x \in A_0\}$ .

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Thus  $f(A) = \bigcup \{ A_{\alpha x} \cap f(A) : x \in A_0 \} = \bigcup \{ H_{\alpha x} : x \in A_0 \}$ .  
Hence  $f(A)$  is compact.

**Corollary 4.9.** If arbitrary union of  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen sets is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in topological space  $X$  and if  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous surjective function and  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  cocompact, then  $Y$  is compact.

**Proof:** Follows from the above theorem.

**Definition 4.10.** A space  $X$  is said to be

Countably  $\hat{\alpha}g$  cocompact if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen countable cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

i)  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-Lindelof if every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  be a totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous surjective function. Then the following statements hold:

- i) If  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-Lindelof, then  $Y$  is Lindelof
- ii) If  $X$  is countably  $\hat{\alpha}g$  cocompact, then  $Y$  is countably compact.

**Proof:**

i) Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be an open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-Lindelof, there exists a countable subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ .

Then  $Y = \bigcup \{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  and hence  $Y$  is Lindelof.

ii) Similar to (i).

**Definition 4.12.** A space  $X$  is said to be

- i)  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_1$ , if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively such that  $y \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$ ;
- ii)  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_2$ , if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

**Theorem 4.13.** If  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is a totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous injective function and  $Y$  is  $T_1$ , then  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_1$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $Y$  is  $T_1$ . For any distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exists  $V, W \in \mathcal{O}(Y)$  such that  $f(x) \in V, f(y) \notin V$  and  $f(y) \in W, f(x) \notin W$ . Since  $f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(W)$  are  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen subsets of  $(X,\tau)$  such that  $x \in f^{-1}(V), y \notin f^{-1}(V)$  and  $y \in f^{-1}(W), x \notin f^{-1}(W)$ . This shows  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_1$ .

**Theorem 4.14.** If  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is a totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  injective function and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , then  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_2$ .

**Proof:** For any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in U$  and  $f(y) \in V$ .

Since  $f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

Therefore  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$  because  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . This shows  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_2$ .

**Definition 4.15.** A space  $X$  is called  $\hat{\alpha}g$  coregular if for each  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen set  $F$  and each point  $x \notin F$ , there exists disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $F \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ .

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**Definition 4.16.** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\hat{\alpha}g$  conormal if for any pair of distinct  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen sets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , there exists disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $F_1 \subset U$  and  $F_2 \subset V$ .

**Theorem 4.17.** If  $f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous injective open function from a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  coregular space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is regular.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a closed set of  $Y$  and  $y \notin F$ .

Take  $y=f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is a  $\hat{\alpha}g$ clopen set.

Take  $G=f^{-1}(F)$ . We have  $x \notin G$ . Since  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  coregular, there exists disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $G \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ .

We obtain that  $F=f(G) \subset f(U)$  and  $y=f(x) \in f(V)$  such that  $f(U)$  and  $f(V)$  are disjoint open sets. Hence  $Y$  is regular.

**Theorem 4.18.** If  $f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous injective open function from a  $\hat{\alpha}g$  conormal space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is normal.

**Proof:** Similar to the above proof.

**Definition 4.19.** For a function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ , 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 4.20.** A graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-closed if for each  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist  $U \in \hat{\alpha}gCO(X)$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in O(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 4.21.** A graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-closed in  $X \times Y$  if and only if for each  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist  $U \in \hat{\alpha}gCO(X)$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in O(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G(f)$  be strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$ - co-closed.

Let  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Then there exist  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in O(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $(U \cap V) \times G(f) = \emptyset$ . That is  $V \cap f(X) = \emptyset$ .

That is  $V \cap f(U) = \emptyset$ .

Conversely, let for each  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist  $U \in \hat{\alpha}gCO(X)$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in O(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$ .

Let  $y \in V$ .  $y \in Y - f(X)$ . That is  $y \neq f(x)$  for any  $x$ . 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 4.22.** Let  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  has a strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-closed graph  $G(f)$ . If  $f$  is injective, then  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_2$ .

**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 the above lemma, there exist  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen set  $U$  of  $X$  and  $V \in O(Y)$  such that

$(x,f(y)) \in (U \times V)$  and  $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$ .

Hence  $U \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ ,  $x \in U$  and  $y \in f^{-1}(V)$ .

Hence  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}gcoT_2$ .

**Theorem 4.23.** If arbitrary union of  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen sets is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in a space  $X$  and  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , then  $G(f)$  is strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-closed in the product space  $X \times Y$ .

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**Proof:** Let  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Then  $y \neq f(x)$  and there exist open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $f(x) \in V_1, y \in V_2$  and  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ .

From hypothesis, there exists  $U \in \hat{\alpha}gCO(X,x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset V_1$ .

Therefore, we obtain  $f(U) \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ . So  $G(f)$  is strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$  co-closed graph.

**Definition 4.24.** A function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is said to be :

- i) Totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  irresolute if the preimage of  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen subset of  $Y$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $X$ .
- ii) Totally pre  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen if the image of every  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen subset of  $X$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $Y$

**Theorem 4.25.** Let  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  be surjective and totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  irresolute and totally pre  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen and  $g:(Y,\sigma) \rightarrow (Z,\eta)$  be any function. Then  $g \circ f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Z,\eta)$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous if and only if  $g$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $g$  be totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous. Let  $V$  be open in  $Z$ .  $g^{-1}(V)$   $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $X$ .

Hence  $g \circ f$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

Conversely, let  $g \circ f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Z,\eta)$  be totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous. Let  $V$  be open in  $Z$ . Then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $X$ . That is  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen.

Since  $f$  is totally pre  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen,  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)))$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen in  $Y$ .

That is  $g^{-1}(V)$  is clopen in  $Y$ . Hence  $g$  is totally  $\hat{\alpha}g$  continuous.

**Theorem 4.26.** Let  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  has a strongly  $\hat{\alpha}g$ co-closed graph  $G(f)$ . If  $f$  is surjective totally pre  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen function, then  $Y$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g T_2$  space

**Proof:** Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective  $f(x)=y_1$ , for some  $x \in X$ .  $(x,y_2) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . There exist  $U \in \hat{\alpha}gCO(X)$  and  $V \in O(Y)$  such that  $(x,y_2) \in U \times V$  and  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ . Then we have  $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$

Since  $f$  is totally pre  $\hat{\alpha}g$  clopen such that  $f(x)=y_1 \in f(U)$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\hat{\alpha}g T_2$ .

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