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Properties of Contra Sg-Continuous Maps

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Abstract

In [Dontchev J. Contra-continuous functions and strongly S-closed spaces. Int. J. Math. Math. Sci. 1996; 19(2) : 303 – 310], Dontchev introduced and investigated a new notion of continuity called contra-continuity. Following this, many authors introduced various types of new generalizations of contra-continuity called contra- α -continuity [22], contra-semi-continuity [7], contra precontinuity [21], contra-super-continuity [23], contra- β -continuity [3], almost-contra-super-continuity [14], contra- δ -precontinuity [11], almost-contra-precontinuity [12] and contra sg-continuity [7] and so on [13 and 33]. In this paper, we investigate a generalization of contra-continuity by utilizing semi-generalized closed sets [1].

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1 Introduction

General Topology has shown its fruitfulness in both the pure and applied directions. In data mining [38], computational topology for geometric design and molecular design [31], computer – aided geometric design and engineering design (briefly CAGD), digital topology, information systems, non-commutative geometry and its application to particle physics [25], one can observe the influence made in these realms of applied research by general topological spaces, properties and structures. Rosen and Peters [39] have used topology as a body of mathematics that could unify diverse areas of CAGD and engineering design research. They have presented several examples of the application of topology to CAGD and design.

2 Preliminaries

The concept of closedness is fundamental with respect to the investigation of general topological spaces. Levine [28] initiated the study of the so-called g-closed sets and by doing this; he generalized the concept of closedness. Following this, in 1987, Bhattacharyya and Lahiri [1] introduced the notion of semi-generalized closed sets in topological spaces by means of semi-open sets of Levine [27]. In continuation of this work, in 1991, Sundaram et al [43] studied and investigated semi-generalized continuous maps and semi- $T_{1/2}$ -spaces. Recently, Dontchev and Noiri [7] have defined the concept of contra-sg-continuity between the topological spaces. In this paper, we investigate the properties of contra-sg-continuous maps.

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

Definition 1. A subset A of a space X is said to be

- (i) *semi-open* [27] if $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$.
The complement of a semi-open set is called *semi-closed*.
- (ii) *preopen* [30] if $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$.
The complement of a preopen set is called *preclosed*.
- (iii) *regular open* [41] if $A = int(cl(A))$.
The complement of a regular open is called *regular closed*.
- (iv) *δ -open* [44] if it is the union of regular open sets.
The complement of a δ -open set is called *δ -closed*.

The intersection of all semi-closed sets containing A is called the *semi-closure* [4] of A and is denoted by $scl(A)$.

Definition 2. Let A be a subset of X . Then A is called *sg-closed* [1] if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is a semi-open set.

The complement of a *sg-closed* set is called an *sg-open* set.

The intersection of all *sg-closed* sets containing a set A is called the *semi-generalized closure* of A and is denoted by $sgcl(A)$ [2]. If a subset A is *sg-closed* in a space X , then $A = sgcl(A)$. The converse of this implication is not true in general as shown in [2].

The family of all *sg-open* (resp. *sg-closed*, *closed*) sets of X is denoted by $SGO(X)$ (resp. $SGC(X)$, $C(X)$). The family of all *sg-open* (resp. *sg-closed*, *closed*) sets of X containing a point $x \in X$ is denoted by $SGO(X, x)$ (resp. $SGC(X, x)$, $C(X, x)$).

Definition 3. A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called :

- (i) *contra-continuous* [6] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for each open set V in Y ;
- (ii) *contra semi-continuous* [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi-closed in X for each open set V in Y ;
- (iii) *contra sg-continuous* [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is *sg-closed* in X for each open set V in Y ;
- (iv) *sg-continuous* [2] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is *sg-closed* in X for each closed set V in Y ;
- (v) *sg-irresolute* [2] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is *sg-closed* in X for each *sg-closed* set V in Y ;
- (vi) *preclosed* [16] if $f(V)$ is *preclosed* in Y for each closed set V in X ;
- (vii) *irresolute* [4] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is semi-closed in X for each semi-closed set V in Y .

Definition 4. A space X is called :

- (i) *a locally indiscrete* [35] if each open subset of X is closed in X ;
- (ii) *semi- $T_{1/2}$ -space* [1] if each *sg-closed* subset of X is semi-closed in X ;
- (iii) *sg-connected* [2] if X cannot be written as a disjoint union of two non-empty *sg-open* sets;
- (iv) *ultra normal* [42] if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets;
- (v) *weakly Hausdorff* [40] if each element of X is an intersection of regular closed sets;
- (vi) *ultra Hausdorff* [42] if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exist clopen sets A and B containing x and y , respectively, such that $A \cap B = \phi$.

Result 5. Let X be a topological space. Then

- (i) Every semi-closed set of X is *sg-closed* in X , but not conversely. [2]
- (ii) Every closed set of X is *sg-closed* in X , but not conversely. [2]

Let S be a subset of a space X . The set $\cap\{U \in \tau : S \subseteq U\}$ is called the *kernel* of S and is denoted by $ker(S)$. [32]

Lemma 6 [10]. *The following properties hold for the subsets U, V of a space X .*

- (1) $x \in \ker(U)$ if and only if $U \cap F \neq \emptyset$ for any closed set F containing x .
- (2) $U \subset \ker(U)$ and $U = \ker(U)$ if U is open in X .
- (3) $U \subset V$, then $\ker(U) \subset \ker(V)$.

3 Characterizations of Contra Sg-Continuous Maps

Remark 7. *From the definitions we stated above, we observe that*

- (i) *Every contra-continuous map is contra sg-continuous.*
- (ii) *Every contra semi-continuous map is contra sg-continuous.*

However the separate converses of the above relations are not true from the following examples.

Example 8. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = c$; $f(b) = a$; $f(c) = b$. Clearly f is contra sg-continuous map but it is not contra-continuous.

Example 9. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$. Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = b$; $f(b) = c$; $f(c) = a$. Clearly f is contra sg-continuous map but it is not contra semi-continuous.

Theorem 10. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) f is contra sg-continuous.
- (ii) *The inverse image of each closed set in Y is sg-open in X .*

Proof. Let G be a closed set in Y . Then $Y \setminus G$ is an open set in Y . By the assumption of (i), $f^{-1}(Y \setminus G) = X \setminus f^{-1}(G)$ is sg-closed in X . It implies that $f^{-1}(G)$ is sg-open in X . Converse is similar.

Theorem 11. *Suppose that $SGC(X)$ is closed under arbitrary intersections. Then the following are equivalent for a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$.*

- (i) f is contra sg-continuous.
- (ii) *the inverse image of every closed set of Y is sg-open in X .*
- (iii) *For each $x \in X$ and each closed set B in Y with $f(x) \in B$, there exists an sg-open set A in X such that $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subset B$.*
- (vi) $f(\text{sgcl}(A)) \subset \ker(f(A))$ for every subset A of X .
- (v) $\text{sgcl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker B)$ for every subset B of Y .

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (iii): Let $x \in X$ and B be a closed set in Y with $f(x) \in B$. By (i), it follows that $f^{-1}(Y \setminus B) = X \setminus f^{-1}(B)$ is sg-closed and so $f^{-1}(B)$ is sg-open. Take $A = f^{-1}(B)$. We obtain that $x \in A$ and $f(A) \subset B$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii): Let B be a closed set in Y with $x \in f^{-1}(B)$. Since $f(x) \in B$, by (iii) there exist an sg-open set A in X containing x such that $f(A) \subset B$. It follows that $x \in A \subset f^{-1}(B)$. Hence $f^{-1}(B)$ is sg-open.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Follows from the previous theorem.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iv): Let A be any subset of X . Let $y \notin \ker(f(A))$. Then there exists a closed set F containing y such that $f(A) \cap F = \emptyset$. Hence, we have $A \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$ and $\text{sgcl}(A) \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$. Hence we obtain $f(\text{sgcl}(A)) \cap F = \emptyset$ and $y \notin f(\text{sgcl}(A))$. Thus, $f(\text{sgcl}(A)) \subset \ker(f(A))$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (v): Let B be any subset of Y . By (iv), $f(\text{sgcl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \ker(B)$ and $\text{sgcl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(B))$.

(v) \Rightarrow (i): Let B be any open set of Y . By (v), $\text{sgcl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(B)) = f^{-1}(B)$ and $\text{sgcl}(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(B)$. We obtain that $f^{-1}(B)$ is sg-closed in X .

Theorem 12. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map and $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$ the graph function of f , defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for every $x \in X$. If g is contra sg-continuous, then f is contra sg-continuous.

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

For a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$, 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 13. The graph $G(f)$ of a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be contra sg-graph if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$, there exist an sg-open set U in X containing x and a closed set V in Y containing y such that $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$.

Proposition 14. The following properties are equivalent for the graph $G(f)$ of a map f :

- (i) $G(f)$ is contra sg-graph.
- (ii) For each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$, there exist an sg-open set U in X containing x and a closed V in Y containing y such that $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$

Theorem 15. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra sg-continuous and Y is Urysohn, $G(f)$ is contra sg-graph in $X \times Y$.

Proof. Let $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$. It follows that $f(x) \neq y$. Since Y is Urysohn, there exist open sets B and C such that $f(x) \in B$, $y \in C$ and $\text{cl}(B) \cap \text{cl}(C) = \emptyset$. Since f is contra sg-continuous, there exists an sg-open set A in X containing x

such that $f(A) \subset \text{cl}(B)$. Therefore $f(A) \cap \text{cl}(C) = \emptyset$ and $G(f)$ is contra sg-graph in $X \times Y$.

Theorem 16. *Let $\{X_i / i \in I\}$ be any family of topological spaces. If $f : X \rightarrow \prod X_i$ is a contra sg-continuous map, then $\text{Pr}_i \circ f : X \rightarrow X_i$ is contra sg-continuous for each $i \in I$, where Pr_i is the projection of $\prod X_i$ onto X_i .*

Proof. We shall consider a fixed $i \in I$. Suppose U_i is an arbitrary open set of X_i . Since Pr_i is continuous, $\text{Pr}_i^{-1}(U_i)$ is open in $\prod X_i$. Since f is contra sg-continuous, we have by definition, $f^{-1}(\text{Pr}_i^{-1}(U_i)) = (\text{Pr}_i \circ f)^{-1}(U_i)$ is sg-closed in X . Therefore $\text{Pr}_i \circ f$ is contra sg-continuous.

Definition 17. *A space X is said to be sg- $T_{1/2}$ space if every sg-closed set of X is closed in X .*

Lemma 18. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then $\text{sg-}\tau = \{U \subset X : \text{sgcl}(X \setminus U) = X \setminus U\}$ is a topology for X .*

Theorem 19. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then every sg-closed set is closed if and only if $\text{sg-}\tau = \tau$.*

Proof. Let $A \in \text{sg-}\tau$. Then $\text{sgcl}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$. By hypothesis, $\text{cl}(X \setminus A) = \text{sgcl}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$ and $A \in \tau$. Conversely, let A be a sg-closed set. Then $\text{sgcl}(A) = A$ and hence $X \setminus A \in \text{sg-}\tau = \tau$. Hence, A is closed.

Theorem 20. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. Suppose that X is a sg- $T_{1/2}$ space. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) f is contra sg-continuous .
- (ii) f is contra semi-continuous.
- (iii) f is contra-continuous.

Proof. The proof is obvious.

Definition 21. *A space X is said to be locally sg-indiscrete if every sg-open set of X is closed in X .*

Theorem 22. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra sg-continuous with X as locally sg-indiscrete, then f is continuous.*

Proof. Omitted.

Theorem 23. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra sg-continuous and X is sg- $T_{1/2}$ space, then f is contra-continuous.*

Proof. Omitted.

Theorem 24. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a surjective preclosed contra sg-continuous with X as sg- $T_{1/2}$ space, then Y is locally indiscrete.*

Proof. Suppose that V is open in Y . Since f is contra sg-continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is sg-closed in X . Since X is a sg- $T_{1/2}$ space, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X . Since f is preclosed, then V is preclosed in Y . Now we have $\text{cl}(V) = \text{cl}(\text{int}(V)) \subseteq V$. This means V is closed in X and hence Y is locally indiscrete.

Theorem 25. *Suppose that X and Y are spaces and $\text{SGO}(X)$ is closed under arbitrary unions. If a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra sg-continuous and Y is regular, then f is sg-continuous.*

Proof. Let x be an arbitrary point of X and V be an open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Since Y is regular, there exists an open set G in Y containing $f(x)$ such that $\text{cl}(G) \subset V$. Since f is contra sg-continuous, there exists $U \in \text{SGO}(X)$ containing x such that $f(U) \subset \text{cl}(G)$. Then $f(U) \subset \text{cl}(G) \subset V$. Hence f is sg-continuous.

Theorem 26. *A contra sg-continuous image of a sg-connected space is connected.*

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra sg-continuous map of a sg-connected space X onto a topological space Y . If possible, let Y be disconnected. Let A and B form a disconnection of Y . Then A and B are clopen and $Y = A \cup B$ where $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Since f is a contra sg-continuous map, $X = f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(A \cup B) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$, where $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are non-empty sg-open sets in X . Also $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$. Hence X is not sg-connected. This is a contradiction. Therefore Y is connected.

Theorem 27. *Let X be sg-connected. Then each contra sg-continuous maps of X into a discrete space Y with atleast two points is a constant map.*

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra sg-continuous map. Then X is covered by sg-open and sg-closed covering $\{f^{-1}(\{y\}) : y \in Y\}$. By assumption $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \emptyset$ or X for each $y \in Y$. If $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \emptyset$ for all $y \in Y$, then f fails to be a map. Then there exists only one point $y \in Y$ such that $f^{-1}(\{y\}) \neq \emptyset$ and hence $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = X$ which shows that f is a constant map.

Theorem 28. *If f is a contra sg-continuous map from a sg-connected space X onto any space Y , then Y is not a discrete space.*

Proof. Suppose that Y is discrete. Let A be a proper nonempty open and closed subset of Y . Then $f^{-1}(A)$ is a proper nonempty sg-open and sg-closed subset of X , which is a contradiction to the fact that X is sg-connected.

Definition 29. A space X is said to be sg-normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint sg-open sets.

Theorem 30. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra sg-continuous, closed, injection and Y is ultra normal, then X is sg-normal.

Proof. Let F_1 and F_2 be disjoint closed subsets of X . Since f is closed and injective, $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are disjoint closed subsets of Y . Since Y is ultra normal, $f(F_1)$ and $f(F_2)$ are separated by disjoint clopen sets V_1 and V_2 respectively. Hence $F_i \subset f^{-1}(V_i)$, $f^{-1}(V_i)$ is sg-open in X for $i = 1, 2$ and $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \emptyset$. Thus, X is sg-normal.

Theorem 31. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra sg-continuous map and X is a semi- $T_{1/2}$ space, then f is contra-semi-continuous.

Proof. Omitted.

4 Composition of Two Maps

Theorem 32. The composition of two contra sg-continuous maps need not be contra sg-continuous.

The following example supports the above theorem.

Example 33. Let $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\rho = \{\emptyset, Z, \{a, b\}\}$. Then the identity map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is contra sg-continuous and the identity map $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ is contra sg-continuous. But their composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is not contra sg-continuous.

Theorem 34. Let X and Z be any topological spaces and Y be a semi- $T_{1/2}$ space. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an irresolute map and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be a contra sg-continuous map. Then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is contra semi-continuous map.

Proof. Let F be any open set in Z . Since g is contra sg-continuous, $g^{-1}(F)$ is sg-closed in Y . But Y is semi- $T_{1/2}$ space. Therefore $g^{-1}(F)$ is semi-closed in Y . Since f is irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$ is semi-closed in X . Thus, $g \circ f$ is contra semi-continuous.

Theorem 35. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be sg-irresolute map and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be contra sg-continuous map. Then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is contra sg-continuous.

Proof. Let F be an open set in Z . Then $g^{-1}(F)$ is sg-closed in Y because g is contra sg-continuous. Since f is sg-irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$ is sg-closed in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is contra sg-continuous.

Corollary 36. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be sg-irresolute map and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be contra-continuous map. Then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is contra sg-continuous.*

Definition 37. *A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be pre sg-open if the image of every sg-open subset of X is sg-open in Y .*

Theorem 38. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be surjective sg-irresolute pre sg-open and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be any map. Then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is contra sg-continuous if and only if g is contra sg-continuous.*

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

Theorem 39. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is sg-irresolute map with Y as locally sg-indiscrete space and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ is contra sg-continuous map, then $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$ is sg-continuous.*

Proof. Let F be any closed set in Z . Since g is contra sg-continuous, $g^{-1}(F)$ is sg-open set in Y . But Y is locally sg-indiscrete, $g^{-1}(F)$ is closed in Y . Hence $g^{-1}(F)$ is sg-closed set in Y . Since f is sg-irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$ is sg-closed in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is sg-continuous.

5 Some New Separation Axioms

Definition 40. *A space X is said to be :*

- (i) *sg-compact [2] (strongly S-closed [6]) if every sg-open (respectively closed) cover of X has a finite subcover;*
- (ii) *countably sg-compact (strongly countably S-closed) if every countable cover of X by sg-open (resp. closed) sets has a finite subcover;*
- (iii) *sg-Lindelöf (strongly S-Lindelöf) if every sg-open (resp. closed) cover of X has a countable subcover.*

Theorem 41. *The surjective contra sg-continuous images of sg-compact [2] (resp. sg-Lindelöf, countably sg-compact) spaces are strongly S-closed [6] (respectively strongly S-Lindelöf, strongly countably S-closed).*

Proof. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra sg-continuous surjection. Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be any closed cover of Y . Since f is contra sg-continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is an sg-open cover of X and hence there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$. Therefore, we have $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$ and Y is strongly S-closed.

The other proofs can be obtained similarly.

Definition 42. A space X is said to be :

- (i) *sg-closed-compact* if every sg-closed cover of X has a finite sub cover;
- (ii) *countably sg-closed-compact* if every countable cover of X by sg-closed sets has a finite sub cover;
- (iii) *sg-closed-Lindelöf* if every sg-closed cover of X has a countable sub cover.

Theorem 43. The surjective contra sg-continuous images of sg-closed-compact (resp. sg-closed-Lindelöf, countably sg-closed-compact) spaces are compact (resp. Lindelöf, countably compact).

Proof. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra sg-continuous surjection. Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be any open cover of Y . Since f is contra sg-continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is a sg-closed cover of X . Since X is sg-closed-compact, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$. Therefore, we have $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$ and Y is compact.

The other proofs can be obtained similarly.

Definition 44. A space X is said to be $sg-T_1$ [30] iff for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exist sg-open sets U and V containing x and y , respectively, such that $y \notin U$ and $x \notin V$.

Definition 45. A space X is said to be $sg-T_2$ [30] iff for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exist $U \in SGO(X, x)$ and $V \in SGO(X, y)$ such that $U \cap V = \phi$.

Theorem 46. Let X and Y be topological spaces. If

- (i) for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exists a map f of X into Y such that $f(x) \neq f(y)$,
- (ii) Y is an Urysohn space and
- (iii) f is contra sg-continuous at x and y ,

then X is $sg-T_2$.

Proof. Let x and y be any distinct points in X . Then, there exists a Urysohn space Y and a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f(x) \neq f(y)$ and f is contra sg-continuous at x and y . Let $z = f(x)$ and $v = f(y)$. Then $z \neq v$. Since Y is Urysohn, there exist open sets V and W containing z and v , respectively, such that $cl(V) \cap cl(W) = \phi$. Since f is contra sg-continuous at x and y , then there exist sg-open sets A and B containing x and y , respectively, such that $f(A) \subset cl(V)$ and $f(B) \subset cl(W)$. We have $A \cap B = \phi$ since $cl(V) \cap cl(W) = \phi$. Hence, X is $sg-T_2$.

Corollary 47. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra sg-continuous injection. If Y is an Urysohn space, then $sg-T_2$.*

Theorem 48. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra sg-continuous injection and Y is weakly Hausdorff, then X is $sg-T_1$.*

Proof. Suppose that Y is weakly Hausdorff. For any distinct point x and y in X , there exist regular closed sets A, B in Y such that $f(x) \in A, f(y) \notin A, f(x) \notin B$ and $f(y) \in B$. Since f is contra sg-continuous, $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are sg-open subsets of X such that $x \in f^{-1}(A), y \notin f^{-1}(A), x \in f^{-1}(B)$ and $y \in f^{-1}(B)$. This shows that X is $sg-T_1$.

Theorem 49. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ have a contra sg-graph. If f is injective, then X is $sg-T_1$.*

Proof. Let x and y be any two distinct points in X . Then, we have $(x, f(y)) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$. Then, there exist an sg-open set U in X containing x and $F \in C(Y, f(y))$ such that $f(U) \cap F = \emptyset$; hence $U \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$. Therefore, we have $y \notin U$. This implies that X is $sg-T_1$.

Theorem 50. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra sg-continuous injection. If Y is an ultra Hausdorff space, then X is $sg-T_2$.*

Proof. Let x and y be any two distinct points in X . Then, $f(x) \neq f(y)$ and there exist clopen sets A and B containing $f(x)$ and $f(y)$, respectively, such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Since f is contra sg-continuous, then $f^{-1}(A) \in SGO(X)$ and $f^{-1}(B) \in SGO(X)$ such that $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$. Hence, X is $sg-T_2$.

Definition 51. *A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be :*

- (i) *perfectly continuous [36] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X for every open set V of Y ;*
- (ii) *RC-continuous [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X for each open set V of Y ;*
- (iii) *Strongly continuous [26] if the inverse image of every set in Y is clopen in X ;*
- (iv) *Contra R-map [15] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X for every regular open set V of Y ;*
- (v) *Contra super-continuous [23] if for each $x \in X$ and each $F \in C(Y, f(x))$, there exists a regular open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset F$;*
- (vi) *Almost contra-super-continuous [14] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is \mathcal{D} -closed in X for every regular open set V of Y ;*
- (vii) *Regular set-connected [9, 24] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X for every regular open set V in Y ;*

- (viii) Almost s -continuous [37] if for each $x \in X$ and each $V \in SO(Y, f(x))$, there exists an open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset scl(V)$;
- (ix) (Θ, s) -continuous [24] if for each $x \in X$ and each $V \in SO(Y, f(x))$, there exists an open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset cl(V)$.

Remark 52. The following diagram holds for a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$:

Strongly continuous	\Rightarrow	almost s -continuous
Perfectly continuous	\Rightarrow	regular set-connected
RC-continuous	\Rightarrow	contra R -map
Contra super-continuous	\Rightarrow	almost contra-super-continuous
Contra-continuous	\Rightarrow	(Θ, s) -continuous
Contra-semi-continuous	\Rightarrow	contra sg-continuous

Remark 53. None of these implications is reversible as shown in [7, Ex.3.1 and 13, Remark 9].

Remark 54. (Θ, s) -continuity and contra sg-continuity are independent of each other. It may be seen by the following examples.

Example 55. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Then the identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ is (Θ, s) -continuous map which is not contra sg-continuous.

Example 56. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Then the identity map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ is contra sg-continuous map which is not (Θ, s) -continuous.

Definition 57. A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called β -continuous if $f^1(V)$ is β -open in X for every open set V of Y .

Theorem 58. If X is $sg-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$, then the following equivalent for a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$:

- (i) f is RC-continuous.
- (ii) f is β -continuous and contra sg-continuous.
- (iii) f is β -continuous and contra g-continuous.
- (iv) f is β -continuous and contra-continuous.

Proof. Follows easily from the proof of [7, Thm 3.11].

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