

## ON CONTRA $rg^*b$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS AND APPROXIMATELY- $rg^*b$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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### ABSTRACT

*In this paper a new class of functions called contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous functions are introduced and their properties are studied. Further the notion of approximately-  $rg^*b$ -continuous functions and almost contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous functions are introduced.*

**Keywords:** Contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous functions, Approximately- $rg^*b$ -continuous functions, Almost contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous functions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1996, Donthev [5] introduced the notion of contra continuous functions. In 2007, Cal-das, Jafari, Noiri and Simoes [4] introduced a new class of functions called generalized contra continuous (contra  $g$ -continuous) functions. New types of contra generalized continuity such as contra  $\alpha g$ -continuity [11] and contra  $gs$ -continuity [6] have been introduced and investigated. Recently, Nasef [14] introduced and studied so-called contra  $b$ -continuous functions. After that in 2009, Omari and Noorani [2] have studied further properties of contra  $b$ -continuous functions. Metin Akdag and Alkan Ozkan [13] introduced and investigated the notion of contra generalized  $b$ -continuity (contra  $gb$  – continuity).

The purpose of the present paper is to introduce the notion of contra regular generalized star  $b$ -continuity (contra  $rg^*b$ -continuity) via the concept of  $rg^*b$ -closed sets in [9] and investigate some of the fundamental properties of contra  $rg^*b$ -continuous functions. It turns out that contra  $rg^*b$ -continuity is stronger than contra  $gb$ -continuity and weaker than contra  $b$ -continuity. Also we study the basic properties of approximately-  $rg^*b$ -continuous functions and almost contra-  $rg^*b$  continuous functions.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \tau)$  represents non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  denote the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  respectively.  $(X, \tau)$  will be replaced by  $X$  if there is no chance of confusion. We denote the family of all  $rg^*b$ -closed sets in  $X$  by  $rg^*b-C(X)$  and regular generalized star  $b$ -neighbourhoods by  $rg^*b-nbhd$  in topological spaces.

Let us recall the following definitions which we shall require later.

**Definition: 2.1** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- 1) a regular open set [18] if  $A = int(cl(A))$  and a regular closed set if  $A = cl(int(A))$
- 2) a  $b$ -open set [4] if  $A \subset cl(int(A)) \cup int(cl(A))$ .
- 3) a regular generalized closed set (briefly,  $rg$ -closed) [15] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$ .
- 4) a generalized  $b$ -closed (briefly  $gb$ -closed) [1] if  $bcl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open.
- 5) a regular generalized  $b$ -closed set (briefly  $rgb$ -closed) [12] if  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$ .
- 6) a regular generalized star  $b$ -closed set (briefly  $rg^*b$ -closed set) [9] if  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $rg$ -open in  $X$ .

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**Definition: 2.2** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

- 1)  $b$ -irresolute: [8] if for each  $b$ -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ -open in  $X$ ;
- 2)  $b$ -continuous: [8] if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ -open in  $X$ .
- 3)  $rg^*b$  Continuous [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$  Closed in  $X$  for every closed set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- 4)  $rg^*b$  irresolute [10] if the inverse image of each  $rg^*b$  Closed set in  $Y$  is a  $rg^*b$  Closed set in  $X$ .
- 5)  $rg^*b$  Closed [10], if the image of each closed set in  $X$  is a  $rg^*b$  Closed set in  $Y$ .
- 6)  $rg^*b$  Open [10], if the image of each open set in  $X$  is a  $rg^*b$  open in  $Y$ .
- 7) Pre  $rg^*b$  Closed (resp. Pre  $rg^*b$  open) [10], if the image of each  $rg^*b$  closed (resp.  $rg^*b$  open) set in  $X$  is a  $rg^*b$  Closed (resp.  $rg^*b$  open) set in  $Y$ .

**Definition: 2.3** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

- 1) contra  $rg^*b$ -continuous [5] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $X$  for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 2) contra- $b$ -continuous [14] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ -closed in  $X$  for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- 3) contra  $gb$ -continuous [13] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gb$ -closed in  $X$  for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition: 2.4** A space  $X$  is said to be

- 1) Strongly- $S$ -closed [7] if every closed cover of  $X$  has a finite sub-cover.
- 2) Mildly compact [17] if every clopen cover of  $X$  has a finite sub-cover.
- 3) Strongly- $S$ -Lindelof [7] if every closed cover of  $X$  has a countable sub-cover.

### 3. CONTRA- $rg^*b$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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

**Theorem: 3.2**

- (i) Every contra continuous function is contra- $rg^*b$  - continuous.
- (ii) Every contra- $b$ -continuous function is contra- $rg^*b$  - continuous.
- (iii) Every contra- $rg^*b$  -continuous function is contra-  $gb$ -continuous.
- (iv) Every contra- $rg^*b$  -continuous function is contra-  $rgb$ -continuous.
- (v) Every contra- $rg^*b$  -continuous function is contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Remark: 3.3** Converses of theorem 3.2 are not true as shown in the following examples.

**Example: 3.4**

- (i) Let  $X=Y= \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra- $rg^*b$ - continuous but not contra  $rg^*b$ -continuous, since  $f^{-1}(\{a\})=\{a\}$  is  $rg^*b$  closed in  $X$  but not closed in  $X$ .
- (ii) Let  $X=Y= \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b, d\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra  $rg^*b$ - continuous but not contra  $b$ -continuous since  $f^{-1}(\{b, d\})=\{b, d\}$  is  $rg^*b$  closed in  $X$  but not  $b$ -closed in  $X$ .
- (iii) Let  $X=Y= \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-  $gb$ - continuous but not contra  $rg^*b$  -continuous, since  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\})=\{a, c\}$  is  $gb$  closed in  $X$  but not  $rg^*b$  closed in  $X$ .
- (iv) Let  $X=Y= \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-  $rgb$ - continuous but not contra  $rg^*b$  -continuous, since  $f^{-1}(\{a\})=\{a\}$  is  $rgb$  closed in  $X$  but not  $rg^*b$  closed in  $X$ .
- (v) Let  $X=Y= \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-  $g^*b$ - continuous but not contra  $rg^*b$  -continuous, since  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\})=\{a, c\}$  is  $g^*b$  closed in  $X$  but not  $rg^*b$  closed in  $X$ .

**Definition: 3.5** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (i)  $rg^*b$  -space if every  $rg^*b$  closed set is closed.
- (ii)  $rg^*b$  -locally indiscrete if every  $rg^*b$  open set is closed.
- (iii) a  $T_{rg^*b}$  -space if every  $rg^*b$  closed set is  $b$  closed.

**Theorem: 3.6**

- (i) If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $rg^*b$  -continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $rg^*b$  -locally indiscrete, then  $f$  is contra-continuous.
- (ii) If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra- $rg^*b$  continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{rg^*b}$  space, then  $f$  is contra- $b$ -continuous.
- (iii) If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra- $rg^*b$  -continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $rg^*b$  - space, then  $f$  is contra-continuous.

**Proof:**

- (i) Let  $V$  be open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is locally indiscrete,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is contra-continuous.
- (ii) Let  $V$  be open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_{rg^*b}$  space,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is contra- $b$ -continuous.
- (iii) Let  $V$  be open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $rg^*b$ -space,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is contra-continuous.

**Theorem: 3.7** Let  $A \subset Y \subset X$ .

- (i) If  $Y$  is open in  $X$ , then  $A \in rg^*b C(X)$  implies  $A \in rg^*b C(Y)$ .
- (ii) If  $Y$  is regular open and  $rg^*b$ -closed in  $X$ , then  $A \in rg^*b C(Y)$  implies  $A \in rg^*b C(X)$

**Theorem: 3.8** Suppose  $rg^*b O(X, \tau)$  is closed under arbitrary union. Then the following are equivalent for a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ :

- (i)  $f$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous.
- (ii) For every closed subset  $F$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*b O(X)$
- (iii) For each  $x \in X$  and each  $F \in C(Y, f(x))$ , there exists  $U \in rg^*b O(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) and (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) is obvious. (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $F$  be any closed set of  $Y$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . Then  $f(x) \in F$  and there exists  $U_x \in rg^*b O(X)$  such that  $f(U_x) \subset F$ . Therefore we obtain  $f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup \{ U_x : x \in f^{-1}(F) \}$  and  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $rg^*b$ -open.

**Theorem: 3.9** Suppose  $rg^*b O(X, \tau)$  is closed under arbitrary intersections. If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra  $rg^*b$  continuous and  $U$  is open in  $X$ , then  $f / U: (U, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .  $(f / U)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V) \cap U$  is  $rg^*b$ -open in  $X$ . By theorem 3.7 (i)  $(f / U)^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$ -open in  $U$ .

**Theorem: 3.10** Suppose  $rg^*b O(X, \tau)$  is closed under arbitrary unions. Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function and  $\{U_i : i \in I\}$  be a cover of  $X$  such that  $U_i \in rg^*b C(X)$  and regular open for each  $i \in I$ . If  $f / U_i : (U_i, \tau / U_i) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous for each  $i \in I$ , then  $f$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $F$  is any closed set of  $Y$ . We have  $f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup \{ f^{-1}(F) \cap U_i : i \in I \} = \bigcup \{ (f / U_i)^{-1}(F) : i \in I \}$ . Since  $f / U_i$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous for each  $i \in I$ , it follows  $(f / U_i)^{-1}(F) \in rg^*b O(U_i)$ . By theorem 3.7 (ii), it follows that  $f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*b O(X)$ . Therefore  $f$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous.

**Theorem: 3.11** Suppose  $rg^*b O(X, \tau)$  is closed under arbitrary unions. If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous and  $Y$  is regular open, then  $f$  is  $rg^*b$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point of  $X$  and  $V$  an open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ .  $Y$  is regular implies that there exists an open set  $W$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $cl(W) \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is contra-  $rg^*b$ -continuous, by theorem 3.8, there exists  $U \in rg^*b O(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset cl(W) \subset V$ . Hence  $f$  is  $rg^*b$ -continuous.

#### 4. APPROXIMATELY - $rg^*b$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

**Definition: 4.1** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be approximately-  $rg^*b$ -continuous (ap-  $rg^*b$ -continuous) if  $bcl(F) \subset f^{-1}(U)$  whenever  $U$  is an open subset of  $Y$  and  $F$  is a  $rg^*b$ -closed subset of  $X$  such that  $F \subset f^{-1}(U)$ .

**Definition: 4.2** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be approximately -  $rg^*b$ -closed (briefly ap-  $rg^*b$ -closed) if  $f(F) \subset bint(V)$  whenever  $V$  is a  $rg^*b$ -open subset of  $Y$ ,  $F$  is a closed subset of  $X$  and  $f(F) \subset V$ .

**Definition: 4.3** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be approximately -  $rg^*b$ -open (briefly ap-  $rg^*b$ -open) if  $bcl(F) \subset f(U)$  whenever  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$ ,  $F$  is a  $rg^*b$ -closed subset of  $Y$  and  $F \subset f(U)$ .

**Definition: 4.4** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be contra -  $rg^*b$ -closed (resp. contra  $rg^*b$ -open) if  $f(U)$  is  $rg^*b$ -open (resp  $rg^*b$ -closed) in  $Y$  for each closed (resp. open) set  $U$  of  $X$ .

**Theorem: 4.5** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function, then

- (1) If  $f$  is contra - $b$ - continuous, then  $f$  is an ap-  $rg^*b$  -continuous.
- (2) If  $f$  is contra-  $b$ -closed, then  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -closed.
- (3) If  $f$  is contra - $b$ -open, then  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -open.

**Proof:**

- (1) Let  $F \subset f^{-1}(U)$  where  $U$  is a open subset in  $Y$  and  $F$  is a  $rg^*b$  -closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $bcl(F) \subset bcl(f^{-1}(U))$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $b$ - continuous,  $bcl(F) \subset bcl(f^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$ . This implies  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  - continuous.
- (2) Let  $f(F) \subset V$ , where  $F$  is a closed subset of  $X$  and  $V$  is a  $rg^*b$  -open subset of  $Y$ . Therefore  $f(F) = bint(f(F)) \subset bint(V)$ . Thus  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -closed.
- (3) Let  $F \subset f(U)$  where  $F$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is contra - $b$ -open,  $f(U)$  is  $b$ -closed in  $Y$  for each open set  $U$  of  $X$ .  $bcl(F) \subset bcl(f(U)) = f(U)$ . Thus  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -open.

**Theorem: 4.6** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map.

- (1) If the open and  $b$ -closed sets of  $(X, \tau)$  coincide, then  $f$  is a ap-  $rg^*b$  -continuous if and only if  $f$  is contra- $b$ -continuous.
- (2) If the open and  $b$ -closed sets of  $(Y, \sigma)$  coincide, then  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -closed if and only if  $f$  is contra -  $b$ -closed.
- (3) If the open and  $b$ -closed sets of  $(Y, \sigma)$  coincide, then  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -open if and only if  $f$  is contra- $b$ -open.

**Proof:**

- (1) Assume  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -continuous. Let  $A$  be an arbitrary subset of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subset U$ , where  $U$  is  $rg$ -open in  $X$ . Then  $bcl(A) \subset bcl(U) = U$ . Therefore all subsets of  $(X, \tau)$  are  $rg^*b$  -closed (hence all are  $rg^*b$  -open). So for any open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , we have  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -continuous,  $bcl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $f$  is contra- $b$ -continuous. Converse is obvious from theorem 4.5.
- (2) Assume  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -closed. As in (1), we get that all subsets of  $(Y, \sigma)$  are  $rg^*b$  -open. Therefore for any closed subset  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(F)$  is  $rg^*b$  -open in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -closed,  $f(F) \subset bint f(F)$ . Hence  $f(F)$  is  $b$ -open and thus  $f$  is contra  $b$ -closed. Converse is obvious from theorem 4.5.
- (3) Assume  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -open. As in (1) all subsets of  $Y$  are  $rg^*b$  -closed. Therefore for any open subset  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(F)$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -open,  $bcl(F) \subset f(F)$ . Hence  $f(F)$  is  $b$ -closed and thus  $f$  is contra  $b$ -open. Converse is obvious from theorem 4.5.

**Theorem: 4.7** If a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -continuous and  $b$ -closed map, then the image of each  $rg^*b$  -closed set in  $X$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed set in  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a  $rg^*b$  -closed subset of  $X$ . Let  $f(F) \subset V$  where  $V$  is an open subset of  $Y$ . Then  $F \subset f^{-1}(V)$  holds. Since  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  - continuous,  $bcl(F) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Thus  $f(bcl(F)) \subset V$ . Therefore we have  $bcl(f(F)) \subset bcl(f(bcl(F))) = f(bcl(V)) \subset V$ . Hence  $f(F)$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed set in  $Y$ .

**Definition: 4.8** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be contra-  $rg^*b$  -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$  - closed in  $X$  for each  $rg^*b$  -open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .

**Definition: 4.9** A space  $X$  is said to be  $rg^*b$  -Lindelof if every cover of  $X$  by  $rg^*b$  -open sets has a countable sub cover.

**Theorem: 4.10** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be two maps such that  $gof: X \rightarrow Z$ .

- (i) If  $g$  is  $rg^*b$  -continuous and  $f$  is contra -  $rg^*b$  - irresolute, then  $gof$  is contra  $rg^*b$  - continuous.
- (ii) If  $g$  is  $rg^*b$  -irresolute and  $f$  is contra-  $rg^*b$  irresolute, then  $gof$  is contra-  $rg^*b$  - irresolute.

**Proof:**

- (i) Let  $V$  be closed set in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is contra -  $rg^*b$  - irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $rg^*b$  -open in  $X$ . Hence  $gof$  is contra  $rg^*b$  - continuous.
- (ii) Let  $V$  be  $rg^*b$  -closed in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is contra -  $rg^*b$  - irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $rg^*b$  -open in  $X$ . Hence  $gof$  is contra  $rg^*b$  - irresolute.

**Theorem: 4.11** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be two maps such that  $(gof): X \rightarrow Z$ .

- (i) If  $f$  is closed and  $g$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  - closed, then  $(gof)$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  - closed.
- (ii) If  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  - closed and  $g$  is  $rg^*b$  -open and  $g^{-1}$  preserves  $rg^*b$  -open sets, then  $(gof)$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  - closed.
- (iii) If  $f$  is ap-  $rg^*b$ -continuous and  $g$  is continuous, then  $gof$  is ap-  $rg^*b$  -continuous

**Proof:**

- (i) Suppose B is an arbitrary closed subset in X and A is a  $rg^*b$  - open subset of Z for which  $(gof)(B) \subseteq A$ . Then  $f(B)$  is closed in Y because f is closed. Since g is ap- $rg^*b$  -closed,  $g(f(B)) \subseteq \text{bint}(A)$ . This implies (gof) is ap- $rg^*b$  -closed.
- (ii) Suppose B is an arbitrary closed subset of X and A is a  $rg^*b$  -open subset of Z for which  $(gof)(B) \subseteq A$ . Hence  $f(B) \subseteq g^{-1}(A)$ . Then  $f(B) \subseteq \text{bint}(g^{-1}(A))$  because  $g^{-1}(A)$  is  $rg^*b$  -open and f is ap- $rg^*b$  -closed. Hence  $(gof)(B) = g(f(B)) \subseteq g[\text{bint}(g^{-1}(A))] \subseteq \text{bint}(g(g^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \text{bint}(A)$ . This implies that (gof) is ap- $rg^*b$  -closed.
- (iii) Suppose F is an arbitrary  $rg^*b$  -closed subset of X and U is open in Z for which  $F \subseteq (gof)^{-1}(U)$ . Then  $g^{-1}(U)$  is open in Y, because g is continuous. Since f is ap- $rg^*b$  - continuous, then we have  $\text{bcl}(F) \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (gof)^{-1}(U)$ . This shows that gof is ap- $rg^*b$  -continuous.

## 5. ALMOST CONTRA- $rg^*b$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

**Definition: 5.1** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be almost contra- $rg^*b$  - continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in rg^*bC(X, \tau)$  for each  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem: 5.2** Suppose  $rg^*bO(X, \tau)$  is closed under arbitrary unions. Then the following statements are equivalent for a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ .

- (i) f is almost contra- $rg^*b$  - continuous.
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*bO(X, \tau)$  for every  $F \in RC(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (iii) For each  $x \in X$  and each regular closed set F in Y containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $rg^*b$  -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq F$ .
- (iv) For each  $x \in X$ , and each regular open set V in Y not containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $rg^*b$  -closed set K in X not containing x such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq K$ .
- (v)  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in rg^*bC(X, \tau)$  for every open subset G of Y.
- (vi)  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(F))) \in rg^*bO(X, \tau)$  for every closed subset F of Y.

**Proof:**

**(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii):** Let  $F \in RC(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $Y-F \in RO(Y, \sigma)$  by assumption. Hence  $f^{-1}((Y-F)) = X-f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*bC(X, \tau)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*bO(X, \tau)$ .

**(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i):** Let  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ . Then by assumption  $(Y-V) \in RC(Y, \sigma)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}((Y-V)) = X-f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*bO(X, \tau)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*bC(X, \tau)$ .

**(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii):** Let F be any regular closed set in Y containing  $f(x)$ .  $f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*bO(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$  (by(ii)). Take  $U = f^{-1}(F)$ . Then  $f(U) \subseteq F$ .

**(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii):** Let  $F \in RC(Y, \sigma)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . From (iii), there exists a  $rg^*b$  -open set  $U_x$  in X containing x such that  $U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ . We have  $f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(F)\}$ . Then  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $rg^*b$  -open.

**(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv):** Let V be any regular open set in Y containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $Y-V$  is a regular closed set containing  $f(x)$ . By (iii), there exists a  $rg^*b$  -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq Y-V$ . Hence  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(Y-V) \subseteq X-f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X-U$ . Take  $K = X-U$ . We obtain a  $rg^*b$  -closed set in X not containing x such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq K$ .

**(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii):** Let F be regular closed set in Y containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $Y-F$  is regular open set in Y containing  $f(x)$ . By (iv), there exists a  $rg^*b$  -closed set K in X not containing x such that  $f^{-1}(Y-F) \subseteq K$ . Then  $X-f^{-1}(F) \subseteq K$  implies  $X-K \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ . Hence  $f(X-K) \subseteq F$ . Take  $U = X-K$ . Then U is a  $rg^*b$  -open set U in X containing x such that  $f(U) \subseteq F$ .

**(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (v):** Let G be a open subset of Y. Since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))$  is regular open, then by (i),  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in rg^*bC(X, \tau)$ .

**(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i):** Let  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ . Then V is open in Y. By (v),  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in rg^*bC(X, \tau)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(V) \in rg^*bC(X, \tau)$

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vi) is similar as (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v).

**Theorem: 5.3** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an almost contra-  $rg^*b$  - continuous function and  $A$  is a open subset of  $X$ , then the restriction  $f/A: A \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra-  $rg^*b$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $F \in RC(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra-  $rg^*b$  - continuous,  $f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*b O(X)$ . Since  $A$  is open, it follows that  $(f/A)^{-1}(F) = A \cap f^{-1}(F) \in rg^*b O(A)$ . Therefore  $f/A$  is an almost contra-  $rg^*b$ - continuous.

**Theorem: 5.4** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be an almost contra-  $rg^*b$  -continuous surjection. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) If  $X$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed, then  $Y$  is nearly compact.
- (ii) If  $X$  is  $rg^*b$  -Lindelof, then  $Y$  is nearly Lindelof.
- (iii) If  $X$  is countably-  $rg^*b$  -closed, then  $Y$  is nearly countably compact.
- (iv) If  $X$  is  $rg^*b$  O-compact, then  $Y$  is S-closed.
- (v) If  $X$  is  $rg^*b$  -Lindelof, then  $Y$  is S- Lindelof.
- (vi) If  $X$  is countable  $rg^*b$  -compact, then  $Y$  is countably S-closed compact.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $\{V_b: b \in I\}$  be regular open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $f$  is almost contra-  $rg^*b$  -continuous implies  $\{f^{-1}(V_b): b \in I\}$  is a  $rg^*b$  -closed cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(V_b): b \in I_0\}$ . Then we have  $Y = \bigcup \{V_b: b \in I_0\}$ . Hence  $Y$  is nearly compact.

Proof of (ii) and (iii) is similar to that of (i).

(iv) Let  $\{V_b: b \in I\}$  be regular closed cover of  $Y$ . Then  $f$  is almost contra-  $rg^*b$  -continuous implies  $\{f^{-1}(V_b): b \in I\}$  is a  $rg^*b$  -open cover of  $X$ . By assumption, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(V_b): b \in I_0\}$ . Then we have  $Y = \bigcup \{V_b: b \in I_0\}$ . Hence  $Y$  is nearly compact. Proof of (v) and (vi) is similar to that of (iv).

**Theorem: 5.5** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is almost contra-  $rg^*b$  -continuous and almost  $rg^*b$ -continuous surjection. Then

- (i) If  $X$  is mildly  $rg^*b$  -compact, then  $Y$  is nearly compact.
- (ii) If  $X$  is mildly countably -  $rg^*b$  -compact, then  $Y$  is nearly countably compact.
- (iii) If  $X$  is mildly  $rg^*b$  -Lindelof, then  $Y$  is nearly Lindelof.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $V \in RO(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra-  $rg^*b$  -continuous and almost  $rg^*b$  -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$  -closed and  $rg^*b$  -open in  $X$  respectively. Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $rg^*b$  -clopen in  $X$ . Let  $\{V_b: b \in I\}$  be any regular open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(V_b): b \in I\}$  is  $rg^*b$  -clopen in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is mildly  $rg^*b$  -compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(V_b): b \in I_0\}$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, we obtain  $Y = \bigcup \{V_b: b \in I_0\}$ . Hence  $Y$  is nearly compact. Proof of (ii) and (iii) is similar to that of (i).

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