

On Contra π gb -Continuous Functions and Approximately π gb-Continuous Functions in Topological Spaces

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Abstract: In this paper a new class of sets called contra- π gb-continuous functions is introduced and its properties are studied. Further the notion of approximately π gb-continuous functions and almost contra- π gb-continuous functions are introduced.

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1.Introduction

Andrijevic [3] introduced a new class of generalized open sets in a topological space, the so-called b-open sets. This type of sets was discussed by Ekici and Caldas [11] under the name of γ -open sets. The class of b-open sets is contained in the class of semi-pre-open sets and contains all semi-open sets and preopen sets. The class of b-open sets generates the same topology as the class of preopen sets. Since the advent of these notions, several research paper with interesting results in different respects came to existence [1-3-6-11-13-18-19-20]. Levine [15] introduced the concept of generalized closed sets in topological space and a class of topological spaces called $T_{1/2}$ spaces. Extensive research on generalizing closedness was done in recent years as the notions of a generalized closed, generalized semi-closed, α -generalized closed, generalized semi-pre-open closed sets were investigated in [2-7-15-16-17]. The finite union of regular open sets is said to be π -open. The complement of a π -open set is said to be π -closed.

The aim of this paper is to study the notion of contra- π gb-continuous functions, and its various characterizations are given in this paper. In Section 3, we study basic properties of approximately- π gb-continuous functions. In Section 4, some properties of almost contra- π gb- continuous functions are discussed.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper (X, τ) and (Y, τ) represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ denote the closure of A and the interior of A respectively. (X, τ) will be replaced by X if there is no chance of confusion.

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

Definition 2.1: A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

(1) a regular open set if $A = int(cl(A))$ and a regular closed set if $A = cl(int(A))$;

(2) b-open [3] or sp-open [8], γ -open [11] if $A \subset cl(int(A)) \cup int(cl(A))$.

The complement of a b-open set is said to be b-closed [3]. The intersection of all b-closed sets of X containing A is called the b-closure of A and is denoted by $bCl(A)$. The union of all b-open sets of X contained in A is called b-interior of A and is denoted by $bInt(A)$. The family of all b-open (resp. α -open, semi-open, preopen, β -open, b-closed, preclosed) subsets of a space X is denoted by $bO(X)$ (resp. $\alpha O(X)$, $SO(X)$, $PO(X)$, $\beta O(X)$, $bC(X)$, $PC(X)$) and the collection of all b-open subsets of X containing a fixed point x is denoted by $bO(X, x)$. The sets $SO(X, x)$, $\alpha O(X, x)$, $PO(X, x)$, $\beta O(X, x)$ are defined analogously.

Lemma 2.2 [3]: Let A be a subset of a space X. Then

(1) $bCl(A) = sCl(A) \cap pCl(A) = A \cup [Int(Cl(A)) \cap Cl(Int(A))]$;

(2) $bInt(A) = sInt(A) \cup pInt(A) = A \cap [Int(Cl(A)) \cup Cl(Int(A))]$;

Definition 2.3: A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called
 1) a generalized b -closed (briefly gb -closed)[14] if $bcl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is open.

2) πg -closed [10] if $cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is π -open.

3) πgb -closed [22] if $bcl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is π -open in (X, τ) .

By $\pi GBC(\tau)$ we mean the family of all πgb -closed subsets of the space (X, τ) .

Definition 2.4: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

1) π -irresolute [5] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π -closed in (X, τ) for every π -closed set V of (Y, σ) ;

2) b -irresolute: [11] if for each b -open set V in $Y, f^{-1}(V)$ is b -open in X ;

3) b -continuous: [11] if for each open set V in $Y, f^{-1}(V)$ is b -open in X .

4) πgb -continuous [22] if every $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -closed in (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .

5) πgb -irresolute [22] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -closed in (X, τ) for every gb -closed set V in (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.5[22]: A topological space X is a πgb -space if every πgb -closed set is closed.

Definition 2.6 [22]: A space (X, τ) is called a πgb - $T_{1/2}$ space if every πgb -closed set is b -closed.

Definition 2.7: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called
 (i) contra-continuous[9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for each open set V of Y .

(ii) contra- b -continuous [20] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is b -closed in X for each open set V of Y .

(iii) contra- πg -continuous [12] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is πg -closed in X for each open set V of Y .

(iv) contra- $\pi g\alpha$ -continuous [4] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\pi g\alpha$ -closed in X for each open set V of Y .

Definition 2.8: A space X is said to be

(i) strongly- S -closed [9] if every closed cover of X has a finite sub-cover.

(ii) mildly compact [21] if every clopen cover of X has a finite sub-cover.

(iii) strongly- S -Lindelof [9] if every closed cover of X has a countable sub-cover.

3. Contra- πgb -continuous functions:

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

Theorem 3.2:(i) Every contra continuous function is contra- πgb -continuous.

(ii) Every contra- b -continuous function is contra- πgb -continuous.

(iii) Every contra- πg -continuous function is contra- πgb -continuous.

(iv) Every contra- $\pi g\alpha$ -continuous function is contra- πgb -continuous.

Remark 3.3: Converse of the above statements is not true as shown in the following example.

Example 3.4 (i) Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Then the identity function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous but not contra-continuous.

(ii) Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{b, c\}\}$. Then the identity function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous but not contra- b -continuous.

(iii) Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{c\}\}$. Then the identity function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous but not contra- πg -continuous.

(iv) Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$, $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}\}$. Then the identity function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous but not contra- $\pi g\alpha$ -continuous.

Definition 3.5: A space (X, τ) is called

(i) πgb -locally indiscrete if every πgb -open set is closed.

(ii) a $T_{\pi gb}$ -space if every πgb -closed set is πg -closed.

Theorem 3.6 (i) If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is πgb -continuous and (X, τ) is πgb -locally indiscrete, then f is contra-continuous.

(ii) If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous and (X, τ) is πgb - $T_{1/2}$ space, then f is contra- b -continuous.

(iii) If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous and (X, τ) is πgb -space, then f is contra-continuous.

(iv) If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous and (X, τ) is $T_{\pi gb}$ -space, then f is contra- πg -continuous.

Proof :(i) Let V be open in (Y, σ) . By assumption, $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -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, σ) . By assumption, $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -closed in X . Since X is πgb - $T_{1/2}$ space, $f^{-1}(V)$ is b -closed in X . Hence f is contra- b -continuous.

(iii) Let V be open in (Y, σ) . By assumption, $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -closed in X . Since X is πgb -space, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X . Hence f is contra-continuous.

(iv) Let V be open in (Y, σ) . By assumption, $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -closed in X . Since X is $T_{\pi gb}$ -space, $f^{-1}(V)$ is πg -closed in X . Hence f is contra- πg -continuous.

Theorem 3.7: Let $A \subset Y \subset X$. (i) If Y is open in X , then $A \in \pi\text{GBC}(X)$ implies $A \in \pi\text{GBC}(Y)$.
 (ii) If Y is regular open and πgb -closed in X , then $A \in \pi\text{GBC}(Y)$ implies $A \in \pi\text{GBC}(X)$

Theorem 3.8: Suppose $\pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ is closed under arbitrary union. Then the following are equivalent for a function f :

- (X, τ) \rightarrow (Y, σ):
- (i) f is contra- πgb -continuous.
- (ii) For every closed subset F of Y , $f^{-1}(F) \in \pi\text{GBO}(X)$
- (iii) For each $x \in X$ and each $F \in C(Y, f(x))$, there exists $U \in \pi\text{GBO}(X, x)$ 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 $U_x \in \pi\text{GBO}(X)$ such that $f(U_x) \subset F$. Therefore we obtain $f^{-1}(F) = \cup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(F)\}$ and $f^{-1}(F)$ is πgb -open.

Theorem 3.9: Suppose $\pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ is closed under arbitrary intersections. If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous and U is open in X , then $f/U: (U, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous.

Proof: Let V be closed in Y . Since $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -open in (X, τ) .

$(f/U)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V) \cap U$ is πgb -open in X . By theorem 3.7 (i) $(f/U)^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -open in U .

Theorem 3.10: Suppose $\pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ 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 $U_i \in \pi\text{GBC}(X)$ and regular open for each $i \in I$. If $f/U_i: (U_i, \tau/U_i) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous for each $i \in I$, then f is contra- πgb -continuous.

Proof: Suppose that F is any closed set of Y . We have

$$f^{-1}(F) = \cup \{f^{-1}(F) \cap U_i : i \in I\} = \cup \{(f/U_i)^{-1}(F) : i \in I\}.$$

Since f/U_i is contra- πgb -continuous for each $i \in I$, it follows $(f/U_i)^{-1}(F) \in \pi\text{GBO}(U_i)$. By theorem 3.7 (ii), it follows that $f^{-1}(F) \in \pi\text{GBO}(X)$. Therefore f is contra- πgb -continuous.

Theorem 3.11: Suppose $\pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ is closed under arbitrary unions. If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra- πgb -continuous and Y is regular open, then f is πgb -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

$$\text{cl}(W) \subset V. \text{ Since } f \text{ is}$$

contra- πgb -continuous, by theorem 3.8, there exists $U \in \pi\text{GBO}(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subset \text{cl}(W) \subset V$. Hence f is πgb -continuous.

4. Approximately πgb -continuous functions

Definition 4.1: A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be approximately- πgb -continuous (ap- πgb -continuous) if $\text{bcl}(F) \subset f^{-1}(U)$ whenever U is an open subset of Y and F is a πgb -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- πgb -closed (briefly ap- πgb -closed) if $f(F) \subset \text{bint}(V)$ whenever V is a πgb -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 πgb -open (briefly ap- πgb -open) if $\text{bcl}(F) \subset f(U)$ whenever U is an open subset of X , F is a πgb -closed subset of Y and $F \subset f(U)$.

Definition 4.4: A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be contra- πgb -closed (resp. contra πgb -open) if $f(U)$ is πgb -open (resp πgb -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- πgb -continuous.
- (2) If f is contra- b -closed, then f is ap- πgb -closed.
- (3) If f is contra- b -open, then f is ap- πgb -open.

Proof: (1) Let $F \subset f^{-1}(U)$ where U is a open subset in Y and F is a πgb -closed subset of X . Then $\text{bcl}(F) \subset \text{bcl}(f^{-1}(U))$. Since f is contra- b -continuous, $\text{bcl}(F) \subset \text{bcl}(f^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$. This implies f is ap- πgb -continuous.

(2) Let $f(F) \subset V$, where F is a closed subset of X and V is a πgb -open subset of Y . Therefore $f(F) = \text{bint}(f(F)) \cap \text{bint}(V)$. Thus f is ap- πgb -closed.

(3) Let $F \subset f(U)$ where F is πgb -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 . $\text{bcl}(F) \subset \text{bcl}(f(U)) = f(U)$. Thus f is ap- πgb -open.

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

- (1) If the open and b -closed sets of (X, τ) coincide, then f is a ap- πgb -continuous if and only if f is contra- b -continuous.
- (2) If the open and b -closed sets of (Y, σ) coincide, then f is ap- πgb -closed if and only if f is contra- b -closed.

(3) If the open and b-closed sets of (Y, σ) coincide, then f is ap- π gb-open if and only if f is contra-b-open.

Proof: (1) Assume f is ap- π gb-continuous. Let A be an arbitrary subset of (X, τ) such that $A \subset U$, where U is π -open in X . Then $\text{bcl}(A) \subset \text{bcl}(U) = U$. Therefore all subsets of (X, τ) are π gb-closed (hence all are π gb-open). So for any open set V in (Y, σ) , we have $f^{-1}(V)$ is π gb-closed in (X, τ) . Since f is ap- π gb-continuous, $\text{bcl}(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore $f^{-1}(V)$ is b-closed in (X, τ) and f is contra-b-continuous.

Converse is obvious from theorem 4.5.

(2) Assume f is ap- π gb-closed. As in (1), we get that all subsets of (Y, σ) are π gb-open. Therefore for any closed subset F of (X, τ) , $f(F)$ is π gb-open in Y . Since f is ap- π gb-closed, $f(F) \subset \text{bint } f(F)$. 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- π gb-open. As in (1) all subsets of Y are π gb-closed. Therefore for any open subset F of (X, τ) , $f(F)$ is π gb-closed in (Y, σ) . Since f is ap- π gb-open, $\text{bcl}(F) \subset f(F)$. 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- π gb-continuous and b-closed map, then the image of each π gb-closed set in X is π gb-closed set in Y .

Proof: Let F be a π gb-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- π gb-continuous, $\text{bcl}(F) \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Thus $f(\text{bcl}(F)) \subset V$. Therefore we have $\text{bcl}(f(F)) \subset \text{bcl}(f(\text{bcl}(F))) = f(\text{bcl}(F)) \subset V$. Hence $f(F)$ is π gb-closed set in Y .

Theorem 4.8: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a π -continuous and b-closed function, then $f(A)$ is π gb-closed in Y for every π gb-closed set A of X .

Proof: Let A be π gb-closed set in X . Let $f(A) \subset V$, where V is a π -open set in Y . Since f is π -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is π -open in X and $A \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Then we have $\text{bcl}(A) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ and so $f(\text{bcl}(A)) \subset V$. Since f is b-closed, $f(\text{bcl}(A))$ is b-closed in Y . Hence $\text{bcl}(f(A)) \subset \text{bcl}(f(\text{bcl}(A))) = f(\text{bcl}(A)) \subset V$. This shows that $f(A)$ is π gb closed in Y .

Definition 4.9: A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be contra- π gb-irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is π gb-closed in X for each $V \in \pi\text{GBO}(Y)$.

Definition 4.10: A space X is said to be π gb-Lindelof if every cover of X by π gb-open sets has a countable sub cover.

Theorem 4.11: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be two maps such that $\text{gof}: X \rightarrow Z$.

(i) If g is π gb-continuous and f is contra- π gb-irresolute, then gof is contra- π gb-continuous.

(ii) If g is π gb-irresolute and f is contra- π gb-irresolute, then gof is contra- π gb-irresolute.

Proof :(i) Let V be closed set in Z . Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is π gb-closed in Y . Since f is contra- π gb-irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is π gb-open in X . Hence gof is contra- π gb-continuous.

(ii) Let V be π gb-closed in Z . Then $g^{-1}(V)$ is π gb-closed in Y . Since f is contra- π gb-irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is π gb-open in X . Hence gof is contra- π gb-irresolute.

Theorem 4.12: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be two maps such that $(\text{gof}): X \rightarrow Z$.

(i) If f is closed and g is ap- π gb-closed, then (gof) is ap- π gb-closed.

(ii) If f is ap- π gb-closed and g is π gb-open and g^{-1} preserves π gb-open sets, then (gof) is ap- π gb-closed.

(iii) If f is ap- π gb-continuous and g is continuous, then gof is ap- π gb-continuous

Proof :(i) Suppose B is an arbitrary closed subset in X and A is a π gb-open subset of Z for which $(\text{gof})(B) \subseteq A$. Then $f(B)$ is closed in Y because f is closed. Since g is ap- π gb-closed, $g(f(B)) \subset \text{bint}(A)$. This implies (gof) is ap- π gb-closed.

(ii) Suppose B is an arbitrary closed subset of X and A is a π gb-open subset of Z for which $(\text{gof})(B) \subseteq A$. Hence $f(B) \subset g^{-1}(A)$. Then $f(B) \subset \text{bint}(g^{-1}(A))$ because $g^{-1}(A)$ is π gb-open and f is ap- π gb-closed. Hence $(\text{gof})(B) = g(f(B)) \subseteq g[\text{bint}(g^{-1}(A))] \subseteq \text{bint}(g(g^{-1}(A))) \subseteq \text{bint}(A)$. This implies that (gof) is ap- π gb-closed.

(iii) Suppose F is an arbitrary π gb-closed subset of X and U is open in Z for which $F \subset (\text{gof})^{-1}(U)$. Then $g^{-1}(U)$ is open in Y , because g is continuous. Since f is ap- π gb-continuous, then we have $\text{bcl}(F) \subseteq f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (\text{gof})^{-1}(U)$. This shows that gof is ap- π gb-continuous.

5. Almost Contra- π gb-Continuous Functions

Definition 5.1: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be almost contra- π gb-continuous if $f^{-1}(V) \in \pi\text{GBC}(X, \tau)$ for each $V \in \text{RO}(Y, \sigma)$.

Theorem 5.2: Suppose $\pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ 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- πgb -continuous.
- (ii) $f^{-1}(F) \in \pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ for every $F \in \text{RC}(Y, \sigma)$.
- (iii) For each $x \in X$ and each regular closed set F in Y containing $f(x)$, there exists a πgb -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset F$.
- (iv) For each $x \in X$, and each regular open set V in Y not containing $f(x)$, there exists a πgb -closed set K in X not containing x such that $f^{-1}(V) \subset K$.
- (v) $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in \pi\text{GBC}(X, \tau)$ for every open subset G of Y .
- (vi) $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(F))) \in \pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ for every closed subset F of Y .

Proof : (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $F \in \text{RC}(Y, \sigma)$. Then $Y - F \in \text{RO}(Y, \sigma)$ by assumption. Hence $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F) \in \pi\text{GBC}(X, \tau)$. This implies $f^{-1}(F) \in \pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Let $V \in \text{RO}(Y, \sigma)$. Then by assumption $(Y - V) \in \text{RC}(Y, \sigma)$. Hence $f^{-1}(Y - V) = X - f^{-1}(V) \in \pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$. This implies $f^{-1}(V) \in \pi\text{GBC}(X, \tau)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Let F be any regular closed set in Y containing $f(x)$. $f^{-1}(F) \in \pi\text{GBO}(X, \tau)$ and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ (by (ii)). Take $U = f^{-1}(F)$. Then $f(U) \subset F$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) Let $F \in \text{RC}(Y, \sigma)$ and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. From (iii), there exists a πgb -open set U_x in X containing x such that $U_x \subset f^{-1}(F)$. We have $f^{-1}(F) = \cup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(F)\}$. Then $f^{-1}(F)$ is πgb -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 πgb -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset Y - V$. Hence $U \subset f^{-1}(Y - V) \subset X - f^{-1}(V)$. Then

$f^{-1}(V) \subset X - U$. Take $K = X - U$. We obtain a πgb -closed set in X not containing x such that $f^{-1}(V) \subset K$.

(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 πgb -closed set K in X not containing x such that $f^{-1}(Y - F) \subset K$. Then $X - f^{-1}(F) \subset K$ implies $X - K \subset f^{-1}(F)$. Hence $f(X - K) \subset F$. Take $U = X - K$. Then U is a πgb -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset F$.

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

(v) \Rightarrow (i). Let $V \in \text{RO}(Y, \sigma)$. Then V is open in Y . By (v),

$f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in \pi\text{GBC}(X, \tau)$. This implies $f^{-1}(V) \in \pi\text{GBC}(X, \tau)$

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

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

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

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

- (i) If X is πGB -closed, then Y is nearly compact.
- (ii) If X is πGB -Lindelof, then Y is nearly Lindelof.
- (iii) If X is countably- πGB -closed, then Y is nearly countably compact.
- (iv) If X is πGBO -compact, then Y is S -closed.
- (v) If X is πGB -Lindelof, then Y is S -Lindelof.
- (vi) If X is countable πGB -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- πgb -continuous implies $\{f^{-1}(V_b) : b \in I\}$ is a πgb -closed cover of X .

Since X is πGB -closed, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup \{f^{-1}(V_b) : b \in I_0\}$. Then we have $Y = \cup \{V_b : b \in I_0\}$. 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- πgb -continuous implies $\{f^{-1}(V_b) : b \in I\}$ is a πgb -open cover of X . By assumption, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup \{f^{-1}(V_b) : b \in I_0\}$. Then we have $Y = \cup \{V_b : b \in I_0\}$. 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- πgb -continuous and almost πgb -continuous surjection. Then

- (i) If X is mildly πgb -compact, then Y is nearly compact.
- (ii) If X is mildly countably πgb -compact, then Y is nearly countably compact.
- (iii) If X is mildly πgb -Lindelof, then Y is nearly Lindelof.

Proof: (i) Let $V \in \text{RO}(Y)$. Since f is almost contra- πgb -continuous and almost πgb -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is πgb -closed and πgb -open in X respectively. Then f^{-1}

(V) is πgb -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 πgb -clopen in X . Since X is mildly πgb -compact, there exists a finite subset I_0 of I such that $X = \cup$

$\{f^{-1}(V_b) : b \in I_0\}$. Since X is surjective, we obtain

$Y = \cup \{V_b : b \in I_0\}$. Hence Y is nearly compact.

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

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