

## ALMOST CONTRA- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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### Abstract

The notion of contra continuous functions was introduced by Dontchev. In this paper we apply the notion of  $\Omega^*$ -open sets in topological space to present and study a new class of functions called almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions as a new generalization of contra continuity. Futhermore, we obtain basic properties and preservation theorems of almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuity and investigate the relationship between almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuity and  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graph.

**Key words:** M- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed map, Almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuity,  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graph.

### 1. Introduction

Dontchev [3] introduced the notions of contra-continuity in topological spaces. He defined a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is contra continuous if the preimage of every open set of  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ . Recently Ganster and Reilly [6] introduced a new class

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of functions called regular set connected functions (in 1999). Jafari and Noiri [7] introduced contra-pre-continuous functions. Almost contra-pre-continuous functions were introduced by Ekici [4]. J. Mercy and I. Arockiarani [12] introduced On  $\Omega^*$ -closed sets and  $\Omega p$ -closed sets in topological spaces. In this paper we introduce and study a new class of functions called almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions which generalize classes of regular set connected [6] contra continuous [3] and perfectly continuous [13] functions. Moreover, the relationship between almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuity and  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graphs are also investigated.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  or (Simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{cl}(A)$  and  $\text{int}(A)$  represent the closure of  $A$  and interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau$  respectively.

**Definition 2.1:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be preopen [11] (resp. preclosed) if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{cl}(A))$  (resp.  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subset A$ ).

**Definition 2.2:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be regular open [15] (resp. regular closed) if  $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$  (resp.  $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ ).

**Definition 2.3:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -closed [14] (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed) if  $\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))) \subset A$  (resp.  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)))$ ).

**Definition 2.4:** The intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called  $\alpha$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\alpha\text{-cl}(A)$ .

**Definition 2.5:** The  $\alpha$ -interior of  $A$  is defined by the union of  $\alpha$ -open sets contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $\alpha\text{-int}(A)$ .

**Definition 2.6:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be generalized  $\alpha$ -closed set [10] (briefly  $g\alpha$ -closed) if  $\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open.

**Definition 2.7:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

1. Contra-continuous [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
2. Regular set connected [6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen in  $X$  for every  $V \in RO(Y)$ .
3. Perfectly-continuous [13] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is both open and closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
4. Almost-continuous [16] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.8:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\pi g\alpha$ -closed [1] if  $\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\pi$ -open.

**Definition 2.9:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\pi g\alpha$ -continuous [2] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\pi g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.10:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be almost contra- $\pi g\alpha$ -continuous [8] if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \pi G\alpha C(X, \tau)$  for every  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.11:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\Omega^*$ -closed [12] if  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset \text{Int}(U)$ , whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is pre-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3. Almost Contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Continuous Functions

**Definition 3.1:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (a)  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed if  $\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\Omega^*$ -open.
- (b)  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open if  $X-A$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed.

The family of all  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets of  $X$  (resp.  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open sets) are denoted by  $\Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $\Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$ ).

**Definition 3.2:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

1.  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
2. Almost- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for every regular open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

3. Contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
4. M- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open (resp. M- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed) if image of each  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set (resp.  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed) is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open (resp.  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed).

**Definition 3.3:** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$  for every  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be topological spaces. The following statements are equivalent for a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

1.  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.
2.  $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$  for every  $F \in RC(Y, \sigma)$ .
3. for each  $x \in X$  and each regular closed set  $F$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .
4. for each  $x \in X$  and each regular open set  $V$  in  $Y$  not containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set  $K$  in  $X$  not containing  $x$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subset K$ .
5.  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$  for every open subset  $G$  of  $Y$ .
6.  $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(F))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$  for every closed subset  $F$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof:** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) : Let  $F \in RC(Y)$ . Then  $Y-F \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ . By (1),  $f^{-1}(Y-F) = X-f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) : Let  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $Y-V \in RC(Y, \sigma)$ . By (2)  $f^{-1}(Y-V) = X-f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) : Let  $F$  be any regular closed set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By (2),  $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . Take  $U = f^{-1}(F)$ . Then  $f(U) \subset F$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2) : Let  $F \in RC(Y, \sigma)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . From (3), there exists a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set  $U_x$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U_x \subset f^{-1}(F)$ . We have

$$f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(F)} U_x. \text{ Thus, } f^{-1}(F) \text{ is } \Omega^*g\alpha\text{-open.}$$

(3)⇒(4) : Let  $V$  be a regular open set in  $Y$  not containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $Y-V$  is a regular closed set containing  $f(x)$ . By (3) there exists a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset Y-V$ . Hence  $U \subset f^{-1}(Y-V) \subset X-f^{-1}(V)$  and then  $f^{-1}(V) \subset X-U$ . Take  $K = X-U$ . We obtain a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set  $K$  in  $X$  not containing  $x$ .

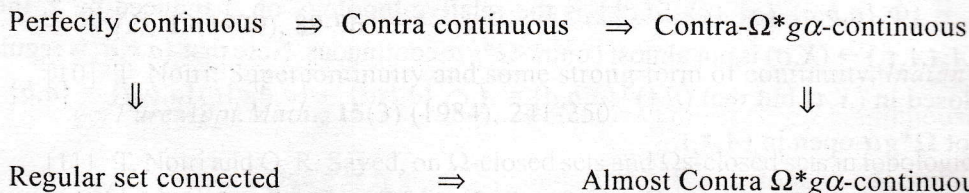
(4)⇒(3) : Let  $F$  be regular closed set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $Y-F$  is a regular open set in  $Y$  not containing  $f(x)$ . By (4) there exist a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set  $K$  in  $X$  not containing  $x$  such that  $f^{-1}(Y-F) \subset K$ . This implies  $X-f^{-1}(F) \subset K \Rightarrow X-K \subset f^{-1}(F) \Rightarrow f(X-K) \subset F$ . Take  $U = X-K$ . Then  $U$  is a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .

(1)⇒(5) : Let  $G$  be an open subset of  $Y$ . Since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))$  is regular open, then by (1)  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(G))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ .

(5)⇒(1) : Let  $V \in RO(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $V$  is open in  $Y$ . By (5)  $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V))) \in \Omega^*G\alpha C(X, \tau) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(2)⇒(6) : The proof is obvious from the definitions.

**Remark 3.5:** The following diagram holds.



None of the implications is reversible for almost Contra  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuity as shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.6:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous but not regular set connected.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \Phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \Phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous but not contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

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**Theorem 3.9 :** Suppose that  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets are closed under finite intersection. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function and  $A$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open subset of  $X$ , Then the restriction  $f|_A: A \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $F \in RC(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous then  $f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  it follows that  $(f|_A)^{-1}(F) = A \cap f^{-1}(F) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(A, \tau)$ . Therefore,  $f|_A$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function.

**Remark 3.10:** Every restriction of an almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function is not necessarily almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Example 3.11:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\Phi, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\Phi, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous but if  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , where  $A$  is not  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\tau_A = \{\Phi, \{a, b, c\}, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  is the relative topology on  $A$  induced by  $\tau$ , then  $f|_A: (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  is not almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous. Note that  $\{a, b, d\}$  is regular closed in  $(X, \tau)$  but that  $(f|_A)^{-1}\{a, b, d\} = A \cap \{a, b, d\} = \{a, b, c\} \cap \{a, b, d\} = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $(A, \tau_A)$ .

**Definition 3.12:** A cover  $\Sigma = \{U\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -cover if  $U\alpha$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open for each  $\alpha \in I$ .

**Theorem 3.13:** Suppose that  $\Omega^*G\alpha O(X, \tau)$  sets are closed under finite intersection. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $\Sigma = \{U\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -cover of  $X$ . If for each  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $f|_{U\alpha}$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V \in RC(Y)$ . Since  $f/U\alpha$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous function,  $(f/U\alpha)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(U\alpha)$ . Since  $U\alpha \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X)$ , by the result if  $U$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  and  $V$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$ , it follows  $(f/U\alpha)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X)$  for each  $\alpha \in I$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V) = \cup (f/U\alpha)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*G\alpha O(X)$ . This gives  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous  $\alpha \in I$  function.

**Theorem 3.14:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and let  $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  be the graph function of  $f$  defined by  $g(x) = (x, f(x))$  for every  $x \in X$ . If  $g$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous then  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V \in RC(Y)$ , then  $X \times V = X \times \text{cl}(\text{int}(V)) = \text{cl}(\text{int}(X) \times \text{cl}(\text{int}(V))) = \text{cl}(\text{int}(X \times V))$ . Therefore  $X \times V \in RC(X \times Y)$ . Since  $g$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(X \times V) \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(V) = g^{-1}(X \times V) \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$ . Thus,  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.15:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be function. Then, the following properties hold:

- 1) If  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and  $g$  is regular set connected, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.
- 2) If  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and  $g$  is perfectly continuous then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.
- 3) If  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and  $g$  is regular set-connected then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous almost  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V \in RO(Z)$  Since  $g$  is regular set connected  $g^{-1}(V)$  is clopen in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open and  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed. Therefore  $g \circ f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous. (2) and (3) can be obtained similarly.

**Theorem 3.16:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a surjective  $M$ - $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open and  $g : X \rightarrow Z$  is a function such that  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then  $g$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be any regular closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $M$ - $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open map,  $f((g \circ f)^{-1}(V)) = f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open. Therefore  $g$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.17:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a surjective  $M$ - $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed map and  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  is a function such that  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then  $g$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Similarly as the previous theorem.

**Theorem 3.18:** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost continuous then  $f$  is regular set-connected.

**Proof:** Let  $V \in RO(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost continuous  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed and open. Hence  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen. Hence  $f$  is regular set-connected.

**Definition 3.19:** A filter base  $\Lambda$  is said to be  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -convergent (resp. rc-convergent) to a point  $x$  in  $X$  if for any  $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  containing  $x$  (resp.  $U \in RC(X)$ ) there exist a  $B \in \Lambda$  such that  $B \subset U$ .

**Theorem 3.20:** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then for each point  $x \in X$  and each filter base  $\Lambda$  in  $X$   $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -converging to  $x$ , the filter base  $f(\Lambda)$  is rc-convergent to  $f(x)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and  $\Lambda$  be any filter base in  $X$   $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -converging to  $x$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous then for any  $V \in RC(Y)$  containing  $f(x)$  there exist  $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . Since  $\Lambda$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -converging to  $x$ , there exist a  $B \in \Lambda$  such that  $B \subset U$ . This means that  $f(B) \subset V$  and therefore the filter base  $f(\Lambda)$  is rc-convergent to  $f(x)$ .

Note that a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$  if each regular closed set  $F$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exist  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ .



**Theorem 3.21:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $x \in X$ . If there exist  $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  and the restriction of  $f$  to  $U$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$  then  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $F \in RC(Y)$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $f|U$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ , there exists  $V \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(V) = (fU) \cap F \subset F$ . Since  $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  containing  $x$  it follows that  $V \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $X$  containing  $x$ . This shows clear that  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous at  $x$ .

#### 4. The Preservation Theorems

In this section, we investigate the relationships among almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions, separation axioms, connectedness and compactness.

**Definition 4.1:** A space  $X$  is said to be weakly Hausdorff [19] if each element of  $X$  is an intersection of regular closed sets.

**Definition 4.2:** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - $T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points in  $X$  there exists a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open set of  $X$  containing one point but not the other.

**Definition 4.3:** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - $T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  there exists a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively such that  $y \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$ .

**Definition 4.4 :** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Hausdorff if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  there exists  $U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, x)$  and  $V \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.5:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous injection and  $Y$  is weakly Hausdorff then  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - $T_1$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is weakly Hausdorff. For any distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  there exist  $V, W \in RC(Y)$  such that  $f(x) \in V, f(y) \in W, f(x) \notin W, f(y) \notin V$ . Since  $f$  is almost  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(W)$  are  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open subsets of  $X$  such that

$x \in f^{-1}(V)$  and  $y \in f^{-1}(W)$ ,  $y \notin f^{-1}(V)$ ,  $x \notin f^{-1}(W)$ , This shows that  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ - $T_1$ .

**Definition 4.6:** A topological space  $X$  is called  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -ultra connected if every two non-void  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed subsets of  $X$  intersect.

**Definition 4.7:** A topological space  $X$  is called hyper connected [20] if every open set is dense.

**Theorem 4.8:** If  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -ultra connected and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and surjective, then  $Y$  is hyper connected.

**Proof:** Assume that  $Y$  is hyper connected. Then there exist an open set  $V$  such that  $V$  is not dense in  $Y$ . Then there exist disjoint non-empty regular open subsets  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  in  $Y$  namely  $B_1 = \text{int cl}(V)$  and  $B_2 = Y - \text{cl}(V)$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and surjective,  $A_1 = f^{-1}(B_1)$  and  $A_2 = f^{-1}(B_2)$  are disjoint non-empty  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed subsets of  $X$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -ultra connected. Hence  $Y$  is hyper connected.

**Definition 4.9:** A space  $X$  is called  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -connected provided that  $X$  is not the union of two disjoint non-empty  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -open sets.

**Theorem 4.10:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection and  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -connected then  $Y$  is connected.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is not connected. Then there exist non-empty disjoint open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $Y = V_1 \cup V_2$ . Therefore  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are clopen in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_2)$  are disjoint and  $X = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2)$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -connected. Hence  $Y$  is connected.

**Definition 4.11:** A space  $X$  is said to be

- a)  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed if every  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- b) Countable  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed if every countable cover of  $X$  by  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets has a finite subcover.
- c)  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Lindelof if every cover of  $X$  by  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed sets has a countable cover.
- d) Nearly compact if every regular open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover. [17]

- e) Nearly countably compact if every countably cover of  $X$  by regular open sets has a finite subcover. [5, 18]
- f) Nearly Lindelof [4] if every cover of  $X$  by regular open sets has a countable subcover.

**Theorem 4.12:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost contra- $\Omega$ -continuous surjection. Then the following statements hold.

- a) If  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed then  $Y$  is nearly compact.
- b) If  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -lindelof then  $Y$  is nearly lindelof.
- c) If  $X$  is countably- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed, then  $Y$  is nearly countably compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{V\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any regular open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(V\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed there exist a finite  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \cup \{f^{-1}(V\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $Y = \cup \{V\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  and  $Y$  is nearly compact.

Proof of b) and c) are analogue to a).

**Definition 4.13 :** A space  $X$  is said to be

- (a) Mildly  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact if every  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -clopen cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
- (b) Mildly countably- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact if every  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -clopen countable cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.
- (c) Mildly  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Lindelof if every  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -clopen cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.

**Theorem 4.14:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous surjection. Then

- (a) If  $X$  is mildly  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact then  $Y$  is nearly compact.
- (b) If  $X$  is mildly countably- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact then  $Y$  is nearly countably compact.
- (c) If  $X$  is mildly  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -lindelof then  $Y$  is nearly Lindelof.

**Proof:** (a)  $\forall V \in RO(Y)$ . Then since  $f$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous almost  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen. Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any regular open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is a clopen cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is mildly  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -compact, there exist a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X = \cup \{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Hence  $Y$  is nearly compact.

Proof of (b) and (c) are similar to (a).

### 5. $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -Regular Graphs

In this we define  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graphs and investigate the relationships between  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graphs and almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous functions.

**Definition 5.1:** For a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  the subset  $\{(x, f(x)) / x \in X\} \subset X \times Y$  is called the graph of  $f$  and is denoted by  $G(f)$  [4].

**Definition 5.2:** A graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular if for each  $(x, y) \in X \times Y - G(f)$ , there exist a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $V \in RO(Y)$  containing  $y$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \Phi$ .

**Lemma 5.3:** The following properties are equivalent for a graph  $G(f)$  of a function

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

**Proof :** It follows from definition and the fact that for any subsets  $U \subset X$ ,  $V \subset Y$   $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \Phi$  iff  $f(U) \cap V = \Phi$ .

**Theorem 5.4:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , then  $G(f)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graph in  $X \times Y$ .

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

is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed in  $X$  containing  $x$ . Take  $U = f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$ . Then  $f(U) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(V))$ . Therefore  $f(U) \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(W)) = \Phi$ . Hence  $G(f)$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular.

**Theorem 5.5:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  have  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graph  $G(f)$ . If  $f$  is injective, then  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha-T_1$ .

**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 definition of  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graph, there exist a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set  $U$  of  $X$  and  $V \in RO(Y)$  such that  $(x, f(y)) \in U \times V$  and  $U \cap f^{-1}(V) = \Phi$ . Therefore we have  $y \notin U$ . Thus  $y \in X - U$ .  $x \in X - U$ .  $X - U \in \Omega^*g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  implies  $X$  is  $\Omega^*g\alpha-T_1$ .

**Theorem 5.6:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  have  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -regular graph  $G(f)$ . If  $f$  is surjective, then  $Y$  is weakly  $T_2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be any two distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective  $f(x) = y_1$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $(x, y_2) \in X \times Y - G(f)$ . By lemma 5.3, there exist a  $\Omega^*g\alpha$ -closed set  $U$  of  $X$  and  $F \in RO(Y)$  such that  $(x, y_2) \in U \times F$  and  $f(U) \cap F = \Phi$ . Hence  $y_1 \notin F$ . Then  $y_2 \notin Y - F \in RC(Y)$  and  $y_1 \in Y - F$ . This implies that  $Y$  is weakly  $T_2$ .

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