

Contra R^* - Continuous And Almost Contra R^* - Continuous Functions

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Abstract: In this paper we present and study a new class of functions as a new generalization of contra continuity. Furthermore we obtain some of their basic properties and relationship with R^* -regular graphs.

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I. Introduction

In 1996,Dontchev [5] introduced the notion of contra continuity. Several new generalizations to this class were added by Dontchev and Noiri [6] as contra-continuous functions and S-closed spaces, contra semi continuous,contra δ -precontinuous functions etc. C.W.Baker [2] introduced and investigated the notion of contra β continuity, Jafari and Noiri [11] studied the contra precontinuous and contra α continuous functions.

Almost contra pre continuous function was introduced by Ekici [7].In this direction we will introduce the concept of almost contra R^* -continuous functions. We include the properties of contra R^* -continuous functions and the R^* -regular graphs.

Throughout this paper, the spaces X and Y always mean the topological spaces (X, τ) and (Y, σ) respectively. For $A \subset X$, the closure and the interior of A in X are denoted by $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ respectively. Also the collection of all R^* -open subsets of X containing a fixed point x is denoted by $R^*-O(X,x)$.

II. Preliminaries

Definition: 2.1. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called (1) a regular open [17] if $A = int(cl(A))$ and regular closed [17] if $A = cl(int(A))$.

The intersection of all regular closed subset of (X, τ) containing A is called the regular closure of A and is denoted by $rcl(A)$.

Definition :2.2. [4] A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called regular semi open set if there is a regular open set U such that $U \subset A \subset cl(U)$. The family of all regular semi open sets of X is denoted by $RSO(X)$.

Lemma:2.3. [5] In a space (X, τ) , the regular closed sets, regular open sets and clopen sets are regular semiopen.

Definition:2.4. A subset of a topological space (X, τ) is called

1. a regular generalized (briefly rg-closed) [17] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular open in X.
2. a generalized pre regular closed (briefly gpr-closed) [10] if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular open in X.
3. a regular weakly generalized closed (briefly rwg-closed) [15] if $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular open in X.
4. a generalized regular closed (briefly gr-closed) [14] if $rcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X.
5. a regular generalized weak closed set (briefly rgw-closed) [19] if $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular semi open in X.

The complements of the above mentioned closed sets are their respectively open sets.

Definition:2.5 [12] A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called R^* -closed if $rcl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is regular semiopen in (X, τ) . We denote the set of all R^* - closed sets in (X, τ) by $R^*C(X)$.

Definition:2.6 [12]A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called R^* -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in X for every closed set V of Y.

Definition:2.7[5] A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called contra continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X for every open set V of Y.

Definition:2.8 A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called

1. contra rg- continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is rg- closed in X for each open set V of Y.
2. contra gpr- continuous , if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gpr- closed in X for each open set V of Y .
3. contra rwg-continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is rwg- closed in X for each open set V of Y.
4. contra gr- continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gr- closed in X for each open set V of Y.
5. contra rgw-continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is grw- closed in X for each open set V of Y.
6. an R-map [8] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X for each regular closed set V of Y.
7. perfectly continuous if [1,7] $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X for each open set V in Y.
8. almost continuous if [20] $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X for each regular open set V in Y
9. regular set connected if [9] $f^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in X for each regular open set V in Y.
10. RC-continuous [8] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X for each open set V in Y.

Definition:2.9 [21] A space is said to be weakly Hausdroff if each element of X is an intersection of regular closed sets.

Definition:2.10 [22] A space is said to be Ultra Hausdroff if for every pair of distinct points x and y in X, there exist disjoint clopen sets U and V containing x and y respectively.

Definition:2.11[22] A topological space X is called a Ultra normal space, if each pair of disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets.

Definition:2.12[23] A topological space X is said to be hyperconnected if every open set is dense.

III. Contra R^* -continuous functions

Definition: 3.1 A space X is called locally R^* -indiscrete if every R^* -open subset of X is closed.

Definition:3.2 A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called contra R^* -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in X for every open set V of Y.

Definition :3.3 A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is strongly R^* -open if the image of every R^* -open set of X is R^* -open in Y.

Definition :3.4 A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is almost R^* -continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -open in X for each regular open set V of Y.

Theorem:3.5 Every contra R^* -continuous function is contra rg-continuous, contra gpr-continuous, contra rwg-continuous, contra gr-continuous, contra rgw-continuous but not conversely.

Proof :Obvious from definitions.

Example 3.6: Let

$$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}, \sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$$

Define a mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as the identity mapping. Here the function f is contra rg-continuous, contra gpr-continuous and contra rwg- continuous but not contra R^* -continuous since $f^{-1}\{a\} = a$ and $f^{-1}\{c\} = c$ are not R^* -closed.

Example 3.7:Let

$$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}, \sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}.$$

Define a mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = d, f(d) = b$, the function f is contra gr-continuous but not contra R^* -continuous.

Example3.8:

$$X = \{a, b, c, d\} = Y, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}\}, \sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}.$$

Define a mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = d, f(d) = c$, the function f is contra rgw-continuous but not contra R^* -continuous.

Remark:3.9

Contra continuous and contra R^* -continuous are independent concepts.

Example:3.10

Let $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$ $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ $R^*-C(X) = \{\text{set of all subsets of } X\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ as the identity mapping. Here f is contra R^* -continuous but not contra continuous since $f^{-1}\{b\} = \{b\}$ is not closed in X .

Example 3.11: Let $X=Y=\{a,b,c,d\}$ $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,b,c\}\}$ $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{d\}\}$

$R^*-C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{a,b\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}, \{a,c,d\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$. Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ as the identity mapping. $f^{-1}\{d\} = \{d\}$ is not R^* -closed and hence is not contra R^* -continuous but contra continuous.

Theorem3.12: Every RC continuous function is contra R^* -continuous but not conversely.

Proof : Straight forward.

Example 3.13: Let $X = Y = \{a,b,c\}$ $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}\}$

Define $f : X \rightarrow Y$ as $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$

Here f is contra R^* -continuous but not RC-continuous.

Remark 3.14:

The composition of two contra R^* -continuous functions need not be contra R^* -continuous as seen in the following example.

Example3.15: let $X=Y=Z=\{a,b,c\}$ $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a,c\}\}$ $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a,b\}\}$

$\eta = \{Z, \phi, \{b\}, \{a,c\}\}$ $R^*-C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{b,c\}, \{c,a\}\}$

$R^*-C(Y) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{b,c\}, \{c,a\}\}$

Define $f: X \rightarrow Y$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$, $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ by $g(a) = b, g(b) = c$, and $g(c) = a$,

Then f and g are contra R^* -continuous but $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is not contra R^* -continuous since $(g \circ f)^{-1}\{b\} = f^{-1}(g^{-1}\{b\}) = f^{-1}\{a\} = \{c\}$ is not R^* -closed.

Theorem3.16: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra R^* -continuous function and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is a continuous function, then the function $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is contra R^* -continuous.

Proof: Let V be open in Z . Since g is continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y . f is contra R^* -continuous, so $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is R^* -closed in X . Hence $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in X . i.e $g \circ f$ is contra R^* -continuous.

Theorem 3.17: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra R^* -continuous map and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is regular set connected function, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is R^* -continuous and almost R^* -continuous.

Proof: Let V be regular open in Z . Since g is regular set connected, $g^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in Y . Since f is a contra R^* -continuous $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is R^* -closed in X Hence $g \circ f$ is almost R^* -continuous.

Theorem 3.18: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is R^* - irresolute and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$ is a contra R^* - continuous function, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is contra R^* -continuous.

Proof: Let V be open in Z . Since g is contra R^* -continuous, $g^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in Y . Since f is a contra R^* -irresolute, $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is R^* -closed in X . Hence $g \circ f$ is contra R^* -continuous.

Theorem3.19: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is R^* - continuous and the space X is R^* -locally indiscrete, then f is contra continuous.

Proof : Let V be an open set in Y . Since f is R^* -continuous $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* - open in X . And since X is locally R^* -indiscrete, $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in X . Hence f is contra continuous.

Theorem 3.20: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra R^* -continuous, X is $R^*-T_{1/2}$ space, then f is RC-continuous.

Proof : Let V be open in Y . Since f is contra R^* - continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in X . And X is $R^*-T_{1/2}$ space, hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X . Thus for every open set V of Y , $f^{-1}(V)$ is regular closed in X . Hence f is RC-continuous.

Theorem3.21: Suppose $R^*-O(X)$ is closed under arbitrary unions, then the following are equivalent for a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$,

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

Proof : (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let f be contra R^* - continuous. Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in X for every open set V of Y . i.e $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -open in X for every closed set V of Y . Hence $f^{-1}(V) \in R^*-O(X)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) : Obvious.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) : For every closed subset V of Y , $f^{-1}(V) \in R^*-O(X)$. Then for each $x \in X$ and each $V \in C(Y, f(x))$, there exists a set $U \in R^*-O(X)$ such that $f(U) \subset V$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) : For each $x \in X$ and each $V \in C(Y, f(x))$, there exists a set $U_x \in R^*-O(X, x)$ such that $f(U_x) \subset V$. i.e $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ and $f(x) \subset V$. So there exists $U \in R^*-O(X, x)$ such that $f^{-1}(V) = \cup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(V)\}$ and Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -open.

Definition 3.22:[7] 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 $G(f)$.

Lemma 3.23: [3] Let $G(f)$ be the graph of f , for any subset $A \subset X$ and $B \subset Y$, we have $f(A) \cap B = \emptyset$ if and only if $(A \times B) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$.

Definition 3.24: The graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be contra R^* -closed if for each $(x, y) \in (X, Y) - G(f)$ there exists $U \in R^*O(X, x)$ and $V \in C(Y, y)$ such that $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$.

Lemma 3.25: The graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be contra R^* -closed if for each $(x, y) \in (X, Y) - G(f)$ there exists $U \in R^*O(X, x)$ and $V \in C(Y, y)$ such that $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$.

Proof: The proof is a direct consequence of definition 3.24 and lemma.3.23

IV. Almost contra R^* -continuous function

Definition 4.1: A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be almost contra R^* -continuous is f^{-1} is R^* -closed in X for each regular open set V in Y .

Theorem 4.2: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost contra R^* -continuous and X is locally R^* -indiscreet space, then f is almost continuous.

Proof: Let U be regular open set in Y . Since f is almost contra R^* -continuous $f^{-1}(U)$ is R^* -closed set in X and X is locally R^* -indiscreet space, which implies $f^{-1}(U)$ is an open set in X . Therefore f is almost continuous.

Theorem 4.3: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra R^* -continuous, then it is almost contra R^* -continuous.

Proof: Obvious because every regular open set is open set.

Remark 4.4: The converse of the theorem need not be true in general as seen from the following example.

$X = \{a, b, c\} = Y, \quad \tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\} \quad \sigma = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$
 $R^*-C(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{ab\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, a\}\}$. Define $f(c) = a, f(a) = b, f(b) = c,$
 $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$ which is not R^* -closed in X .

Theorem 4.5: The following are equivalent for a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$

1. f is almost contra R^* - continuous
2. for every regular closed set F of $Y, f^{-1}(F)$ is R^* -open set of X .

Proof: (i) Let F be a regular closed set in Y , then $Y-F$ is a regular open set in Y . By

(i) $f^{-1}(Y-F) = X-f^{-1}(F)$ is R^* -closed in X . Therefore (ii) holds.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Let G be a regular open set in Y . Then $Y-G$ is regular closed in Y . By (ii) $f^{-1}(Y-G)$ is an R^* -open set in X . This implies $X - f^{-1}(G)$ is R^* -open which implies, $f^{-1}(G)$ is R^* -closed set in X . Therefore (i) holds.

Theorem 4.6: The following are equivalent for a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$

1. f is almost contra R^* -continuous.
2. $f^{-1}(int(cl(G)))$ is a R^* -closed set in X for every open set G of Y .
3. $f^{-1}(cl(int(F)))$ is a R^* -open set in X for every open subset F of Y .

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let G be an open set in Y . Then $int(cl(G))$ is regular open set in Y . By (i) $f^{-1}(int(cl(G))) \in R^*-C(X)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Proof is obvious.

(i) \Rightarrow (iii). Let F be a closed set in Y . Then $cl(int(F))$ is a regular closed set in Y . By (i) $f^{-1}(cl(int(F))) \in R^*-O(X)$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Proof is obvious.

Definition 4.7: A space X is said to be

1. $R^*-T_{1/2}$ space [13] if every R^* -closed set is regular closed.
2. R^*-T_0 if for each pair of distinct points in X , there is an R^* -open set of X containing one point but not the other.
3. R^*-T_1 if for every pair of distinct points x and y , there exists R^* -open sets G and H such that $x \in G, y \notin G$ and $x \notin H, y \in H$.
4. R^*-T_2 if for every pair of distinct points x and y , there exists disjoint R^* -open sets G and H such that $x \in G$ and $y \in H$.

Theorem 4.8: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost contra R^* -continuous injection and Y is weakly Hausdorff then X is R^*-T_1 .

Proof: Suppose Y is weakly Hausdorff, for any distinct points x and y in X , there exists V and W regular closed sets in Y such that $f(x) \in V, f(y) \notin V$ and $f(y) \in W, f(x) \notin W$. Since f is almost contra R^* -continuous $f^{-1}(V)$ and $f^{-1}(W)$ are R^* -open subsets of X such that $x \in f^{-1}(V), y \notin f^{-1}(V), y \in f^{-1}(W)$ and $x \notin f^{-1}(W)$. This shows that X is R^*-T_1 .

Corollary 4.9: If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is a contra R^* -continuous injection and Y is weakly Hausdorff, then X is R^*-T_1 .

Proof: Every contra R^* -continuous is almost contra R^* -continuous and by the above theorem [4.8] the result follows.

Theorem:4.10 If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost contra R^* -continuous injective function from a space X into the Ultra Hausdorff space Y , then Y is an R^*-T_2 .

Proof: Let x and y be any two distinct points in X . Since f is an injective function such that $f(x) \neq f(y)$ and Y is Ultra Hausdorff space, there exists disjoint clopen sets U and V containing $f(x)$ and $f(y)$ respectively. Then $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ and $y \in f^{-1}(V)$, where $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are disjoint R^* -open sets in X . Therefore Y is R^*-T_2 .

Definition:4.11 A topological space X is called a R^* -normal space, if each pair of disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint R^* -open sets.

Theorem:4.12 If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost contra R^* -continuous, closed, injective function and Y is Ultra Normal, then X is R^* -normal.

Proof: Let E and F be disjoint closed subsets of X . Since f is closed and injective $f(E)$ and $f(F)$ are disjoint closed sets in Y . Since Y is ultra normal there exists disjoint clopen sets in U and V in Y such that $f(E) \subset U$ and $f(F) \subset V$. This implies $E \subset f^{-1}(U)$ and $F \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is an almost contra R^* -continuous injection $f^{-1}(U)$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ are disjoint R^* -open sets in X . This shows that X is R^* -normal.

Theorem:4.13 For two functions $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $k: Y \rightarrow Z$, let $k \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is a composition function. Then the following holds:

- (1) If f is almost contra R^* -continuous and k is an R -map, then $k \circ f$ is almost contra R^* -continuous.
- (2) If f is almost contra R^* -continuous and k is perfectly continuous, then $k \circ f$ is R^* -continuous and contra R^* -continuous.
- (3) If f is almost contra R^* -continuous and k is almost continuous, then $k \circ f$ is almost contra R^* -continuous.

Proof: (1) Let V be any regular open set in Z . Since k is an R -map, $k^{-1}(V)$ is regular open in Y . Since f is almost contra R^* -continuous $f^{-1}(k^{-1}(V)) = (k \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in X . Therefore $k \circ f$ is almost contra R^* -continuous.

(2) Let V be an open set in Z . Since k is perfectly continuous, $k^{-1}(V)$ is clopen in Y . Since f is an almost contra R^* -continuous $f^{-1}(k^{-1}(V)) = (k \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -open and R^* -closed set in X . Therefore $k \circ f$ is R^* -continuous and contra R^* -continuous.

(3) Let V be a regular open set in Z . Since k is almost continuous, $k^{-1}(V)$ is open in Y . Since f is contra R^* -continuous $f^{-1}(k^{-1}(V)) = (k \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed in X . Therefore $k \circ f$ is almost contra R^* -continuous.

Theorem:4.14 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra R^* -continuous function and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is R^* -continuous. If Y is $R^*-T_{1/2}$, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is an almost contra R^* -continuous function.

Proof: Let V be regular open and hence open set in Z . Since g is R^* -continuous $g^{-1}(V)$ is R^* - open in Y and Y is $T_{1/2}$ -space implies $g^{-1}(V)$ is regular open in Y . Since f is almost contra R^* - continuous $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -closed set in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is almost contra R^* -continuous.

Theorem:4.15 If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is surjective, strongly R^* -open (or strongly R^* -closed) and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is a function such that $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is almost contra R^* - continuous, then g is almost contra continuous.

Proof: Let V be any regular closed set (resp regular open) set in Z . Since $g \circ f$ is almost contra R^* -continuous $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$ is R^* -open (resp R^* -closed) in X . Since f is surjective and strongly R^* -open (or strongly R^* -closed). $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$ is R^* -open (resp R^* -closed). Therefore g is almost contra R^* -continuous.

Definition:4.16 A topological space X is said to be R^* -ultra connected if every two non empty R^* -closed subsets of X intersect.

Theorem:4.17 If X is R^* -ultra connected and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost contra R^* -continuous surjection, then Y is hyperconnected.

Proof: Let X be R^* -ultraconnected and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an almost contra R^* -continuous surjection. Suppose Y is not hyperconnected. Then there is an open set V such that V is not dense in Y . Therefore there exists non empty regular open subsets $B_1 = \text{int}(\text{cl}(V))$ and $B_2 = Y - \text{cl}(V)$ in Y . Since f is an almost contra R^* -continuous surjection, $f^{-1}(B_1)$ and $f^{-1}(B_2)$ are disjoint R^* -closed sets in X . This is contrary to the fact that X is R^* -ultra connected. Therefore Y is hyperconnected.

V. R^* -Regular graphs

Definition 5.1: A graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be R^* -regular if for each $(x,y) \in (X,Y) - G(f)$ there exists $U \in R^*C(X, x)$ and $V \in RO(Y, y)$ such that $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$.

Lemma 5.2: The graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is R^* -regular (resp strong contra R^* closed) in $X \times Y$ if and only if for each $(x,y) \in (X,Y) - G(f)$, there is an R^* -closed (resp R^* -open) set U in X containing x and $V \in RO(Y, y)$ (resp $V \in RC(Y, y)$) such that $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$.

Proof: Obvious.

Theorem 5.3: If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is almost R^* -continuous and Y is T_2 then $G(f)$ is R^* -regular in $X \times Y$.

Proof: Let $(x, y) \in (X, Y) - G(f)$. Then $y \neq f(x)$. Since Y is T_2 , there exists open set V and W in Y such that $f(x) \in V, y \in W$ and $V \cap W = \emptyset$. Then $\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)) \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(W)) = \emptyset$. Since f is almost R^* -continuous is $f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$ is R^* -closed set in X containing x . Set $U = f^{-1}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(V)))$, then $f(U) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(V))$. Therefore $f(U) \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(W)) = \emptyset$. Hence $G(f)$ is R^* -regular in $X \times Y$.

Theorem:5.4 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function 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 R^* -continuous function, then f is an almost contra R^* -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 R^* -continuous, $f^{-1}(V) = g^{-1}(X \times V) \in R^*O(X)$. Thus f is almost contra R^* -continuous.

Theorem:5.5 Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ have a R^* -regular $G(f)$. If f is injective, then X is R^*-T_0 .

Proof: Let x and y be two distinct points of X . Then $(x, f(y)) \in (X, Y) - G(f)$. Since $G(f)$ is R^* -regular, there exists R^* -closed set U in X containing x and $V \in RO(Y, f(y))$ such that $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$ by lemma 5.2

and hence $U \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$. Therefore $y \notin U$. Thus $y \in X - U$ and $x \notin X - U$ and $X - U$ is R^* -open set in X . This implies that X is R^* - T_0 .

Theorem:5.6 Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ have a R^* -regular $G(f)$. If f is surjective then Y is weakly T_2 .

Proof: Let y_1 and y_2 be 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 5.2, there exists a R^* -closed set U of X and $F \in RO(Y)$ such that $(x, y_2) \in U \times F$ and $f(U) \cap F = \emptyset$. Hence $y_1 \notin f(U)$. Then $y_2 \notin f(U) - F \in RC(Y)$ and $y_1 \in Y - F$. This implies that Y is weakly T_2 .

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