

Some properties of contra $\#arg$ - continuous functions.

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce and investigate some classes of generalized-functions called contra $\#arg$ -continuous functions. We get several characterizations and some of their properties. Also we investigate its relationship with other types of functions.

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1.INTRODUCTION

In 1996, Dontchev [2] presented a new notion of continuous function called contra-continuity. This notion is a stronger form of LC-continuity. The purpose of this present paper is to define a new class of generalized continuous functions called contra $\#arg$ -continuous and investigate some of their properties.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the paper X and Y denote the topological spaces (X, τ) and (Y, σ) respectively and on which no separation axioms are assumed under otherwise explicitly stated. For any subset A of a space (X, τ) , the closure of A , interior of A and the complement of A are denoted by $\text{cl}(A)$, $\text{int}(A)$ and A^c or $X \setminus A$ respectively. (X, τ) will be replaced by X if there is no chance of confusion. Let us recall the following definitions as pre requesters.

Definition 2.1. A subset A of a space X is called

- 1) a preopen set [8] if $A \subseteq \text{intcl}(A)$ and a preclosed set if $\text{clint}(A) \subseteq A$.
- 2) a semi open set [5] if $A \subseteq \text{clint}(A)$ and a semi closed set if $\text{intcl}(A) \subseteq A$.
- 3) a regular open set [8] if $A = \text{intcl}(A)$ and a regular closed set if $A = \text{clint}(A)$.
- 4) a regular semi open [1] if there is a regular open U such $U \subseteq A \subseteq \text{cl}(U)$.
- 5) an α -open set [13] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$ and an α -closed set if $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$.

Definition 2.2. A subset A of (X, τ) is called

- 1) rw-closed [14] if $\text{cl} A \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular semi open.
- 2) $\#rg$ -closed [10] if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is rw-open.
- 3) $\#arg$ -closed [13] if $\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is rw-open.

Definition 2.3. A space X is said to be strongly S -closed[2] if every closed cover of X has a finite subcover.

Definition 2.4. A topological space X is said to be ultra normal[7] if each pair of nonempty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets.

Definition 2.5. A topological space X is said to be ultra Hausdorff[7] if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X there exist clopen sets A and B containing x and y respectively such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$. In this chapter, we study some of their properties of contra $\#arg$ – continuous function.

3. Properties of contra $\#arg$ - continuous functions.

Definition 3.1. The $\#arg$ -frontier of a subset A of a space X is given by $\#arg\text{-fr}(A) = \#arg\text{-cl}(A) \cap \#arg\text{-cl}(X \setminus A)$.

Theorem 3.2. Let the collection of all $\#arg$ -closed sets of space (X, τ) be closed under arbitrary intersections. The set of all points $x \in X$ at which a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is not contra $\#arg$ -continuous is identical with the union of $\#arg$ -frontier of the inverse images of closed sets containing $f(x)$.

Proof: Necessity: Suppose that f is not contra $\#arg$ -continuous at $x \in X$. Then there exists a closed set A of Y containing $f(x)$ such that $f(U)$ is not contained in A for every $U \in \#arg\text{RGO}(X)$ containing x . Then $U \cap (X \setminus f^{-1}(A)) \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in \#arg\text{RGO}(X)$ $f^{-1}(A) \subset \#arg\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(A))$ and hence $x \in \#arg\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(A))$.

Sufficiency: Suppose that f is contra $\#arg$ -continuous at $x \in X$, and let A be a closed set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then there exists $U \in \#arg\text{RGO}(X)$ containing x such that $U \subset f^{-1}(A)$; hence $x \in \#arg\text{-int}(f^{-1}(A))$. Therefore, $x \notin \#arg\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(A))$ for each closed set A of Y containing $f(x)$. This completes the proof.

Corollary 3.3. Let $\#arg\text{RGC}(X)$ be closed under arbitrary intersections. A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is not contra $\#arg$ -continuous at x if and only if $x \in \#arg\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(F))$ for some $F \in \mathcal{C}(Y, f(x))$.

Definition 3.4. A space X is said to be $\#arg\text{-}T_1$ if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exist $\#arg$ -open sets U and V containing x and y , respectively, such that $y \notin U$ and $x \notin V$.

Definition 3.5. A space X is said to be $\#arg\text{-}T_2$ if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exists $U \in \#arg\text{RGO}(X, x)$ and $V \in \#arg\text{RGO}(X, y)$ such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Theorem 3.6. Let X and Y be topological spaces. If

- (1) For each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there exists a function f of X into Y such that $f(x) \neq f(y)$
- (2) Y is an Urysohn space and f is contra $\#arg$ -continuous at x and y , then X is $\#arg\text{-}T_2$.

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

Corollary 3.7. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra $\#arg$ -continuous injection. If Y is an Urysohn space, then it is $\#arg-T_2$.

Theorem 3.8. For a topological space X , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) X is $\#arg$ -connected.
- (2) The only subsets of X which are both $\#arg$ -open and $\#arg$ -closed are the empty set ϕ and X .
- (3) Each contra $\#arg$ - continuous function of X into a discrete space Y with at least two points is a constant function.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Suppose $A \subset X$ is a proper subset which is both $\#arg$ -open and $\#arg$ -closed. Then its complement $X \setminus A$ is also $\#arg$ -open and $\#arg$ -closed. Then $X = A \cup (X \setminus A)$ is a disjoint union of two nonempty $\#arg$ -open sets which contradicts the fact that X is $\#arg$ -connected. Hence, $A = \phi$ or X .

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose $X = A \cup B$ where $A \cap B = \phi$, $A \neq \phi$, $B \neq \phi$ and A and B are $\#arg$ -open. Since $A = X \setminus B$, A is $\#arg$ -closed. But by hypothesis $A = \phi$, which is a contradiction. Hence (1) holds.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra $\#arg$ -continuous function where Y is a discrete space with at least two points. Then $f^{-1}(\{y\})$ is $\#arg$ -closed and $\#arg$ -open for each $y \in Y$ and $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(\{y\}) : y \in Y\}$. By hypothesis, $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \phi$ or X . If $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \phi$ for all $y \in Y$, f is not a function. Also there cannot exist more than one $y \in Y$ such that $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = X$. Hence there exists only one $y \in Y$ such that

$f^{-1}(\{y\}) = X$ and $f^{-1}(\{y_1\}) = \phi$ where $y \neq y_1 \in Y$. This shows that f is a constant function.

(3) \Rightarrow (2) Let P be both $\#arg$ -open and $\#arg$ -closed in X . Suppose $P \neq \phi$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra $\#arg$ -continuous function defined by $f(P) = \{a\}$ and $f(X \setminus P) = \{b\}$ where $a \neq b$ and $a, b \in Y$. By hypothesis, f is constant. Therefore, $P = X$.

Theorem 3.9. If f is a contra $\#arg$ -continuous function from a $\#arg$ -connected space X onto any space Y , then Y is not a discrete space.

Proof: Suppose that Y is discrete. Let A be a proper nonempty clopen subset of Y . Then $f^{-1}(A)$ is a proper nonempty $\#arg$ -clopen subset of X , which is a contradiction to the fact that X is $\#arg$ -connected.

Theorem 3.10. A space X is $\#arg$ -connected if every contra $\#arg$ -continuous function from a space X into any T_0 -space Y is constant.

Proof: Suppose that X is not $\#arg$ -connected and that every contra $\#arg$ -continuous function from X into Y is constant. Since X is not $\#arg$ -connected, there exists proper nonempty $\#arg$ -clopen subset A of X . Let $Y = \{a, b\}$ and $\tau = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ be a topology for Y . Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function such that $f(A) = \{a\}$ and $f(X \setminus A) = \{b\}$. Then f is non-constant and contra $\#arg$ - continuous such that Y is T_0 which is a contradiction. Hence, X must be $\#arg$ -connected.

Theorem: 3.11. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra $\#arg$ -continuous surjection and X is $\#arg$ -connected, then Y is connected.

Proof: Suppose that Y is not a connected space. There exists nonempty 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 contra $\#arg$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$ are $\#arg$ -open in X . Moreover, $f^{-1}(V_1)$ and $f^{-1}(V_2)$

$f^{-1}(V_2)$ are nonempty disjoint and $X = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2)$. This shows that X is not $\#arg$ -connected. This contradicts that Y is not connected assumed. Hence, Y is connected.

Theorem: 3.12. Let $p: X \times Y \rightarrow X$ be a projection. If A is $\#arg$ -closed subset of X , then $p^{-1}(A) = A \times Y$ is $\#arg$ -closed subset of $X \times Y$.

Proof: Let $A \times Y \subset U$ and U be $\#arg$ -open subset of $X \times Y$. Then $U = V \times Y$ for some $\#arg$ -open set of X . Since A is $\#arg$ -closed in X , $\alpha cl(A) \subset V$ and so $\alpha cl(A) \times Y \subset V \times Y = U$, i.e., $\alpha cl(A \times Y) \subset U$. Hence, $A \times Y$ is $\#arg$ -closed subset of $X \times Y$.

Proposition: 3.13. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a $\#arg$ -irresolute surjection and X is $\#arg$ -connected then Y is $\#arg$ -connected

Proposition: 3.14. If the product space of two nonempty topological spaces is $\#arg$ -connected, then each factor space is $\#arg$ -connected.

Proof: Let $X \times Y$ be the product space of the nonempty spaces X and Y and $X \times Y$ be $\#arg$ -connected. The projection $p: X \times Y \rightarrow X$ is $\#arg$ -irresolute and then $p(X \times Y) = X$ is $\#arg$ -connected. The proof for the space Y is similar to the case of X .

Definition 3.15. A space X is said to be

- (i) $\#arg$ -compact if every $\#arg$ -open cover of X has a finite subcover,
- (ii) Countable $\#arg$ -compact if every countable cover of X by $\#arg$ -open sets has a finite subcover.
- (iii) $\#arg$ -Lindelof if every $\#arg$ -open cover of X has a countable subcover.

Theorem 3.16. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra $\#arg$ -continuous and A is $\#arg$ -compact relative to X , then $f(A)$ is strongly S -closed in Y .

Proof: Let $\{V_i: i \in I\}$ be any cover of $f(A)$ by closed sets of the subspace $f(A)$. For each $i \in I$, there exists a closed set A_i of Y such that $V_i = A_i \cap f(A)$. For each $x \in A$, there exists $i(x) \in I$ such that $f(x) \in A_{i(x)}$ and there exists $U_x \in \#argGO(X, x)$ such that $f(U_x) \subseteq A_{i(x)}$. Since the family $\{U_x: x \in A\}$ is a cover of A by $\#arg$ -open sets of X , there exists a finite subset A_0 of A such that $A \subseteq \bigcup \{U_x: x \in A_0\}$. Hence we obtain $f(A) \subseteq \bigcup \{f(U_x): x \in A_0\}$ which is a subset of $\bigcup \{A_{i(x)}: x \in A_0\}$. Thus $f(A) = \bigcup \{V_{i(x)}: x \in A_0\}$ and hence $f(A)$ is strongly S -closed.

Corollary 3.17. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra $\#arg$ -continuous surjection and X is $\#arg$ -compact, then Y is strongly S -closed.

Theorem 3.18. If the product space of two nonempty topological spaces is $\#arg$ -compact, then the factor space is $\#arg$ -compact.

Proof: Let $X \times Y$ be the product space of the nonempty spaces X and Y and $X \times Y$ be $\#arg$ -compact. The projection $p: X \times Y \rightarrow X$ is $\#arg$ -irresolute and then $p(X \times Y) = X$ is $\#arg$ -compact. The Proof for the space Y is similar to the case of X .

Theorem: 3.19. The contra $\#arg$ -continuous images of $\#arg$ -lindelof (resp. countably $\#arg$ -compact) spaces are strongly S -lindelof (respectively strongly countable S -closed).

Proof: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra $\#arg$ -continuous surjection. Let $\{V_i: i \in I\}$ be any closed cover of Y . Since f is contra $\#arg$ -continuous, then $\{f^{-1}(V_i): i \in I\}$ is a $\#arg$ -open cover of X and hence there exists a countable subset I_0 of I such that $X = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(V_i): i \in I_0\}$. Therefore, we have $Y = \bigcup \{V_i: i \in I_0\}$ and Y is strongly S -Lindelof.

Definition: 3.20. The graph $G(f)$ of a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be contra $\#arg$ -graph if for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$, there exist a $\#arg$ -open set A in X containing x and a closed set B in Y containing y such that $(A \times B) \cap G(f) = \phi$.

Proposition: 3.21. The following properties are equivalent for the graph $G(f)$ of a function f :

- (i) $G(f)$ is contra $\#arg$ -graph;
- (ii) for each $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$, there exists a $\#arg$ -open set A in X and a closed set B in Y containing y such that $f(A) \cap B = \phi$.

Theorem: 3.22. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra $\#arg$ -continuous and Y is Uryshon, $G(f)$ is contra $\#arg$ -graph in $X \times Y$.

Proof: Let $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) \setminus G(f)$. It follows that $f(x) \neq y$. Since Y is Urysohn, there exists open sets B and C such that $f(x) \in B$, $y \in C$ and $\text{cl}(B) \cap \text{cl}(C) = \phi$. Since f is contra $\#arg$ -continuous, there exists a $\#arg$ -open set A in X containing x such that $f(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(B)$. Therefore, $f(A) \cap \text{cl}(C) = \phi$ and $G(f)$ is contra $\#arg$ -graph in $X \times Y$.

Theorem: 3.23. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$ the graph function of f , defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for every $x \in X$. If g is contra $\#arg$ -continuous, then f is contra $\#arg$ -continuous.

Proof: Let U be an open set in Y , then $X \times U$ is an open set in $X \times Y$. It follows that $f^{-1}(U) = g^{-1}(X \times U) \in \#arg\text{GO}(X)$. Thus f is contra $\#arg$ -continuous.

Theorem: 3.24. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: X \rightarrow Y$ are contra $\#arg$ -continuous and Y is Urysohn, then $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$ is $\#arg$ -closed in X .

Proof: Let $x \in X \setminus E$. Then $f(x) \neq g(x)$. Since Y is Urysohn, there exist open sets V and C such that $f(x) \in V$, $g(x) \in C$ and $\text{cl}(V) \cap \text{cl}(C) = \phi$. Since f and g are contra $\#arg$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(\text{cl}(V)) \in \#arg\text{GO}(X)$ and $g^{-1}(\text{cl}(C)) \in \#arg\text{GO}(X)$. Let $U = f^{-1}(\text{cl}(V))$ and $G = g^{-1}(\text{cl}(C))$. Then U and V contain x . Set $A = U \cap G$. A is $\#arg$ -open in X . Hence $f(A) \cap g(A) = \phi$ and $x \notin \#arg\text{-cl}(E)$. Thus E is $\#arg$ -closed in X .

Definition: 3.25. A subset A of a topological space X is said to be $\#arg$ -dense in X if $\#arg\text{-cl}(A) = X$.

Theorem 3.26. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: X \rightarrow Y$ be functions. If

- (i) Y is Urysohn,
- (ii) f and g are contra $\#arg$ -continuous.
- (iii) $f = g$ on $\#arg$ -dense set $A \subset X$, then $f = g$ on X .

Proof: Since f and g are contra $\#arg$ -continuous and Y is Urysohn, by the previous theorem $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$ is $\#arg$ -closed in X . We have $f = g$ on $\#arg$ -dense set $A \subset X$. Since $A \subset E$ and A is $\#arg$ -dense set in X , then $X = \#arg\text{-cl}(A) \subset \#arg\text{-cl}(E) = E$. Hence, $f = g$ on X .

Definition: 3.27. A space X is said to be weakly Hausdorff [9] if each element of X is an intersection of regular closed sets.

Theorem: 3.28. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra $\#arg$ -continuous injection and Y is weakly Hausdorff, then X is $\#arg\text{-}T_1$.

Proof: Suppose that Y is weakly Hausdorff. For any distinct points x and y in X , there exists regular closed sets A, B in Y such that $f(x) \in A$, $f(y) \notin A$, $f(x) \notin B$ and $f(y) \in B$. Since

f is contra $\#arg$ - continuous, $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are $\#arg$ -open subsets of X such that $x \in f^{-1}(A)$, $y \notin f^{-1}(A)$, $x \notin f^{-1}(B)$, $y \in f^{-1}(B)$. This shows that X is $\#arg-T_1$.

Theorem: 3.29. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ have a contra $\#arg$ -graph. If f is injective, then X is $\#arg-T_1$.

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

Theorem: 3.30. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a contra $\#arg$ -continuous injection. If Y is an ultra Hausdorff space, then X is $\#arg-T_2$.

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

Theorem: 3.31. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra $\#arg$ -continuous closed injection and Y is ultra normal, then X is $\#arg$ -normal.

Proof: Let A and B be disjoint closed subsets of X . Since f is a closed injection, $f(A)$ and $f(B)$ are disjoint and closed in Y . Since Y is ultra normal, $f(A)$ and $f(B)$ are separated by disjoint clopen sets C and D , respectively. Thus $A \subseteq f^{-1}(C)$, $B \subseteq f^{-1}(D) \in \#argRGO(X)$ and $f^{-1}(C) \cap f^{-1}(D) = \emptyset$. Hence, X is $\#arg$ -normal.

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

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