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# Some Properties of Contra gb-continuous Functions

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#### Abstract

We introduce some properties of functions called contra gb-continuous function which is a generalization of contra b-continuous functions [3]. Some characterizations and several properties concerning contra gb- continuous functions are obtained.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1996, Donthev [16] introduced the notion of contra continuous functions. In 2007, Caldas, Jafari, Noiri and Simoes [10] introduced a new class of functions called generalized contra continuous (contra g-continuous) functions. They defined a function  $f: X \to Y$  to be contra g- continuous if preimage every open subset of Y is g-closed in X. New types of contra generalized continuity such as contra  $\alpha g$ -continuity [23] and contra gs-continuity [17] have been introduced and investigated. Recently, Nasef [30] introduced and studied so-called contra g-continuous functions. After that in 2009, Omari and

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Noorani [4] have studied further properties of contra b-continuous functions. The purpose of the present paper is to introduce some propeties of notion of contra generalized b-continuity (contra gb - continuity) via the concept of gb-open sets in [3] and investigate some of the fundamental properties of contra gb-continuous functions. It turns out that contra gb-continuity is stronger than contra  $g\beta$ -continuity and weaker than both contra gp-continuity and contra gs-continuity [17].

#### 2 Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, the space X and Y (or  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$ ) stand for topological spaces with no separation axioms assumed unless otherwise stated. Let A be a subset of a space X. The closure and interior of A are denoted by cl(A) and int(A), respectively.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset A of a space X is said to be:

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(a) regular open [33] if A = int(cl(A))
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- (b)  $\alpha$ -open [31] if  $A \subset int(cl(int(A)))$
- (c) semi-open [24] if  $A \subset cl(int(A))$
- (d) pre-open [28] or nearly open [19] if  $A \subset int(cl(A))$
- (e)  $\beta$ -open [1] or semi-preopen [6] if  $A \subset cl(int(cl(A)))$
- (f) b-open [7] or sp-open [18] or  $\gamma$ -open [19] if  $A \subset cl(int(A)) \cup int(cl(A))$ .

The family of all semi-open (resp. preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open,  $\gamma$ -open) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  will be denoted by  $SO(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $PO(X, \tau)$ ,  $\alpha O(X, \tau)$ ,  $\beta O(X, \tau)$ ,  $\gamma O(X, \tau)$ ). It is shown in [31] that  $\alpha O(X, \tau)$  is a topology denoted by  $\tau^{\alpha}$  and it is stronger than the given topology on X. The complement of a regular-open (resp. semi-open, preopen,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open,  $\gamma$ -open) set is said to be regular closed (resp. semi-closed, preclosed,  $\alpha$ -closed,  $\beta$ -closed,  $\gamma$ -closed). The collection of all closed subsets of X will be denoted by C(X). We set  $C(X,x) = \{V \in C(X) : x \in V\}$  for  $x \in X$ . We define similarly  $\gamma O(X,x)$ .

The complement of b-open set is said to be b-closed [7]. The intersections 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 X contained in A is called b-interior of A and is denoted by bint(A).

**Definition 2.2.** [30] A function  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is called contra b-continuous if the preimage of every open subset of Y is b-closed in X.

**Definition 2.3.** [21] Let X be a space. A subset A of X is called a generalized b-closed set (simply; gb-closed set) if  $bcl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and U is open.

The complement of a generalized b-closed set is called generalized b-open (simply; gb-open). Every b-closed set is gb-closed, but the converse is not true. And the collection of all gb-closed (resp. gb-open) subsets of X is denoted by gbC(X) (resp. gbO(X)).

**Example 2.4.** [5] Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and let  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ , then the family of all b-closed set of X is  $bC(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  but the family of all gb-closed set of X is  $gbC(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  then it is clear that  $\{a, c\}$  is gb-closed but not b-closed in X.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.

- (a) The intersections of a b-open set and a gb-open set is a gb-open set.
- (b) The union of any family of gb-open sets is a gb-open set.

*Proof.* The statements are proved by using the same method as in proving the corresponding results for the class of b—open sets(see [7]).

# 3 Contra gb-continuous functions

In this section, we introduce some properties of continuity called contra gb-continuity which is weaker than both of contra gs-continuity and contra gp-continuity and stronger than contra  $g\beta$ -continuity.

**Definition 3.1.** [3] A function  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is called contra gb-continuous if the preimage of every open subset of Y is gb-closed in X.

**Corollary 3.2.** If a function  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is contra b-continuous, then f is contra gb-continuous.

Proof. Obviuous

Note that the converse of the above is not necessary true as shows by the following example:

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$  is contra gb-continuous but not contra b-continuous, since  $A = \{a, c\} \in \sigma$  but A is not b-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let A be a subset of a space  $(X, \tau)$ .

- (a) The set  $\cap \{U \in \tau : A \subset U\}$  is called the kernel of A [29] and is denoted by ker(A). In [25] the kernel of A is called the  $\Lambda$ -set.
- (b) The set  $\cap \{F \subset X : A \subset F, F \text{ is } gb\text{-}closed\}$  is called the gb-closure of A and is denoted by gbcl(A) [21].
- (c) The set  $\cup \{G \subset X : G \subset A, G \text{ is gb-open}\}\$  is called the gb-interior of A and is denoted by gbint(A) [21].

**Lemma 3.5.** For an  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in gbcl(A)$  if and only if  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every gb-open set U containing x.

Proof. (Necessity) Suppose there exists a gb-open set U containing x such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ . Since  $A \subset X - U$ ,  $gbcl(A) \subset X - U$ . This implies  $x \notin gbcl(A)$ , a contradiction. (Sufficiency) Suppose  $x \notin gbcl(A)$ . Then there exists a gb-closed subset F containing A such that  $x \notin F$ . Then  $x \in X - F$  and X - F is gb-open also  $(X - F) \cap A = \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

**Lemma 3.6.** [22] The following properties hold for subsets A, B of a space X:

- (a)  $x \in ker(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$  for any  $F \in C(X, x)$ .
- (b)  $A \subset ker(A)$  and A = ker(A) if A is open in X.
- (c) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $ker(A) \subset ker(B)$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** For a function  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$ , the following continuous are equivalent: (a) f is contra gb-continuous;

- (b) For every closed subsets F of Y,  $f^{-1}(F) \in qbO(X,x)$ ;
- (c) For each  $x \in X$  and each  $F \in C(Y, f(x))$ , there exists  $U \in gbO(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ ;
- (d)  $f(gbcl(A)) \subset ker(f(A))$  for every subset A of X;
- (e)  $gbcl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(ker(B))$  for every subset B of Y.

*Proof.* The implications  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$  and  $(b) \Rightarrow (c)$  are obvious.

- $(c) \Rightarrow (b)$ : Let F be any closed set of Y and  $x \in f^{-1}(F)$ . Then  $f(x) \in F$  and there exists  $U_x \in gbO(X,x)$  such that  $f(U_x) \subset F$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup \{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(F)\}$  which is gb-open in X.
- $(b) \Rightarrow (d)$ : Let A be any subset of X. Suppose that  $y \notin ker(f(A))$ . Then by Lemma 3.6 there exists  $F \in C(Y,y)$  such that  $f(A) \cap F = \emptyset$ . Thus, we have  $A \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$  and  $gbcl(A) \cap f^{-1}(F) = \emptyset$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(gbcl(A)) \cap F = \emptyset$  and  $y \notin f(gbcl(A))$ . This implies that  $f(gbcl(A)) \subset ker(f(A))$ .
- $(d) \Rightarrow (e)$ : Let B be any subset of Y. By (d) and Lemma 3.6, we have  $f(gbcl(f^{-1}(B))) \subset ker(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subset ker(B)$  and  $gbcl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(ker(B))$ .
- $(e) \Rightarrow (a)$ : Let V be any open set of Y. Then, by Lemma 3.6, we have  $gbcl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(ker(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$  and  $gbcl(f^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$ . This shows that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gb-closed in X.

**Definition 3.8.** [4] A function  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is called gb-continuous if the preimage of every open subset of Y is gb-open in X.

**Remark 3.9.** The following two examples will show that the concept of gb-continuity and contra qb-continuity are independent from each other.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  be the Sierpinski space with the topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau)$  be defined by: f(a) = b and f(b) = a. It can be easily observed that f is contra gb-continuous. But f is not gb-continuous, since  $\{a\}$  is open and its preimage  $\{b\}$  is not gb-open.

**Example 3.11.** The identity function on the real line with the usual topology is continuous [23, Example 2] and hence gb-continuous. The inverse image of (0,1) is not gb-closed and the function is not contra gb-continuous.

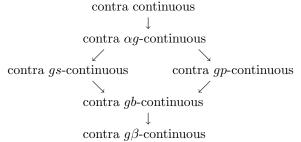
#### **Definition 3.12.** A subset A of a space $(X, \tau)$ is called

- (a) a generalized semiclosed set (briefly gs-closed) [8] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open;
- (b) an  $\alpha$ -generalized closed set (briefly  $\alpha g$ -closed) [25] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open;

- (c) a generalized pre-closed set (briefly gp-closed) [26] if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open;
- (d) a generalized  $\beta$ -closed set (briefly  $g\beta$ -closed) [12] if  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open.

**Definition 3.13.** A function  $f:(X,\tau)\to (Y,\sigma)$  is called contra  $\alpha g$ -continuous [23] (resp. contra gs-continuous [17], contra gp-continuous, contra  $g\beta$ -continuous) if the preimage of every open subset of Y is  $\alpha g$ -closed (resp. gs-closed, gp-closed,  $g\beta$ -closed) in X.

We obtain the following diagram by using Definition  $2.1,\,2.3,\,3.1,\,3.12$  and 3.13.



However, the converses are not true in general as shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.14.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$  is contra  $\alpha g$ -continuous but not contra continuous.

**Example 3.15.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  with the indiscrete topology  $\tau$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (X, \sigma)$  is contra gb-continuous but not contra gs-continuous, since  $A = \{a\} \in \sigma$  but A is not gs-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.16.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Define a function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (X, \tau)$  as follows: f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = d and f(d) = c. Then f is contra gs-continuous. However, f is not contra gg-continuous, since  $\{c, d\}$  is a closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $f^{-1}(\{c, d\}) = \{c, d\}$  is not gg-open.

**Example 3.17.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$  be the Sierpinski space with the topology  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by: f(a) = 1 and f(b) = f(c) = 2. Then f is contra gb-continuous but not contra gp-continuous.

**Theorem 3.18.** If a function  $f: X \to Y$  is contra gb-continuous and Y is regular, then f is gb-continuous.

Proof. Let x be an arbitrary point of X and V be an open set of Y containing f(x). Since Y is regular, there exists an open set G in Y containing f(x) such that  $cl(G) \subset V$ . Since f is contra gb-continuous, so by Theorem 3.7 there exists  $U \in gbO(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset cl(G)$ . Then  $f(U) \subset cl(G) \subset V$ . Hence, f is gb-continuous.

**Definition 3.19.** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

- (a) gb-space if every gb-open set of X is open in X,
- (b) locally gb-indiscrete if every gb-open set of X is closed in X.

The following two results follow immediately from Definition 3.19.

**Theorem 3.20.** If a function  $f: X \to Y$  is contra gb-continuous and X is gb-space, then f is contra continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in O(Y)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gb-closed in X. Since X is gb-space,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in X. Thus, f is contra continuous.

**Theorem 3.21.** Let X be locally gb-indiscrete. If a function  $f: X \to Y$  is contra gb-continuous, then it is continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in O(Y)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gb-closed in X. Since X is locally gb-indiscrete space,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in X. Thus, f is continuous.

Recall that for a function  $f: X \to Y$ , the subset  $\{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\} \subset X \times Y$  is called the graph of f and is denoted by  $G_f$ .

**Definition 3.22.** The graph  $G_f$  of a function  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be contra gb-closed if for each  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$  there exists  $U \in gbO(X,x)$  and  $V \in C(Y,y)$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G_f = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.23.** The graph  $G_f$  of a function  $f: X \to Y$  is contra gb-closed in  $X \times Y$  if and only if for each  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$  there exist  $U \in gbO(X,x)$  and  $V \in C(Y,y)$  such that  $f(U) \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.24.** If a function  $f: X \to Y$  is contra gb-continuous and Y is Urysohn, then  $G_f$  is contra gb-closed in the product space  $X \times Y$ .

Proof. Let  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$ . Then  $y \neq f(x)$  and there exist open sets  $H_1, H_2$  such that  $f(x) \in H_1$ ,  $y \in H_2$  and  $cl(H_1) \cap cl(H_2) = \emptyset$ . From hypothesis, there exists  $V \in gbO(X,x)$  such that  $f(V) \subset cl(H_1)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(V) \cap cl(H_2) = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $G_f$  is contra gb-closed.

**Theorem 3.25.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is gb-continuous and Y is  $T_1$ , then  $G_f$  is contra gb-closed in  $X \times Y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x,y) \in (X \times Y) - G_f$ . Then  $y \neq f(x)$  and there exist open set V of Y such that  $f(x) \in V$  and  $y \notin V$ . Since f is gb-continuous, there exists  $U \in gbO(X,x)$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(U) \cap (Y - V) = \emptyset$  and  $(Y - V) \in C(Y,y)$ . This shows that  $G_f$  is contra gb-closed in  $X \times Y$ .

**Definition 3.26.** [16] A space X is said to be strongly S-closed if every closed cover of X has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 3.27.** If  $(X, \tau_{gb})$  is a topological space and  $f: X \to Y$  has a contra gb-closed graph, then the inverse image of a strongly S-closed set A of Y is gb-closed in X.

Proof. Assume that A is a strongly S-closed set of Y and  $x \notin f^{-1}(A)$ . For each  $a \in A$ ,  $(x,a) \notin G_f$ . By Lemma 3.23 there exist  $U_a \in gbO(X,x)$  and  $V_a \in C(Y,a)$  such that  $f(U_a) \cap V_a = \emptyset$ . Then  $\{A \cap V_a : a \in A\}$  is a closed cover of the subspace A, since A is strongly S-closed, then there exists a finite subset  $A_0 \subset A$  such that  $A \subset \bigcup \{V_a : a \in A_0\}$ . Set  $U = \bigcap \{U_a : a \in A_0\}$ , but  $(X, \tau_{gb})$  is a topological space, then  $U \in gbO(X,x)$  and  $f(U) \cap A \subset f(U_a) \cap [\bigcup \{V_a : a \in A_0\}] = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $U \cap f^{-1}(A) = \emptyset$  and hence  $x \notin gbcl(f^{-1}(A))$ . This show that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is gb-closed.

**Theorem 3.28.** Let Y be a strongly S-closed space. If  $(X, \tau_{gb})$  is a topological space and  $f: X \to Y$  has a contra gb-closed graph, then f is contra gb-continuous.

Proof. Suppose that Y is strongly S-closed and  $G_f$  is contra gb-closed. First we show that an open set of Y is strongly S-closed. Let U be an open set of Y and  $\{V_i : i \in I\}$  be a cover of U by closed sets  $V_i$  of U. For each  $i \in I$ , there exists a closed set  $K_i$  of X such that  $V_i = K_i \cap U$ . Then the family  $\{K_i : i \in I\} \cup (Y - U)$  is a closed cover of Y. Since Y is strongly S-closed, there exists a finite subset  $I_0 \subset I$  such that  $Y = \bigcup \{K_i : i \in I_0\} \cup (Y - U)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $U = \bigcup \{V_i : i \in I_0\}$ . This shows that U is strongly S-closed. By Theorem 3.27,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is gb-closed in X for every open U in Y. Therefore, f is contra gb-continuous.

**Theorem 3.29.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a function and  $g: X \to X \times Y$  the graph function of f, defined by g(x) = (x, f(x)) for every  $x \in X$ . If g is contra gb-continuous, then f is contra gb-continuous.

*Proof.* Let U be an open set in Y, then  $X \times U$  is an open set in  $X \times Y$ . Since g is contra gb-continuous. It follows that  $f^{-1}(U) = g^{-1}(X \times U)$  is an gb-closed in X. Thus, f is contra gb-continuous.

**Theorem 3.30.**  $f: X \to Y$  is contra gb-continuous,  $g: X \to Y$  contra continuous, and Y is Urysohn, then  $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$  is gb-closed in X.

Proof. Let  $x \in X - E$ . Then  $f(x) \neq g(x)$ . Since Y is Urysohn, there exists open sets V and W such that  $f(x) \in V$ ,  $g(x) \in W$  and  $cl(V) \cap cl(W) = \emptyset$ . Since f is contra gb-continuous, then  $f^{-1}(cl(V))$  is gb-open in X and g is contra continuous, then  $g^{-1}(cl(W))$  is open in X. Let  $U = f^{-1}(cl(V))$  and  $G = g^{-1}(cl(W))$ . Then U and G contain x. Set  $A = U \cap G$  is gb-open in X. And  $f(A) \cap g(A) \subset f(U) \cap g(G) \subset cl(V) \cap cl(W) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $f(A) \cap g(A) = \emptyset$  and  $A \cap E = \emptyset$  where A is gb-open therefore  $x \notin gbcl(E)$ . Thus E is gb-closed in X.

**Theorem 3.31.** Let  $\{X_i : i \in I\}$  be any family of topological spaces. If  $f : X \to \Pi X_i$  is a contra gb-continuous function. Then  $P_i \circ f : X \to X_i$  is contra gb-continuous for each  $i \in I$ , where  $P_i$  is the projection of  $\Pi X_i$  onto  $X_i$ .

*Proof.* We shall consider a fixed  $i \in I$ . Suppose  $U_i$  is an arbitrary open set in  $X_i$ . Then  $P_i^{-1}(U_i)$  is open in  $\Pi X_i$ . Since f is contra gb-continuous,  $f^{-1}(P_i^{-1}(U_i)) = (P_i o f)^{-1}(U_i)$  is gb-closed in X. Therefore  $P_i o f$  is contra gb-continuous.

**Theorem 3.32.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is a contra gb-continuous function and  $g: Y \to Z$  is a continuous function, then  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is contra gb-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V \in O(Y)$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is open in Y. Since f is contra gb-continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = (gof)^{-1}(V)$  is gb-closed in X. Therefore,  $gof: X \to Z$  is contra gb-continuous.

**Definition 3.33.** A function  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be:

- (a) [21] gb-irresolute if the preimage of a gb-open subset of Y is a gb-open subset of X, (b) pre-qb-open if image of every qb-open subset of X is qb-open.
- **Theorem 3.34.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be surjective gb-irresolute and pre-gb-open and  $g: Y \to Z$  be any function. Then  $gof: X \to Z$  is contra gb-continuous if and only if g is contra gb-continuous.

*Proof.* The "if" part is easy to prove. To prove the "only if" part, let  $gof: X \to Z$  be contra gb-continuous and let F be a closed subset of Z. Then  $(gof)^{-1}(F)$  is a gb-open subset of X. That is  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is gb-open. Since f is pre-gb-open  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)))$  is a gb-open subset of Y. So,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is gb-open in Y. Hence g is contra gb-continuous.  $\square$ 

# 4 Applications

**Definition 4.1.** A topological space X is said to be:

- (a) gb-normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint gb-open sets,
- (b) ultranormal [32] if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets.

**Theorem 4.2.** If  $f: X \to Y$  is a contra gb-continuous, closed injection and Y is ultranormal, then X is gb-normal.

Proof. Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be disjoint closed subsets of X. Since f is closed and injective,  $f(F_1)$  and  $f(F_2)$  are disjoint closed subsets of Y. Since Y is ultranormal  $f(F_1)$  and  $f(F_2)$  are separated by disjoint clopen sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , respectively. Hence  $F_1 \subset f^{-1}(V_1)$ ,  $F_2 \subset f^{-1}(V_2) \in gbO(X)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \emptyset$ . Thus X is gb-normal.

**Definition 4.3.** [9] A topological space X is said to be gb-connected if X is not the union of two disjoint non-empty gb-open subsets of X.

**Theorem 4.4.** A contra gb-continuous image of a gb-connected space is connected.

*Proof.* Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a contra gb-continuous function of a gb-connected space X onto a topological space Y. If possible, let Y be disconnected. Let A and B form a disconnectedness of Y. Then A and B are clopen and  $Y = A \cup B$  where  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Since f is contra gb-continuous,  $X = f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(A \cup B) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$  where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are non-empty gb-open sets in X. Also,  $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$ . Hence X is non-gb-connected which is a contradiction. Therefore Y is connected.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let X be gb-connected and Y be  $T_1$ .  $f: X \to Y$  is a contra gb-continuous, then f is constant.

*Proof.* Since Y is  $T_1$  space,  $v = \{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$  is disjoint gb-open partition of X. If  $|v| \geq 2$ , then X is the union of two non-empty gb-open sets. Since X is gb-connected, |v| = 1. Therefore, f is constant.

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