

# $g^*b$ -Homeomorphisms and Contra $g^*b$ -continuous Maps in Topological Spaces

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we first introduce a new class of closed maps called  $g^*b$ -closed map and  $gb$ -closed map. Also, we introduce a new class of homeomorphisms called  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism,  $gb$ -homeomorphism and we investigate a new generalization of contra-continuity called contra-  $g^*b$ -continuity.

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## 1. Introduction

Malghan[8] introduced the concept of generalized closed maps in topological spaces. Biswas[1], Mashour[9], Sundaram[13], Crossley and Hildebrand [2], and Devi[3] have introduced and studied semi-open maps,  $\alpha$ -open maps, and generalized open maps respectively.

Several topologists have generalized homeomorphisms in topological spaces. Biswas[1], Crossley and Hildebrand[2], Sundaram[13] have introduced and studied semi-homeomorphism and some what homeomorphism and generalized homeomorphism and  $gc$ -homeomorphism respectively.

The notion of contra-continuity was introduced and investigated by Donchev[4]. Donchev and Noiri[5], S.Jafari and T.Noiri[7,6] have introduced and investigated contra-semi-continuous functions, contra-pre-continuous functions and contra- $\alpha$ -continuous functions between topological spaces.

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$ (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) represents the non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axiom are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  represents the closure of  $A$  and interior of  $A$  respectively.

## 2. Preliminaries

We recall the following definitions.

**Definition 2.1[12]:** A subset  $A$  of a

topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized  $b$ -closed set (briefly  $gb$ -closed) if  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$

**Definition 2.2[14]:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $g^*b$ -closed set if  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$ -open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3[12]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $gb$ -continuous if the inverse image of every closed set in  $Y$  is  $gb$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4[15]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $g^*b$ -continuous if the inverse image of every closed set in  $Y$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5[4]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called contra-continuous if the inverse image of every open set in  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.6[7]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called contra-pre-continuous if the inverse image of every open set in  $Y$  is preclosed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7[5]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called contra-semi-continuous if the inverse image of every open set in  $Y$  is semi-closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.8[6]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called contra- $\alpha$ -continuous if the inverse image of every open set in  $Y$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.9[10]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called contra- $b$ -continuous if the inverse image of every open set in  $Y$  is  $b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.10[11]:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called almost-contra continuous if the inverse image of every regular open set in  $Y$  is open in  $X$ .

## 3. $g^*b$ -Closed Maps

In this section we introduce the concept of  $g^*b$ -

closed map,  $g^*b$ -open map and  $gb$ -closed map in topological spaces.

**Definition 3.1:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $g^*b$ -closed map if for each closed set  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $f(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.2:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $g^*b$ -open map if for each open set  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $f(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.3:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $gb$ -closed map if for each closed set  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $f(F)$  is  $gb$ -closed set in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** Every closed map is a  $g^*b$ -closed map.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an closed map. Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $X$ . Then  $f(F)$  is an closed set in  $Y$ . Since every closed set is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $f(F)$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed set. Therefore  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed map.

**Remark 3.5:** The converse of the theorem 3.4 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.6:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -closed but not closed, since the image of the closed set  $\{b, c\}$  in  $X$  is  $\{b, c\}$  which is not closed in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.7:** Every  $g^*b$ -closed map is a  $gb$ -closed map.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $g^*b$ -closed map. Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $X$ . Then  $f(F)$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Since every  $g^*b$ -closed set is  $gb$ -closed,  $f(F)$  is a  $gb$ -closed set. Therefore  $f$  is a  $gb$ -closed map.

**Remark 3.8:** The converse of the theorem 3.7 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.9:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is  $gb$ -closed but not  $g^*b$ -closed, since the image of the closed

set  $\{a, b\}$  in  $X$  is  $\{a, b\}$  which is not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is closed and  $h : Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $g^*b$ -closed, then  $h \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $g^*b$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be any closed set in  $X$ . Since  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f(V)$  is closed in  $Y$  and since  $h : Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $g^*b$ -closed,

$h(f(V))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Z$ . Therefore  $h \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $g^*b$ -closed map.

**Remark 3.11:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g^*b$ -closed and

$h : Y \rightarrow Z$  is closed, then their composition need not be a  $g^*b$ -closed map as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.12:** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\eta = \{Z, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = a$  and a map  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is defined by  $g(a) = b$ ,  $g(b) = a$  and  $g(c) = c$ . Then  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed map and  $g$  is a closed map. But their composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is not a  $g^*b$ -closed map, since for the closed set  $\{b, c\}$  in  $X$ ,  $g \circ f(\{b, c\}) = \{a, b\}$  which is not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Z$ .

**Theorem 3.13:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g^*b$ -closed if and only if for each subset  $S$  of  $Y$  and for each open set  $U$  containing  $f^{-1}(S)$  there is a  $g^*b$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $S \subseteq V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -closed. Let  $S$  be a subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  is an open set of  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(S) \subseteq U$ . Then

$V = Y - f(X - U)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set containing  $S$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ .

Conversely suppose that  $F$  is a closed set in  $X$ .

Then  $f^{-1}(Y - f(F)) = X - F$  and  $X_F$  is open. By hypothesis, there is a  $g^*b$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $Y_f(F) \subseteq Y$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X - F$ . Therefore  $F \subseteq X - f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $Y - V \subseteq f(F) \subseteq f(X - f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq Y - V$ , which implies  $f(F) = Y - V$ . Since  $Y - V$  is  $g^*b$ -closed,

$f(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed and therefore  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -closed map.

**Theorem 3.14:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g$ -closed,  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $g^*b$ -closed and  $Y$  is  $T_{1/2}$ -space then their composition

$g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $g^*b$ -closed map.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a closed set of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -closed,  $f(A)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is  $T_{1/2}$ -space,  $f(A)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $g$  is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $g(f(A))$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Z$  and  $g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $g^*b$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.15:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g^*b$ -closed and

$A = f^{-1}(B)$  for some closed set  $B$  of  $Y$ , then

$f_A: A \rightarrow Y$  is  $g^*b$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $A$ . Then there is a closed set  $H$  in  $X$  such that  $F = A \cap H$ . Then  $f_A(F) = f(A \cap H) = f(H) \cap B$ . Since  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $f(H)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Y$ . So  $f(H) \cap B$  is  $g^*b$ -closed, since the intersection of a  $g^*b$ -closed set and a closed set is a  $g^*b$ -closed set. Hence  $f_A$  is  $g^*b$ -closed.

**Remark 3.16:** If  $B$  is not closed in  $Y$  then the theorem 3.15

may not hold as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.17:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies

$\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ .

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Take  $B = \{a\}$  is not closed in  $A$ . Then  $A = f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(\{a\}) =$

$\{a\}$  and  $\{a\}$  is closed in  $A$ . But  $f_A(\{a\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Y$ . Therefore  $\{a\}$  is also not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $B$ .

**Remark 3.18:** The Composition of two  $g^*b$ -closed maps need not be  $g^*b$ -closed map in general and this is shown by the following example.

**Example 3.19:** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $\eta = \{Z, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Define  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $g^*b$ -closed maps, but their composition  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is not  $g^*b$ -closed map, because  $F = \{b\}$  is closed in  $X$ , but  $g \circ f(F) =$

$g \circ f(\{b\}) = g(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  which is not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Z$ .

#### 4. $g^*b$ -Homeomorphisms

**Definition 4.1:** A bijection  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism if  $f$  is both  $g^*b$ -continuous and  $g^*b$ -closed.

**Definition 4.2:** A bijection  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $gb$ -homeomorphism if  $f$  is both  $gb$ -continuous and  $gb$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.3:** Every homeomorphism is a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism.

**Proof:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a homeomorphism. Then  $f$  is continuous and closed. Since every continuous function is  $g^*b$ -continuous and every closed map is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -continuous and  $g^*b$ -closed. Hence  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism.

**Remark 4.4:** The converse of the theorem 4.3 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.5:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism but not a

homeomorphism, since the inverse image of  $\{b, c\}$  in  $Y$  is not closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.6:** Every  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism is a  $gb$ -homeomorphism.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism. Then  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -continuous and  $g^*b$ -closed. Since every  $g^*b$ -continuous function is  $gb$ -continuous and every  $g^*b$ -closed map is  $gb$ -closed,  $f$  is  $gb$ -continuous and  $gb$ -closed. Hence  $f$  is a  $gb$ -homeomorphism.

**Remark 4.7:** The converse of the theorem 4.6 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.8:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is  $gb$ -homeomorphism but not a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism, since the inverse image of  $\{a, c\}$  in  $Y$  is not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.9:** For any bijection  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  the following statements are equivalent.

- (a) Its inverse map  $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$  is  $g^*b$ -continuous.
- (b)  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -open map.
- (c)  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed map.

**Proof:** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

Let  $G$  be any open set in  $X$ . Since  $f^{-1}$  is  $g^*b$ -continuous, the inverse image of  $G$  under  $f^{-1}$ , namely  $f(G)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in  $Y$  and so  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -open map.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $X$ . Then  $F^c$  open in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -open,  $f(F^c)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in  $Y$ . But

$f(F^c) = Y - f(F)$  and so  $f(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Y$ . Therefore  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed map.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $X$ . Then the inverse image of  $F$  under  $f^{-1}$ , namely  $f(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Y$  since  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed map. Therefore  $f^{-1}$  is  $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.10:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective and  $g^*b$ -continuous map. Then, the following statements are equivalent.

- (a)  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -open map
- (b)  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism.
- (c)  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed map.

**Proof:** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

Given  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective,  $g^*b$ -continuous and  $g^*b$ -open. Then by definition,  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

Given  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -open and bijective. By theorem 4.9,  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed map.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

Given  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -closed and bijective. By theorem 4.9,  $f$  is a  $g^*b$ -open map.

**Remark 4.11:** The following example shows that the composition of two  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism is not a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism.

**Example 4.12:** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies

$\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\eta = \{Z, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be the identity maps. Then both  $f$  and  $g$  are  $g^*b$ -homeomorphisms but their composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is not a  $g^*b$ -homeomorphism, since  $F = \{a, c\}$  is closed in  $X$ , but  $g \circ f(F) = g \circ f(\{a, c\})$

$= \{a, c\}$  which is not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $Z$ .

## 5. Contra- $g^*b$ -Continuous Maps

In this section we introduce the concept of contra- $g^*b$ -continuous map, almost contra- $g^*b$ -continuous map and locally  $g^*b$ -indiscrete space in topological spaces.

**Definition 5.1:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called contra- $g^*b$ -continuous if the inverse image of every open

set in  $Y$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 5.2:** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called Almost contra- $g^*b$ -continuous if the inverse image of every regular open set in  $Y$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 5.3:** A space  $X$  is said to be locally

$g^*b$ -indiscrete if every  $g^*b$ -open set of  $X$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.4:** Every contra-continuous function is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be contra-continuous. Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $X$ . Since every closed set is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Example 5.5:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{a\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Here the image of the open set is  $g^*b$ -closed and hence  $f$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous. But  $f$  is not contra-continuous since  $f^{-1}\{a\} = \{a\}$  is not closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.6:** Every contra- $b$ -continuous function is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be contra- $b$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}$

$(V)$  is  $b$ -closed in  $X$ . Since every  $b$ -closed set is  $g^*b$ -closed,

$f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Example 5.7:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau =$

$\{X, \varphi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Let us define  $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$ . Here the image of the open set is  $g^*b$ -closed and hence  $f$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous. But  $f$  is not contra- $b$ -continuous since  $f^{-1}\{a, c\} = \{a, b\}$  is not  $b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.8:** Every contra-pre-continuous function is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be contra-pre-continuous. Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Then the inverse image

$f^{-1}(V)$  is pre-closed in  $X$ . Since every pre-closed set is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is

contra- $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Example 5.9:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Here the image of the open set is  $g^*b$ -closed and hence  $f$  is contra- $g^*b$  continuous. But  $f$  is not contra-pre-continuous since  $f^{-1}\{a, b\} = \{a, b\}$  is not pre-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.10:** Every contra-semi-continuous function is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be contra-semi-continuous. Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-closed in  $X$ . Since every semi-closed set is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Example 5.11:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Here the

image of the open set is  $g^*b$ -closed and hence  $f$  is contra-  $g^*b$ - continuous. But  $f$  is not contra-semi-continuous since

$f^{-1} \{a, c\} = \{a, c\}$  is not semi-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.12:** Every contra- $\alpha$ -continuous function is contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be contra- $\alpha$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Then the inverse image  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ . Since every  $\alpha$ -closed set is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Example 5.13:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let us define  $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$ . Here the image of the open set is  $g^*b$ -closed and hence  $f$  is contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous. But  $f$  is not contra- $\alpha$ -continuous since  $f^{-1} \{b, c\} = \{a, c\}$  is not  $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.14:** Every contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous function is almost contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof:** The Proof follows as every regular open set is open.

**Example 5.15:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Let us define  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c$ . Here the image of the regular open set is  $g^*b$ -closed and hence  $f$  is almost contra- $g^*b$ -continuous. But  $f$  is not contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous since  $f^{-1} \{a, b\} = \{a, b\}$  is not  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.16:** If a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$ . The following statements are equivalent.

(a)  $f$  is almost contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous.

(b) For every regular closed set  $F$  of  $Y, f^{-1}(F)$

is  $g^*b$ -open in  $X$ .

**Proof:** (a)  
 $\Rightarrow$  (b)

Let  $F$  be a regular closed set in  $Y$ , then  $Y - F$  is a regular open set in  $Y$ . By (a),  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$

is  $g^*b$ -closed set in  $X$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in  $X$ . Therefore (b) holds. (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

Let  $G$  be a regular open set of  $Y$ . Then  $Y - G$  is a regular closed set in  $Y$ . By (b),  $f^{-1}(Y - G)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in  $X$ . This implies  $X - f^{-1}(G)$  is  $g^*b$ -open set in  $X$ , which implies  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in  $X$ . Therefore (a) holds.

**Remark 5.17:** The composition of two contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous map need not be contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous.

Let us prove the remark by the following example.

**Example 5.18:** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$  with topologies  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}, \sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\eta = \{Z, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Let  $g : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map defined by  $g(a) = a, g(b) = b$  and  $g(c) = c$ . Let  $f : (Z, \eta) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be a map defined by  $f(a) = c,$

$f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Both  $f$  and  $g$  are contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous.

Define  $g \circ f : (Z, \eta) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ . Here  $\{a, c\}$  is a open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Therefore  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, b\}$  is not a  $g^*b$ -closed set of  $(Z, \eta)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is not contra-  $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.19:** If a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g^*b$ -irresolute map and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $g^*b$ -continuous map, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is contra  $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be an open set in  $Z$ . Then  $g^{-1}(F)$  is

$g^*b$ -closed in  $Y$ , because  $g$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous. Since  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.19:** If a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g^*b$ -irresolute map with  $Y$  as locally  $g^*b$ -indiscrete space and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous map, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -open in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is locally  $g^*b$ -indiscrete,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Hence  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $g^*b$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(F)$  is  $g^*b$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is contra- $g^*b$ -continuous.

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