

Contra gp^* - Continuous Functions

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Abstract: In this paper, the authors introduce a new class of functions called contra gp^* -continuous function in topological spaces. Some characterizations and several properties concerning contra gp^* -continuous functions are obtained. Mathematics Subject Classification: 54 C 05, 54 C 08, 54 C10.

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I. Introduction

In 1970, Dontchev introduced the notions of contra continuous function. A new class of function called contra b -continuous function introduced by Nasef. In 2009, A.A.Omari and M.S.M.Noorani have studied further properties of contra b -continuous functions. In this paper, we introduce the concept of contra gp^* -continuous function via the notion of gp^* -open set and study some of the applications of this function. We also introduce and study two new spaces called gp^* -Hausdorff spaces, gp^* -normal spaces and obtain some new results.

Throughout this paper (X, τ) and (Y, σ) represent the non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. Let $A \subseteq X$, the closure of A and interior of A will be denoted by $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ respectively, union of all gp^* -open sets X contained in A is called gp^* -interior of A and it is denoted by gp^* -int(A), the intersection of all gp^* -closed sets of X containing A is called gp^* -closure of A and it is denoted by gp^* -cl(A).

II. Preliminaries.

Definition 2.1[8]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a pre-open set if $A \subseteq Int(cl(A))$.

Definition 2.2 [16]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a generalized closed set (briefly g -closed) if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .

Definition 2.3 [10]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a generalized pre- closed set (briefly gp - closed) if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .

Definition 2.4 [7]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a generalized pre-closed set (briefly pg -closed) if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is pre-open in X .

Definition 2.5 [14]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a generalized pre- closed set (briefly g^* - closed) if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g -open in X .

Definition 2.6 [18]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a generalized pre- closed set (briefly g^*p -closed) if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g -open in X .

Definition 2.7 [15]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a generalized pre- closed set (briefly strongly g - closed) if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g -open in X .

Definition 2.9 [17]: Let A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called a generalized pre- closed set (briefly $g\#$ closed) if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is α g -open in X .

Definition 2.10 [4]: A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , is called gp^* -closed set if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is gp open in X .

Definition 2.2. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

- (i) a contra continuous [1] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (ii) a contra g^* -continuous [14] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^* -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iii) a contra pg -continuous [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is pg -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (iv) a contra g^*p -continuous [18] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^*p -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (v) a contra strongly g -continuous [15] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is strongly g -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .
- (vi) a contra $g\#$ -continuous [17] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g\#$ -closed in (X, τ) for every open set V of (Y, σ) .

III. Contra gp*Continuous Functions

In this section, we introduce contra gp*-continuous functions and investigate some of their properties.

Definition 3.1. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called contra gp*-continuous if $f^{-1}(V)$ is gp*-closed in (X, τ) for every open set V in (Y, σ) .

Example.3.2. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varnothing, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varnothing, \{a, b\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$. Clearly f is contra gp*-continuous.

Definition 3.3. [11] Let A be a subset of a space (X, τ) .

(i) The set $\bigcap \{F \subset X: A \subset F, F \text{ is gp*-closed}\}$ is called the gp*-closure of A and it is denoted by $gp^*-cl(A)$.

(ii) The set $\bigcup \{G \subset X: G \subset A, G \text{ is gp*-open}\}$ is called the gp*-interior of A and it is denoted by $gp^*-int(A)$.

Lemma 3.4. For $x \in X, x \in gp^*-cl(A)$ if and only if $U \cap A \neq \varnothing$ for every gp*-open set U containing x .

Proof.

Necessary part: Suppose there exists a gp*-open set U containing x such that $U \cap A = \varnothing$. Since $A \subset X - U$, $gp^*-cl(A) \subset X - U$. This implies $x \notin gp^*-cl(A)$. This is a contradiction.

Sufficiency part: Suppose that $x \notin gp^*-cl(A)$. Then \exists a gp*-closed subset F containing A such that $x \notin F$. Then $x \in X - F$ is gp*-open, $(X - F) \cap A = \varnothing$. This is contradiction.

Lemma 3.5. The following properties hold for subsets A, B of a space X :

(i) $x \in \ker(A)$ if and only if $A \cap F \neq \varnothing$ for any $F \in \mathcal{C}(X, x)$.

(ii) $A \subset \ker(A)$ and $A = \ker(A)$ if A is open in X .

(iii) If $A \subset B$, then $\ker(A) \subset \ker(B)$.

Theorem 3.6. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map. The following conditions are equivalent:

(i) f is contra gp*-continuous,

(ii) The inverse image of each closed in (Y, σ) is gp*-open in (X, τ) ,

(iii) For each $x \in X$ and each $F \in \mathcal{C}(Y, f(x))$, there exists $U \in gp^*-O(X)$, such that

$$f(U) \subset F,$$

(iv) $f(gp^*-cl(X)) \subset \ker(f(A))$, for every subset A of X ,

(v) $gp^*(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(B))$, for every subset B of Y .

Proof: (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) and (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) are obvious.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii): Let F be any closed set of Y and $x \in f^{-1}(F)$. Then $f(x) \in F$ and there exists $U_x \in gp^*-O(X, x)$ such that $f(U_x) \subset F$. Hence we obtain $f^{-1}(F) = \bigcup \{U_x / x \in f^{-1}(F)\} \in gp^*-O(X, x)$. Thus the inverse of each closed set in (Y, σ) is gp*-open in (X, τ) .

(ii) \Rightarrow (iv). Let A be any subset of X . Suppose that $y \notin \ker(f(A))$. By lemma there exists $F \in \mathcal{C}(Y, y)$ such that $f(A) \cap F = \varnothing$. Then, we have $A \cap f^{-1}(F) = \varnothing$ and $gp^*-cl(A) \cap f^{-1}(F) = \varnothing$. Therefore, we obtain $f(gp^*-cl(A)) \cap F = \varnothing$ and $y \notin f(gp^*-cl(A))$. Hence we have $f(gp^*-cl(X)) \subset \ker(f(A))$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (v): Let B be any subset of Y . By (iv) and Lemma, We have $f(gp^*-cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subset (\ker(f(f^{-1}(B)))) \subset \ker(B)$ and $gp^*-cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(B))$.

(v) \Rightarrow (i): Let V be any open set of Y . By lemma We have $gp^*-cl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(\ker(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$ and $gp^*-cl(f^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$. It follows that $f^{-1}(V)$ is gp*-closed in X . We have f is contra gp*-continuous.

Definition 3.7. A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called gp*-continuous if the pre image of every open set of Y is gp*-open in X .

Remark 3.8: The following two examples will show that the concept of gp*-continuity and contra gp*-continuity are independent from each other.

Example 3.9. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varnothing, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varnothing, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c$. Clearly f is contra gp*-continuous but f is not gp*-continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$ is not gp*-open in (X, τ) where $\{b, c\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

Example 3.10. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{a, c\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$. Clearly f is gp^* -continuous but f is not contra gp^* -continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not contra gp^* -closed in (X, τ) where $\{a, c\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

Theorem 3.11. If a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is contra gp^* -continuous and (Y, σ) is regular then f is gp^* -continuous.

Proof: Let x be an arbitrary point of (X, τ) and V be an open set of (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$. Since (Y, σ) is regular, there exists an open set W of (Y, σ) containing $f(x)$ such that $cl(W) \subset V$. Since f is contra gp^* -continuous, by theorem

There exists $U \in gp^*-O(X, x)$ such that $f(U) \subset cl(W)$. Then $f(U) \subset cl(W) \subset V$. Hence f is gp^* -continuous.

Theorem 3.12. Every contra g^* -continuous function is contra gp^* -continuous function.

Proof: Let V be an open set in (Y, σ) . Since f is contra g^* -continuous function, $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^* -closed in (X, τ) . Every g^* -closed set is gp^* -closed. Hence $f^{-1}(V)$ is gp^* -closed in (X, τ) . Thus f is contra gp^* -continuous function.

Remark 3.13. The converse of theorem need not be true as shown in the following example.

Example 3.14. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$. Clearly f is contra gp^* -continuous but f is not contra g^* -continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not g^* -closed in (X, τ) where $\{b, c\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

Theorem 3.15.

- (i) Every contra pg -continuous function is contra gp^* -continuous function.
- (ii) Every contra g^*p -continuous function is contra gp^* -continuous function.
- (iii) Every contra strongly g -continuous function is contra gp^* -continuous function.
- (iv) Every contra $g\#$ -continuous function is contra gp^* -continuous function.

Remark 3.16. Converse of the above statements is not true as shown in the following example.

Example 3.17.

(i) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = c, f(b) = a, f(c) = b$. Clearly f is contra gp^* -continuous but f is not contra pg -continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not pg -closed in (X, τ) where $\{b, c\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

(ii). Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{a, b\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$. Clearly f is contra gp^* -continuous but f is not contra g^*p -continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not g^*p -closed in (X, τ) where $\{a, b\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

(iii) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{a\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = c, f(b) = b, f(c) = a$. Clearly f is contra gp^* -continuous but f is not contra strongly g -continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{c\}$ is not strongly g -closed in (X, τ) where $\{a\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

(iv) Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{a\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$. Clearly f is contra gp^* -continuous but f is not contra $g\#$ -continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{c\}$ is not $g\#$ -closed in (X, τ) where $\{a\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

Remark 3.18 The concept of contra gp^* -continuous and contra gp -continuous are independent as shown in the following examples.

Example 3.19. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varnothing, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varnothing, \{b, c\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = a, f(c) = c$. Clearly f is contra gp*-continuous but f is not contra gp-continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{b, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not gp-closed in (X, τ) where $\{b, c\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

Example 3.20 Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \varnothing, \{c\}\}$ and $\sigma = \{Y, \varnothing, \{a, b\}\}$. Define a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ by $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = a$. Clearly f is contra gp-continuous but f is not contra gp*-continuous. Because $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, c\}$ is not gp*-closed in (X, τ) where $\{a, b\}$ is open in (Y, σ) .

Definition 3.21. A space (X, τ) is said to be (i) gp*-space if every gp*-open set of X is open in X , (ii) locally gp*-indiscrete if every gp*-open set of X is closed in X .

Theorem 3.22. If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra gp*-continuous and X is gp*-space then f is contra continuous.

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

Theorem 3.23. Let X be locally gp*-indiscrete. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra gp*-continuous, then it is continuous.

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

Definition 3.24. 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 .

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

Theorem 3.26. If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is contra gp*-continuous and Y is Urysohn, then G_f is contra gp*-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 $cl(H_1) \cap cl(H_2) = \varnothing$. From hypothesis, there exists $V \in gp^*-O(X, x)$ such that $f(V) \subset cl(H_1)$. Therefore, we have $f(V) \cap cl(H_2) = \varnothing$. This shows that G_f is contra gp*-closed in the product space $X \times Y$.

Theorem 3.27. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is gp*-continuous and Y is T_1 , then G_f is contra gp*-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 gp*-continuous, there exists $U \in (gp^*-O(X, x))$ such that $f(U) \subset V$. Therefore, we have $f(U) \cap (Y - V) = \varnothing$ and $(Y - V) \in (gp^*-C(Y, y))$. This shows that G_f is contra gp*-closed in $X \times Y$.

Theorem 3.28. 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 gp*-continuous, then f is contra gp*-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 gp*-continuous. It follows that $f^{-1}(U) = g^{-1}(X \times U)$ is an gp*-closed in X . Hence f is gp*-continuous.

Theorem 3.29. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra gp*-continuous function and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ is a continuous function, then $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is contra gp*-continuous.

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

Theorem 3.30. Let $p: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ be a projection. If A is gp*-closed subset of X , then $p^{-1}(A) = A \times Y$ is gp*-closed subset of $X \times Y$.

Proof: Let $A \times Y \subset U$ and U be a regular open set of $X \times Y$. Then $U = X \times Y$ for some regular open set of X . Since A is gp*-closed in X , $\text{bcl}(A) = A$ and so $\text{bcl}(A) \times Y \subset V \times Y = U$. Therefore $\text{bcl}(A \times Y) \subset U$. Hence $A \times Y$ is gp*-closed sub set of $X \times Y$.

IV. Applications.

Definition 4.1. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be gp*-Hausdorff space if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X there exists $U \in \text{gp}^*\text{-O}(X, x)$ and $V \in \text{gp}^*\text{-O}(X, y)$ such that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Example 4.2. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Let x and y be two distinct points of X , there exists an gp*-open neighbourhood of x and y respectively such that $\{x\} \cap \{y\} = \emptyset$. Hence (X, τ) is gp*-Hausdorff space.

Theorem 4.3. If X is a topological space and for each pair of distinct points x_1 and x_2 in X , there exists a function f of X into Uryshon topological space Y such that $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ and f is contra gp*-continuous at x_1 and x_2 , then X is gp*-Hausdorff space.

Proof: Let x_1 and x_2 be any distinct points in X . By hypothesis, there is a Uryshon space Y and a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ and f is contra gp*-continuous at x_1 and x_2 . Let $y_i = f(x_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$ then $y_1 \neq y_2$. Since Y is Uryshon, there exists open sets U_{y_1} and U_{y_2} containing y_1 and y_2 respectively in Y such that $\text{cl}(U_{y_1}) \cap \text{cl}(U_{y_2}) = \emptyset$. Since f is contra gp*-continuous at x_1 and x_2 , there exists gp*-open sets V_{x_1} and V_{x_2} containing x_1 and x_2 respectively in X such that $f(V_{x_i}) \subset \text{cl}(U_{y_i})$ for $i = 1, 2$. Hence we have $(V_{x_1}) \cap (V_{x_2}) = \emptyset$. Therefore X is gp*-Hausdorff space.

Corollary 4.4. If f is contra gp*-continuous injection of a topological space X into a Uryshon space Y then X is gp*-Hausdorff.

Proof: Let x_1 and x_2 be any distinct points in X . By hypothesis, f is contra gp*-continuous function of X into a Uryshon space Y such that $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$, because f is injective. Hence by theorem, X is gp*-Hausdorff.

Definition 4.5. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be gp*-normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets in (X, τ) can be separated by disjoint gp*-open sets in (X, τ) .

Definition 4.6. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be ultra normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets in (X, τ) can be separated by disjoint clopen sets in (X, τ) .

Theorem 4.7. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra gp*-continuous function, closed, injection and Y is Ultra normal, then X is gp*-normal.

Proof: Let U and V be disjoint closed subsets of X . Since f is closed and injective, $f(U)$ and $f(V)$ are disjoint subsets of Y . Since Y is ultra normal, there exists disjoint closed sets A and B such that $f(U) \subset A$ and $f(V) \subset B$. Hence $U \subset f^{-1}(A)$ and $V \subset f^{-1}(B)$. Since f is contra gp*-continuous and injective, $f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are disjoint gp*-open sets in X . Hence X is gp*-normal.

Definition 4.8. [13] A topological space X is said to be gp*-connected if X is not the union of two disjoint non-empty gp*-open sets of X .

Theorem 4.9. A contra gp*-continuous image of a gp*-connected space is connected.

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

Theorem 4.10. Let X be gp*-connected and Y be T_1 . If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra gp*-continuous, then f is constant.

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

Theorem 4.11. If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a contra gp^* -continuous function from gp^* -connected space X onto space Y , then Y is not a discrete space.

Proof: Suppose that Y is discrete. Let A be a proper non-empty open and closed subset of Y . Then $f^{-1}(A)$ is a proper non-empty gp^* -clopen subset of X , which is a contradiction to the fact X is gp^* -connected.

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