

# On Contra D-Continuous Functions and Strongly D-Closed Spaces

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**Abstract:** In [8], Dontchev introduced and investigated a new notion of continuity called contra-continuity. Recently, Jafari and Noiri ([12], [13], [14]) introduced new generalization of contra-continuity called contra-super-continuity, contra- $\alpha$ -continuity and contra-pre-continuity. It is the objective of this paper to introduce and study a new class of contra-continuous functions via

## I. Introduction

Jafari and Noiri introduced and investigated the notions of contra-pre-continuity [14], contra- $\alpha$ -continuity [13] and contra-super-continuity [12] as a continuation of research done by Dontchev [8], and Dontchev and Noiri [10] on the interesting notions of contra-continuity and contra-semi-continuity, respectively. Caldas and Jafari [7] introduced the notion of contra- $\beta$ -continuous functions in topological spaces. The aim of this paper is to introduce and investigate a new class of functions called contra-D-continuous functions.

## II. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  will always denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. When  $A$  is a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{cl}(A)$  and  $\text{int}(A)$  denote the closure and the interior of  $A$ , respectively. We recall some known definitions needed in this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  of the space  $X$  is said to be

1. Preopen [17] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$  and preclosed if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
2. Semi open [15] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$  and semi closed if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
3. Regular open [26] if  $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$  and regular closed if  $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is said to be

1. g-closed [15] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
  2.  $\omega$ -closed [28] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi open in  $X$ .
  3. D-closed [1] if  $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$ -open in  $X$ .
- The complements of above mentioned sets are called their respective open sets.

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

1. g-continuous [5] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is g-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
2.  $\omega$ -continuous [23] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\omega$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
3. Perfectly continuous [4] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
4. D-continuous [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
5. D-irresolute [2] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every D-closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
6. Strongly D-continuous [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every D-closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
7. Pre-D-continuous [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every pre-closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
8. Perfectly D-continuous [2] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is clopen in  $(X, \tau)$  for every D-closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
9. Super continuous [21] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
10. Contra-continuous [8] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
11. Contra pre-continuous [14] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is preclosed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
12. Contra g-continuous [6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is g-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
13. Contra semi-continuous [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semiclosed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
14. RC-continuous [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
15. D-open if  $f(V)$  is D-open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every D-open set  $V$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

1. A  $T_{1/2}$  space [21] if every g-closed set is closed.

2. A  $T_{\omega}$  space [23] if every  $\omega$ -closed set is closed.
3. A  $D-T_s$  space [3] if every D-closed set is closed.
4. A  $D-T_{1/2}$  space [3] if every D-closed set is preclosed.

**Theorem 2.5 [1]** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.

1. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is regular open if and only if  $A$  is open and D-closed.
2. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is open and regular closed then  $A$  is D-closed.

**Theorem 2.6 [2]** Every closed set in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is D-closed.

### III. Contra-D-Continuous Functions

**Definition 3.1**

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

**Example 3.2**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-continuous function, since for the closed (resp. open) set  $V = \{a\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a\}$  is D-open (resp. D-closed) in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 3.3**

Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . The set  $\bigcap \{U \in \tau / A \subset U\}$  is called the kernel of  $A$  [19] and is denoted by  $\text{Ker}(A)$ .

**Lemma 3.4 [12]**

The following properties hold for subsets  $A, B$  of a space  $X$  :

1.  $x \in \text{Ker}(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$  for any  $F \in C(X, x)$ .
2.  $A \subset \text{Ker}(A)$  and  $A = \text{Ker}(A)$  if  $A$  is open in  $X$ .
3. If  $A \subset B$  then  $\text{Ker}(A) \subset \text{Ker}(B)$

**Theorem 3.5**

Every contra-continuous function is a contra-D-continuous function.

**Proof**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. Let  $V$  be an open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is contra-continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by theorem 2.6,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $f$  is a contra-D-continuous function.

**Remark 3.6**

Converse of this theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.7**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is contra-D-continuous but not contra-continuous, since for the open (resp. closed) set  $U = \{b, c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) = \{a, b\}$  is D-closed (resp. D-open) but it is not closed.

**Remark 3.8**

Contra-D-continuous and contra-g-continuous (resp. contra-continuous, contra-D-continuous, contra-pre-continuous, contra semi-continuous) are independent concepts.

**Example 3.9**

As in remarks 3.23, 3.15, 3.13 and 3.18 [1], the result follows.

**Remark 3.10**

The composition of two contra D-continuous functions need not be contra D-continuous and this is shown by the following example.

**Example 3.11**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y = Z$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, Y\}$  and  $\eta = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Z\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ;  $f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Then  $f$  is contra-D-continuous, since for the closed set  $V = \{a\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) = \{a\}$  is D-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Define  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  by  $g(x) = x$ . Then  $g$  is contra-D-continuous, since for the

closed set  $V = \{b\}$  in  $(Z, \eta)$ ,  $g^{-1}(V) = \{b\}$  is D-open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . But their composition is not a contra-D-continuous, since for the closed set  $V = \{b\}$  in  $(Z, \eta)$ ,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b, c\}$  is not a D-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.12**

The following are equivalent for a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma) : \text{Assume that } DO(X) \text{ (resp. } DC(X)) \text{ is closed under any union (resp. intersection)}$

1.  $f$  is contra-D-continuous
2. The inverse image of a closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  is D-open
3. For each  $x \in X$  and each  $V \in C(Y, f(x))$ , there exists  $U \in DO(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .
4.  $f(D\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .
5.  $D\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Ker}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

**Proof**

The implications  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ ,  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  are obvious.

$(3) \Rightarrow (2)$

Let  $V$  be any closed set of  $Y$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(x) \in V$  and there exists  $U_x \in DO(X, x)$  such that  $f(U_x) \subset V$ . Hence we obtain  $f^{-1}(V) = \cup \{U_x / x \in f^{-1}(V)\}$  and by assumption  $f^{-1}(V)$  is D-open.

$(2) \Rightarrow (4)$

Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $y \notin \text{Ker}(f(A))$ . Then by Lemma 3.4, there exists  $V \in C(X, x)$  such that  $f(A) \cap V = \emptyset$ . Thus we have  $A \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$  and  $D\text{-cl}(A) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ . Hence we obtain  $f(D\text{-cl}(A)) \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $y \notin f(D\text{-cl}(A))$ . Thus  $f(D\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{Ker}(f(A))$ .

$(4) \Rightarrow (5)$

Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . By (4) and Lemma 3.4, we have  $f(D\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \text{Ker}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subset \text{ker}(B)$  and  $D\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Ker}(B))$ .

$(5) \Rightarrow (1)$

Let  $U$  be any open set of  $Y$ . Then by lemma 3.4, we have  $D\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(U)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Ker}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$  and  $D\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.13**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is D-irresolute (resp. contra-D-continuous) and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  in contra-D-continuous (resp. continuous) then their composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is contra-D-continuous (resp. continuous) then  $g^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed (resp. open) in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and since  $f$  is D-irresolute (resp. contra D-continuous) then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.14**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-continuous and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is continuous then their composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is continuous,  $g^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is contra-continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by theorem 2.6,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.15**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-continuous and super-continuous and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-continuous then their composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is contra-continuous,  $g^{-1}(U)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and since  $f$  is contra-continuous and super-continuous then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$  is both open and regular closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by theorem 2.5(2),  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.16**

Let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  be any topological spaces and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be  $T_{1/2}$  space (resp.  $T_{\omega}$ -space). Then the composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  of contra-D-continuous function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and the  $g$ -continuous (resp.  $\omega$ -continuous) function  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $V$  be any closed set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is  $g$ -continuous (resp.  $\omega$ -continuous),  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $g$ -closed (resp.  $\omega$ -closed) in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $T_{1/2}$  space (resp.  $T\omega$ -space), hence  $g^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is D-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.17**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a surjective D-open function and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is a function such that  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous then  $g$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $V$  be any closed subset of  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is contra-D-continuous then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is D-open in  $(X, \tau)$  and since  $f$  is surjective and D-open, then  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))) = g^{-1}(V)$  is D-open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Hence  $g$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.18**

Let  $\{X_i / i \in I\}$  be any family of topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow \prod X_i$  is a contra-D-Continuous function. Then  $\pi_i \circ f : X \rightarrow X_i$  is contra-D-continuous for each  $i \in I$ , where  $\pi_i$  is the projection of  $\prod X_i$  onto  $X_i$ .

**Proof**

It follows from theorem 3.13 and the fact that the projection is continuous.

**Theorem 3.19**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is strongly D-continuous and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is contra-D-continuous, then  $g^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is strongly D-continuous, then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is contra-continuous.

**Theorem 3.20**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is pre-D-continuous and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-pre-continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is contra-pre-continuous, then  $g^{-1}(U)$  is pre-closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and since  $f$  is pre-D-continuous, then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.21**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is strongly-D-continuous and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is contra-D-continuous, then  $g^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and since  $f$  is strongly-D-continuous, then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = (g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . By theorem 2.6,  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.22**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be surjective D-irresolute and D-open and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any function. Then  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is contra-D-continuous if and only if  $g$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

The ‘if’ part is easy to prove. To prove the ‘only if’ part, let  $V$  be any closed set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is contra-D-continuous, then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is D-open in  $(X, \tau)$  and since  $f$  is D-open surjection, then  $f((g \circ f)^{-1}(V)) = g^{-1}(V)$  is D-open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Hence  $g$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.23**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a contra-D-continuous function and  $H$  an open D-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Assume that  $DC(X, \tau)$  (the class of all D-closed sets of  $(X, \tau)$ ) is D-closed under finite intersections. Then the restriction  $f_H : (H, \tau_H) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By hypothesis and assumption,  $f^{-1}(U) \cap H = H_1$  (say) is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(f_H)^{-1}(U) = H_1$ , it is sufficient to show that  $H_1$  is D-closed in  $H$ . By hypothesis 4.22 [3],  $H_1$  is D-closed in  $H$ . Thus  $f_H$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.24**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function and  $g : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  the graph function given by  $g(x) = (x, f(x))$  for every  $x \in X$ . Then  $f$  is contra-D-continuous if  $g$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $V$  be a closed subset of  $Y$ . Then  $X \times V$  is a closed subset of  $X \times Y$ . Since  $g$  is contra-D-continuous, then  $g^{-1}(X \times V)$  is a D-open subset of  $X$ . Also  $g^{-1}(X \times V) = f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.25**

If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-continuous and  $Y$  is regular, then  $f$  is D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point of  $X$  and  $N$  be an open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $Y$  is regular, there exists an open set  $U$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $\text{cl}(U) \subseteq N$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous, by theorem 3.12, there exists  $W \in \text{DO}(X, x)$  such that  $f(W) \subseteq \text{cl}(U)$ . Then  $f(W) \subseteq N$ . Hence by theorem 4.13 [3],  $f$  is D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.26**

Every continuous and RC-continuous function is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. Let  $U$  be an open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous and RC-continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open and regular closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by theorem 2.5(1),  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Theorem 3.27**

Every continuous and contra-D-continuous (resp. contra-continuous and D-continuous) function is a super-continuous (resp. RC-continuous) function.

**Proof**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. Let  $U$  be an open (resp. closed) set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous and contra-D-continuous (resp. contra-continuous and D-continuous),  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open and D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by theorem 2.5(1),  $f^{-1}(U)$  is regular open in  $(X, \tau)$ . This shows that  $f$  is a super-continuous (resp. RC-continuous) function.

**Theorem 3.28**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function and  $X$  a  $D-T_s$  space. Then the following are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.
2.  $f$  is contra-continuous

**Proof**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).

Let  $U$  be an open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and since  $X$  is  $D-T_s$  space,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is contra-continuous.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

Let  $U$  be an open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is contra-continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by theorem 2.6,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.

### IV. Contra-D-closed and strongly D-closed

**Definition 4.1**

The graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be contra-D-closed in  $X \times Y$  if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$  there exist  $U \in \text{DO}(X, x)$  and  $V \in C(Y, y)$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \phi$ .

**Lemma 4.2**

The graph  $G(f)$  of a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-closed if and only if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exists  $U \in \text{DO}(X, x)$  and  $V \in C(Y, y)$  such that  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ .

**Theorem 4.3**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-continuous and  $Y$  is Urysohn then  $G(f)$  is contra-D-closed in  $X \times Y$ .

**Proof**

Let  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Then  $y \neq f(x)$  and there exist open sets  $V, W$  such that  $f(x) \in V, y \in W$  and  $\text{cl}(V) \cap \text{cl}(W) = \phi$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous and by theorem 3.12 there exists  $U \in \text{DO}(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Hence  $f(U) \cap \text{cl}(W) = \phi$ . Thus by lemma 4.2,  $G(f)$  is contra D-closed in  $X \times Y$ .

**Definition 4.4.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

1. Strongly S-closed [8] if every closed cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
2. S-closed [29] if every regular closed cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
3. Strongly compact [18] if every preopen cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
4. Locally indiscrete [19] if every open set of  $X$  is closed in  $X$ .
5. Midly Hausdorff [9] if the  $\delta$ -closed sets form a network for its topology  $\tau$ , where a  $\delta$ -closed set is the intersection of regular closed sets.
6. Ultra normal [23] if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets

7. Nearly compact [24] if every regular open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
8. D-compact [3] if every D-open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.
9. D-connected [3] if  $X$  cannot be written as the disjoint union of two non-empty D-open Sets.

**Definition 4.5** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be strongly D-closed if every D-closed cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Example 4.6**

A  $D-T_s$  strongly S-closed space is strongly D-closed.

**Theorem 4.7**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be D-Ts space. If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  has a contra-D-closed graph, then the inverse image of a strongly S-closed set  $K$  of  $Y$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof**

Let  $K$  be a strongly S-closed set of  $Y$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(K)$ . For each  $k \in K$ ,  $(x, k) \notin G(f)$ . By Lemma 4.2, there exist  $U_k \in DO(X, x)$  and  $V_k \in C(Y, k)$  such that  $f(U_k) \cap V_k = \emptyset$ .

Since  $\{K \cap V_k / k \in K\}$  is a closed cover of the subspace  $K$ , there exists a finite subset  $K_0 \subset K$  such that  $K \subset \cup\{V_k / k \in K_0\}$ . Set  $U = \cap \{U_k / k \in K_0\}$ . Then  $U$  is open, since  $X$  is a D-Ts space. Therefore  $f(U) \cap K = \emptyset$  and  $U \cap f^{-1}(K) = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $f^{-1}(K)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.8**

If a space  $(X, \tau)$  is strongly D-closed then the space is strongly S-closed.

**Proof**

This proof follows from the definitions of 4.4 and 4.5 and by theorem 2.6.

**Theorem 4.9**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be D-connected and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a  $T_1$ -space. If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-continuous then  $f$  is constant.

**Proof**

Since  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a  $T_1$  space,  $\wedge = \{f^{-1}(y) / y \in Y\}$  is a disjoint D-open partition of  $X$ .

If  $|\wedge| \geq 2$ , then  $X$  is the union of two non-empty D-open sets. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is D-connected,  $|\wedge| = 1$ . Hence  $f$  is constant.

**Theorem 4.10**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a contra-D-continuous and pre-closed surjection. If  $(X, \tau)$  is a D-Ts, then  $(X, \tau)$  is a locally indiscrete space.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is a D-Ts space,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is a pre-closed surjection, then  $U$  is pre-closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Therefore  $cl(U) = cl(Int(U)) \subset U$ . Hence  $U$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Thus  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a locally indiscrete space.

**Theorem 4.11**

If every closed subset of a space  $X$  is D-open then the following are equivalent.

1.  $X$  is S-closed
2.  $X$  is strongly S-closed

**Proof**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)

Let  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  be a closed cover of  $X$ . Then by hypothesis and by theorem 2.5(1),  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  is a regular closed cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is S-closed, then we have a finite sub cover of  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is strongly S-closed.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)

Let  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  be a regular closed cover of  $X$ . Since every regular closed is closed and  $X$  is strongly S-closed, then we have a finite subcover of  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is S-closed.

**Definition 4.12**

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

1. D-Hausdorff if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  there exist disjoint D-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

2. D-Ultra Hausdorff if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  there exist disjoint D-clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

**Theorem 4.13**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-continuous injection, where  $Y$  is Urysohn then the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a D-Hausdorff.

**Proof :**

Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be two distinct points of  $(X, \tau)$ . Suppose  $y_1 = f(x_1)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2)$ . Since  $f$  is injective and  $x_1 \neq x_2$  then  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since the space  $Y$  is Urysohn, there exist open sets  $V$  and  $W$  such that  $y_1 \in V, y_2 \in W$  and  $\text{cl}(V) \cap \text{cl}(W) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous and by theorem 3.12, there exist D-open sets  $U_{x_1} \in \text{DO}(X, x_1)$  and  $U_{x_2} \in \text{DO}(X, x_2)$  such that  $f(U_{x_1}) \subset \text{cl}(V)$  and  $f(U_{x_2}) \subset \text{cl}(W)$ . Thus we have  $U_{x_1} \cap U_{x_2} = \emptyset$ , since  $\text{cl}(V) \cap \text{cl}(W) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is a D-Hausdorff.

**Theorem 4.14**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a contra-D-continuous injection, where  $Y$  is D-ultra Hausdorff then the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is D-Hausdorff.

**Proof**

Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be two distinct points of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is injective and  $Y$  is D-ultra Hausdorff, then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  and also there exist clopen sets  $U$  and  $W$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x_1) \in U$  and  $f(x_2) \in W$ , where  $U \cap W = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  belong to D-open sets  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(W)$  respectively, where  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(W) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is D-Hausdorff.

**Lemma 4.15 [9]**

Every mildly Hausdorff strongly S-closed space is locally indiscrete.

**Theorem 4.16**

If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is a locally indiscrete space, then  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$  and since  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence by theorem 2.6,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Corollary 4.17**

If a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is continuous and  $(X, \tau)$  is mildly Hausdorff strongly S-closed space then  $f$  is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

It follows from Lemma 4.15 and theorem 4.16.

**Theorem 4.18**

A contra-D-continuous image of a D-connected space is connected.

**Proof**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a contra-D-continuous function of D-connected space onto a topological space  $Y$ . If possible, assume that  $Y$  is not connected. Then  $Y = A \cup B$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are clopen sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-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 D-open sets in  $X$ . Also  $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is not D-connected, which is a contradiction. Therefore  $Y$  is connected.

**Definition 4.19**

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be D-normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint D-open sets.

**Theorem 4.20**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a closed contra-D-continuous injection and  $Y$  is ultra-normal, then  $X$  is D-normal.

**Proof**

Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be non-empty disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is closed and injective, then  $f(V_1)$  and  $f(V_2)$  are non-empty disjoint closed subsets of  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is ultra-normal, then  $f(V_1)$  and  $f(V_2)$  can be separated by disjoint clopen sets  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  respectively. Hence  $V_1 \subset f^{-1}(W_1)$  and  $V_2 \subset f^{-1}(W_2)$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous, then  $f^{-1}(W_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(W_2)$  are D-open subsets of  $X$  and  $f^{-1}(W_1) \cap f^{-1}(W_2) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is D-normal.

**Theorem 4.21**

The image of a strongly D-closed space under a contra-D-continuous surjective function is compact.

**Proof**

Suppose that  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a contra-D-continuous surjection. Let  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  be any open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is contra-D-continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$  is a D-closed cover of

X. Since X is strongly D-closed, then there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of I such that  $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Hence Y is compact.

**Theorem 4.22**

Every strongly D-closed space  $(X, \tau)$  is a compact S-closed space.

**Proof**

Let  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  be a cover of X such that for every  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $V_\alpha$  is open and regular closed due to assumption. Then by theorem 2.5(2), each  $V_\alpha$  is D-closed in X. Since X is strongly D-closed, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of I such that  $X = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is a compact S-closed space.

**Theorem 4.23**

The image of a D-compact space under a contra-D-continuous surjective function is strongly S-closed.

**Proof**

Suppose that  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a contra-D-continuous surjection. Let  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  be any closed cover of Y. Since f is contra-D-continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$  is a D-open cover of X. Since X is D-compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of I such that  $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Hence Y is strongly S-closed.

**Theorem 4.24**

The image of a D-compact space in any D-Ts space under a contra-D-continuous surjective function is strongly D-closed.

**Proof**

Suppose that  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a contra-D-continuous surjection. Let  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  be any D-closed cover of Y. Since Y is D-Ts space, then  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  is a closed cover of Y. Since f is contra-D-continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$  is a D-open cover of X. Since X is D-compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of I such that  $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus we have  $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Hence Y is strongly D-closed.

**Theorem 4.25**

The image of strongly D-closed space under a D-irresolute surjective function is strongly D-closed.

**Proof**

Suppose that  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an D-irresolute surjection. Let  $\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$  be any D-closed cover of Y. Since f is D-irresolute then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I\}$  is a D-closed cover of X. Since X is strongly D-closed, then there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of I such that  $X = \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus, we have  $Y = \cup\{V_\alpha / \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Hence Y is strongly D-closed.

**Lemma 4.26**

The product of two D-open sets is D-open.

**Theorem 4.27**

Let  $f : (X_1, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (X_2, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be two functions where Y is a Urysohn space and f and g are contra-D-continuous function. Then  $\{(x_1, x_2) / f(x_1) = g(x_2)\}$  is D-closed in the product space  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

**Proof**

Let V denote the set  $\{(x_1, x_2) / f(x_1) = g(x_2)\}$ . In order to show that V is D-closed, we show that  $(X_1 \times X_2) - V$  is D-open. Let  $(x_1, x_2) \notin V$ . Then  $f(x_1) \neq g(x_2)$ . Since Y is Urysohn, there exist open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  of  $f(x_1)$  and  $g(x_2)$  such that  $cl(U_1) \cap cl(U_2) = \emptyset$ . Since f and g are contra-D-continuous,  $f^{-1}(cl(U_1))$  and  $g^{-1}(cl(U_2))$  are D-open sets containing  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Hence by Lemma 4.26,  $f^{-1}(cl(U_1)) \times g^{-1}(cl(U_2))$  is D-open. Further  $(x_1, x_2) \in f^{-1}(cl(U_1)) \times g^{-1}(cl(U_2)) \subset ((X_1 \times X_2) - V)$ . It follows that  $(X_1 \times X_2) - V$  is D-open. Thus V is D-closed in the product space  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

**Corollary 4.28**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is contra-D-continuous and Y is a Urysohn space, then  $V = \{(x_1, x_2) / f(x_1) = f(x_2)\}$  is D-closed in the product space  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

**Theorem 4.29**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a continuous function. Then f is RC-continuous if and only if it is contra-D-continuous.

**Proof**

Suppose that f is RC-continuous.

Since every RC-continuous function is contra-continuous, Therefore by Theorem 3.5, f is contra D-continuous.

Conversely,

Let V be any open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since f is continuous and contra-D-continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open and D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . By theorem 2.5(1),  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular open in  $(X, \tau)$ . That is,  $Int(cl(f^{-1}(V))) = f^{-1}(V)$ . Since  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open,  $Int(cl(f^{-1}(V))) = Int(f^{-1}(V))$  and so  $cl(Int(f^{-1}(V))) = f^{-1}(V)$ . Therefore V is regular closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence f is RC-continuous.

**Theorem 4.30**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be perfectly D-continuous function, X be locally indiscrete space and connected. Then Y has an indiscrete topology.

**Proof**

Suppose that there exists a proper open set U of Y. Since Y is locally indiscrete, U is a closed set of Y. Therefore by theorem 2.6, U is a D-closed set of Y. Since f is perfectly D-continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a proper clopen set of X. This shows that X is not connected. Which is a contradiction. Therefore Y has an indiscrete topology.

**Theorem 4.31**

If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a function and  $(X, \tau)$  a D-Ts space, then the following statements are equivalent :

1. f is perfectly continuous.
2. f is continuous and contra-continuous
3. f is continuous and contra-D-continuous.
4. f is super-continuous.

**Proof**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) by theorem 2.6 , it is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) by theorem 3.27, it is clear

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let U be any open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is regular open in  $(X, \tau)$ . By theorem 2.5(1),  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open and D-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is a D-Ts space,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is clopen in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence f is perfectly continuous.

**Theorem 4.32**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a contra-D-continuous function. Let A be an open D-closed subset of X and let B be an open subset of Y. Assume that  $DC(X, \tau)$  (the class of all D-closed sets of  $(X, \tau)$ ) be D-closed under finite intersections. Then, the restriction  $f|_A : (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (B, \sigma_B)$  is a contra-D-continuous function.

**Proof**

Let V be an open set in  $(B, \sigma_B)$ . Then  $V = B \cap K$  for some open set K in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since B is an open set of Y, V is an open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By hypothesis and assumption,  $f^{-1}(V) \cap A = H_1$  (say) is a D-closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(f|_A)^{-1}(V) = H_1$ , it is sufficient to show that  $H_1$  is a D-closed set in  $(A, \tau_A)$ . Let  $G_1$  be  $\omega$ -open in  $(A, \tau_A)$  such that  $H_1 \subseteq G_1$ . Then by hypothesis and by Lemma 4.21[3],  $G_1$  is  $\omega$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $H_1$  is a D-closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ , we have  $pcl_X(H_1) \subseteq Int(G_1)$ . Since A is open and Lemma 2.10[11],  $pcl_A(H_1) = pcl_X(H_1) \cap A \subseteq Int(G_1) \cap Int(A) = Int(G_1 \cap A) \subseteq Int(G_1)$  and so  $H_1 = (f|_A)^{-1}(V)$  is a D-closed set in  $(A, \tau_A)$ . Hence  $f|_A$  is contra-D-continuous function.

**Theorem 4.33**

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is nearly compact if and only if it is compact and strongly D-closed .

**Proof**

Obvious by theorem 2.5(1).

**Theorem 4.34**

If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete space then compactness and strongly D-closedness are the same.

**Proof**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a compact space. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is a locally indiscrete space, then every open set is closed and by theorem 2.6, compactness and strongly D-compactness are the same in a locally indiscrete topological space.

**Theorem 4.35**

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is S-closed if and only if it is strongly S-closed and D-compact.

**Proof**

It follows from theorem 2.5(1).

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