



## Characterizations of Contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous Functions

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**Abstract.** This paper introduces a new class of functions between bitopological spaces, namely contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. Furthermore, several characterizations and some properties concerning contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions are investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

The field of the mathematical science which goes under the name of topology is concerned with all questions directly or indirectly related to continuity. Viriyapong and Boonpok [1] investigated some characterizations of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous functions by utilizing the notions of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets due to Boonpok and Khampakdee [2]. Dungthaisong et al. [3] introduced and studied the concept of  $g_{(m,n)}$ -continuous functions. Duangphui et al. [4] introduced and investigated the notion of  $(\mu, \mu')^{(m,n)}$ -continuous functions. Moreover, several characterizations of almost  $(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions, strongly  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions, almost strongly  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions,  $\theta(\Lambda, p)$ -continuous functions, weakly  $(\Lambda, b)$ -continuous functions,  $\theta(\star)$ -precontinuous functions,  $(\Lambda, p(\star))$ -continuous functions,  $\star$ -continuous functions,  $\theta$ - $\mathcal{S}$ -continuous functions, almost  $(g, m)$ -continuous functions, pairwise almost  $M$ -continuous functions, faintly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions,  $\delta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions and almost nearly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions were presented in [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15], [16], [17] and [18], respectively. The notions of contra-continuity and strong  $S$ -closedness in topological spaces were introduced by Dontchev [19]. Dontchev [19] obtained very interesting and important results concerning contra-continuity, compactness,  $S$ -closedness and strong  $S$ -closedness. Dontchev and Noiri [20] introduced and studied the concept of  $RC$ -continuity

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between topological spaces which is weaker than contra-continuity. Jafari and Noiri [21] introduced and investigated a new class of functions called contra-super-continuous functions which lies between classes of  $RC$ -continuous functions and contra-continuous functions. Jafari and Noiri [22] introduced a new class of function called contra-precontinuous functions which is weaker than contra-continuous functions and studied several basic properties of contra-precontinuous functions. Furthermore, the present authors [22] defined contra-preclosed graphs and investigated relations between contra-precontinuity and contra-preclosed graphs. Ekici [23] introduced and studied a new class of functions called almost contra-precontinuous functions which generalize classes of regular set-connected functions [24], contra-precontinuous functions [22], contra-continuous functions [19], almost  $s$ -continuous functions [25] and perfectly continuous functions [26]. Al-Omari and Noorani [27] introduced the concept of almost contra  $\omega$ -continuous functions via the notion of  $\omega$ -open sets and investigated several characterizations of contra  $\omega$ -continuous functions and almost contra  $\omega$ -continuous functions. Noiri and Popa [28] introduced the of contra  $m$ -continuous functions as functions from a set satisfying some minimal conditions into a topological space and investigated some characterizations and the relationships between contra  $m$ -continuity and other related generalized forms of continuity. It turns out that the contra  $m$ -continuity is a unified form of several modifications of weak contra-continuity due to Baker [29]. On the other hand, the present authors introduced and studied the notions of  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions [30], almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions [31], weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions [32], quasi  $\theta(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions [33], almost quasi  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions [34], weakly quasi  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions [35], almost weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions [36] and almost contra- $(\Lambda, sp)$ -continuous functions [37]. In this paper, we introduce the concept of contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. We also investigate some characterizations of contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the present paper, spaces  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean bitopological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau_i$  are denoted by  $\tau_i\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_i\text{-Int}(A)$ , respectively, for  $i = 1, 2$ . A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed [38] if  $A = \tau_1\text{-Cl}(\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ . The complement of a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed set is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open. The intersection of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure [38] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ . The union of all  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -interior [38] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)$ .

**Lemma 1.** [38] *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . For the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure, the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(B)$ .

- (3)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-closed}$ .
- (4)  $A$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-closed}$  if and only if  $A = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (5)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - A) = X - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)$ .

A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r\text{-open}$  [39] (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s\text{-open}$  [40],  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p\text{-open}$  [40],  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta\text{-open}$  [40]) if  $A = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)))$ ). The complement of a  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r\text{-open}$  (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s\text{-open}$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p\text{-open}$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta\text{-open}$ ) set is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r\text{-closed}$  (resp.  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)s\text{-closed}$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p\text{-closed}$ ,  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\beta\text{-closed}$ ). A subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-open}$  [41] if  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)))$ . The complement of an  $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-open}$  set is said to be  $\alpha(\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-closed}$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . The set

$$\cap\{G \mid A \subseteq G \text{ and } G \text{ is } \tau_1\tau_2\text{-open}\}$$

is called the  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-kernel}$  [38] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-ker}(A)$ .

**Lemma 2.** [38] For subsets  $A, B$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties hold:

- (1)  $A \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-ker}(A)$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-ker}(A) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-ker}(B)$ .
- (3) If  $A$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-open}$ , then  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-ker}(A) = A$ .
- (4)  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-ker}(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap H \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-closed}$  set  $H$  containing  $x$ .

Let  $A$  be a subset of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . The intersection of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p\text{-closed}$  sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p\text{-closure}$  [42] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-pCl}(A)$ . The union of all  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p\text{-open}$  sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)p\text{-interior}$  [42] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-pInt}(A)$ .

**Lemma 3.** For a subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties hold:

- (1)  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-pCl}(A) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A)) \cup A$  [42];
- (2)  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)\text{-pInt}(A) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \cap A$  [36].

### 3. Characterizations of contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions

In this section, we introduce the concept of contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions. Furthermore, some characterizations of contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous functions are discussed.

**Definition 1.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-closed}$  in  $X$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-open}$  set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 1.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq K$ ;
- (4)  $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ;
- (5)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): The proof is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $x \in X$  and  $K$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By (2),  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$ . Then, we have  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(K))$  and therefore there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ . Thus,  $f(U) \subseteq K$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . Let  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $K$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then by (3), there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq K$ ; hence  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ . Since  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)$ ,  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  and so  $\emptyset \neq f(U \cap A) \subseteq f(U) \cap f(A) \subseteq K \cap f(A)$ . By Lemma 2, we have  $f(x) \in \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(f(A))$  and hence  $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(f(A))$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . By (4) and Lemma 2, we have

$$f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(B)$$

and hence  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(B))$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$ . Then by (5) and Lemma 2, we have  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-ker}(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$  and so  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in  $X$ . This shows that  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

**Definition 2.** [32] A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if  $f$  has this property at each point of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, then  $f$  is weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then,  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$  is a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$ . This shows that  $f$  is weakly  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

**Definition 3.** [31] A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if  $f$  has this property at each point of  $X$ .

**Definition 4.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open if  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U)))$  for every  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open, then  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then,  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$  is a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$ . Since  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open, we have  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(U))) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  and hence  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

Recall that a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -regular [43] if for each  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed set  $F$  and each  $x \notin F$ , there exist disjoint  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$ .

**Lemma 4.** [43] A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -regular if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -open set  $U$  with  $x \in U$ , there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(V) \subseteq U$ .

**Theorem 4.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is almost  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -regular, then  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Then, we have  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -open in  $Y$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is almost  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -regular, by Lemma 4 there exists a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $W$  of  $Y$  such that

$$f(x) \in W \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)).$$

Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed in  $Y$ , by Theorem 1 there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that

$$f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)).$$

Thus,  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

**Lemma 5.** [31] For a function  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ ;

- (2)  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ ;
- (3)  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V))$  for every  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ ;
- (4) for each  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

Recall that a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -extremally disconnected [41] if the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closure of every  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open.

**Lemma 6.** [41] *For a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -extremally disconnected;
- (2) every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -open set of  $X$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed;
- (3) every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)r$ -closed set of  $X$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open.

**Theorem 5.** *If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -extremally disconnected, then  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)r$ -open set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ -extremally disconnected, by Lemma 6 we have  $V$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -clopen. Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Thus by Lemma 5,  $f$  is almost  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

**Definition 5.** [30] *A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous if  $f$  has this property at each point of  $X$ .*

**Lemma 7.** [30] *For a function  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous;
- (2)  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
- (3)  $f(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(f(A))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ;
- (4)  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (5)  $f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Int}(B)) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ;
- (6)  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed in  $X$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition 6.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to satisfy the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -interiority condition if  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  for each  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ .*

**Theorem 6.** *If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and satisfy the  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -interiority condition, then  $f$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(V) &\subseteq f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V))) \\ &= \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)))) \\ &\subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$ . By Lemma 7,  $f$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous.

**Definition 7.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to have a contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed graph if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $y$  such that  $(U \times F) \cap G(f) = \emptyset$ .*

**Lemma 8.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  has a contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed graph if and only if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $F$  of  $Y$  containing  $y$  such that  $f(U) \cap F = \emptyset$ .*

**Definition 8.** [44] *A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Urysohn if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U) \cap \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(V) = \emptyset$ .*

**Theorem 7.** *If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Urysohn, then  $G(f)$  is contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Then,  $y \neq f(x)$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Urysohn, there exist  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open sets  $V$  and  $W$  of  $Y$  containing  $y$  and  $f(x)$ , respectively, such that  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V) \cap \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W)$ . This implies that  $f(U) \cap \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V) = \emptyset$  and by Lemma 8,  $G(f)$  is contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed.

Recall that a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_1$  [45] if for any pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$ ,  $x \notin V$ .

**Theorem 8.** *If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ - $T_1$ , then  $G(f)$  is contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Then,  $y \neq f(x)$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ - $T_1$ , there exists a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in V$  and  $y \notin V$ . Since  $f$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Thus,  $f(U) \cap (Y - V) = \emptyset$  and  $Y - V$  is a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$  containing  $y$ . This shows that  $G(f)$  is contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed.

**Definition 9.** [46] A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

**Theorem 9.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous injection with a contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed graph, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is injective,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Then, we have  $(x, f(y)) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Since  $G(f)$  is contra  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -closed, by Lemma 8 there exist a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(y)$  such that  $f(U) \cap K = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U_0$  of  $X$  containing  $y$  such that  $f(U_0) \subseteq K$ . Thus,  $f(U) \cap f(U_0) = \emptyset$  and hence  $U \cap U_0 = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

**Theorem 10.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. If for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $x'$  in  $X$ , there exists a function  $f$  of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  into a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Urysohn space  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(x')$  and  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at  $x$  and  $x'$ , then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $x'$  be any distinct points of  $X$ . Then by the hypothesis, there exists a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Urysohn space  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  which satisfies the conditions of this theorem. Let  $y = f(x)$  and  $y' = f(x')$ . Then,  $y \neq y'$ . Since  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Urysohn, there exist  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open sets  $V$  and  $W$  of  $Y$  containing  $y$  and  $y'$ , respectively, such that  $\sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V) \cap \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at  $x$  and  $x'$ , by Theorem 1 there exist  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets  $U$  and  $U'$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $x'$ , respectively, such that  $f(U) \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(V)$  and  $f(U') \subseteq \sigma_1\sigma_2\text{-Cl}(W)$ . This implies that  $U \cap U' = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

**Corollary 1.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous injection and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Urysohn, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

*Proof.* For each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $x'$  in  $X$ ,  $f$  is a contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous function of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  into a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Urysohn space  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(x')$  because  $f$  is injective. Thus by Theorem 10,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

**Definition 10.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be ultra- $\tau_1\tau_2$ -Hausdorff if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 11.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous injection and  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is ultra- $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Hausdorff, then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any distinct points in  $X$ . Then, since  $f$  is injective,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Moreover, since  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is ultra- $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -Hausdorff, there exist  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -clopen sets  $V$  and  $W$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$ , respectively, such that  $V \cap W = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 there exist  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets  $U$  and  $G$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ ,



respectively, such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$  and  $f(G) \subseteq W$ . Thus,  $U \cap G = \emptyset$  and hence  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $T_2$ .

Recall that a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -compact [38] if every cover of  $X$  by  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets of  $X$  has a finite subcover. A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be quasi  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $\mathcal{H}$ -closed [47] if every  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open cover  $\{U_\gamma \mid \gamma \in \nabla\}$ , there exists a finite subset  $\nabla_0$  of  $\nabla$  such that  $X = \cup\{\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U_\gamma) \mid \gamma \in \nabla_0\}$ .

**Definition 11.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be strongly  $S$ - $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed if every cover of  $X$  by  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed sets of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 12.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $S$ - $\tau_1\tau_2$ -closed if every  $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ - $s$ -open cover  $\{U_\gamma \mid \gamma \in \nabla\}$ , there exists a finite subset  $\nabla_0$  of  $\nabla$  such that

$$X = \cup\{\tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(U_\gamma) \mid \gamma \in \nabla_0\}.$$

**Theorem 12.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous surjection and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -compact, then  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is strongly  $S$ - $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -compact. Let  $\{V_\gamma \mid \gamma \in \nabla\}$  be any cover of  $Y$  by  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed sets of  $Y$ . For each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $\gamma(x) \in \nabla$  such that  $f(x) \in V_{\gamma(x)}$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous, by Theorem 1 there exists a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U(x)$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U(x)) \subseteq V_{\gamma(x)}$ . The family  $\{U(x) \mid x \in X\}$  is a cover of  $X$  by  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets. Since  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -compact, there exists a finite number of points, say,  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  in  $X$  such that  $X = \cup\{U(x_k) \mid x_k \in X; 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ . Thus,  $Y = f(X) = \cup\{f(U(x_k)) \mid x_k \in X; 1 \leq k \leq n\} \subseteq \cup\{V_{\gamma(x_k)} \mid x_k \in X; 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ . This shows that  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is strongly  $S$ - $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed.

**Corollary 2.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous surjection and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -compact, then  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $S$ - $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed and hence quasi  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ - $\mathcal{H}$ -closed.

Recall that a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -connected [38] if  $X$  cannot be written as the union of two nonempty disjoint  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open sets.

**Theorem 13.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is a contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous surjection and  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -connected, then  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected.

*Proof.* Assume that  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is not  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -connected. Then, there exist  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -open sets  $V$  and  $W$  of  $Y$  such that  $V \cap W = \emptyset$  and  $V \cup W = Y$ . Thus, we have  $f^{-1}(V) \cap f^{-1}(W) = \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \cup f^{-1}(W) = X$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $f^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(W) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous and  $V, W$  are  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -clopen sets, by Theorem 1 we have  $f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(W)$  are  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open in  $X$ . Therefore,  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is not  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -connected.

The  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -frontier [31] of a subset  $A$  of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , denoted by  $\tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(A)$ , is defined by

$$\tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(A) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - A) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(A) - \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(A).$$

**Theorem 14.** *The set of all points  $x \in X$  at which a function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is not contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous is identical with the union of the  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -frontier of the inverse images of  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed sets of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  is not contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ . Then, there exists a  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $f(U) \cap (Y - K) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . Thus,  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(Y - K)) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(X - f^{-1}(K))$ . On the other hand, we have  $x \in f^{-1}(K) \subseteq \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(K))$  and hence  $x \in \tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(K))$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f$  is contra- $(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$ . Let  $K$  be any  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . By Theorem 1,  $x \in f^{-1}(K) = \tau_1\tau_2\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(K))$ . Thus,  $x \notin \tau_1\tau_2\text{-fr}(f^{-1}(K))$  for every  $\sigma_1\sigma_2$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ . This completes the proof.

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