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# On Totally sg-Continuity, Strongly sg-

## **Continuity and Contra sg-Continuity**

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#### Abstract

In this paper, sg-closed sets and sg-open sets are used to define and investigate a new class of functions. Relationships between this new class and other classes of functions are established.

**Keywords**: Topological spaces, sg-closed set, sg-open set, totally sgcontinuity, strongly sg-continuity, contra sg-continuity.

## **1** Introduction

Jain [9], Levine [12] and Dontchev [5] introduced totally continuous functions, strongly continuous functions and contra continuous functions, respectively.

Levine [10] also introduced and studied the concepts of generalized closed sets. The notion has been studied extensively in recent years by many topologists. As generalization of closed sets, sg-closed sets were introduced and studied by Bhattacharya and Lahiri [2]. This notion was further studied by Navalagi [14, 15]. In this paper, we will continue the study of some related functions by using sg-open sets and sg-closed sets. We introduce and characterize the concepts of totally sg-continuous, strongly sg-continuous and contra sg-continuous functions.

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper (X,  $\tau$ ), (Y,  $\sigma$ ) and (Z,  $\eta$ ). (or X, Y and Z) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a space (X,  $\tau$ ), cl(A), int(A) and A<sup>c</sup> denote the closure of A, the interior of A and the complement of A in X, respectively. We set C(X, x) = {V  $\in$  C(X) | x  $\in$  V} for x  $\in$  X, where C(X) denotes the collection of all closed subsets of (X,  $\tau$ ). The set of all clopen subsets of (X,  $\tau$ ) is denoted by CO(X,  $\tau$ ).

We recall the following definitions, which are useful in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1** A subset A of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- (i) semi-open [11] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$ .
- (ii)  $\alpha$ -open [16] if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$ .

The complements of the above mentioned open sets are called their respective closed sets.

The intersection of all semi-closed sets of X containing a subset A is called the semi-closure of A and is denoted by scl(A).

**Definiton 2.2** A subset A of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- (i) a  $\hat{g}$ -closed set [23] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\hat{g}$ -closed set is called  $\hat{g}$ -open.
- (ii) a \*g-closed set [22] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\hat{g}$ -open in (X,  $\tau$ ). The complement of \*g-closed set is called \*g-open.
- (iii)  $a^{\#}g$ -semi-closed(briefly  $^{\#}gs$ -closed) set [24] if scl(A)  $\subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$ and U is  $^{*}g$ -open in (X,  $\tau$ ). The complement of  $^{\#}gs$ -closed set is called  $^{\#}gs$ open.
- (iv) a  $\tilde{g}$ -semi-closed (briefly  $\tilde{g}$  s-closed) set [20] if scl(A)  $\subseteq U$ whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is <sup>#</sup>gs-open in (X,  $\tau$ ). The complement of  $\tilde{g}$  sclosed set is called  $\tilde{g}$  s-open

- (v) a generalized semi-closed (briefly gs-closed) set [1] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of gs-closed set is called gs-open
- (vi) a semi-generalized closed (briefly sg-closed) set [2] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of sgclosed set is called sg-open. The class of all sg-open sets of  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SG(X, \tau)$ .
- (vii) a sg-clopen if it is both sg-open and sg-closed.

We set  $SG(X, x) = \{V \in SG(X, \tau) \mid x \in V\}$  for  $x \in X$ .

#### Remark 2.1

From the Definitions 2.1 and 2.2, we have the following implications.



None of the above implications is reversible as the following example shows

#### Example 2.1

- (i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . The set  $\{b\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed, <sup>#</sup>gs- closed and  $\tilde{g}$  s-closed but not closed.
- (ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The set  $\{a, c\}$  is  $\tilde{g}$  s-closed but not  $\alpha$ -closed.
- (iii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . The set  $\{a, b\}$  is sg-closed, <sup>#</sup>gs-closed but not  $\tilde{g}$  s-closed.
- (iv) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The set  $\{b, c\}$  is sg-closed but not  $\alpha$ -closed.
- (v) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The set  $\{a\}$  is semi-closed but not  $\alpha$ -closed.
- (vi) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The set  $\{b, c\}$  is sg-closed, gs-closed but not semi-closed.
- (vii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . The set  $\{a, b\}$  is gs-closed but not sg-closed.

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

(i) totally continuous [9] if the inverse image of every open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a clopen subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

- (ii) strongly continuous [12] if the inverse image of every subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a clopen subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii) contra-continuous [5] (resp. contra-semi-continuous [6], contra- $\alpha$ continuous [7]) if the inverse image of every open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a closed (resp. semi-closed,  $\alpha$ -closed) subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iv) sg-continuous [21] if the inverse image of every open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a sg-open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.4** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called:

- (i) sg-irresolute [21] if the inverse image of every sg-closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a sg-closed of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii) sg-open [4] if for each open set U of  $(X, \tau)$ , f(U) is sg-open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 2.5 [14]** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . We define the sgclosure of A (briefly sg-cl(A)) to be the intersection of all sg-closed sets containing A.

## **3** Two Classes of Functions via sg-Clopen Sets

We introduce the following definitions:

**Definition 3.1** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be totally semigeneralized-continuous (briefly totally sg-continuous) if the inverse image of every open subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a sg-clopen (i.e. sg-open and sg-closed) subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

It is evident that every totally continuous function is totally sg-continuous. But the converse need not be true as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.1** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{p\}, Y\}$ . Define a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  such that f(a) = p, f(b) = f(c) = q. Then clearly f is totally sg-continuous, but not totally continuous.

**Definition 3.2** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be strongly semigeneralized-continuous (briefly strongly sg-continuous) if the inverse image of every subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a sg-clopen subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

It is clear that strongly sg-continuous function is totally sg-continuous. But the reverse implication is not always true as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\} = Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is totally sg-continuous, but not strongly sg-continuous.

**Theorem 3.1** Every totally sg-continuous function into  $T_1$ -space is strongly sg-continuous.

**Proof.** In a T<sub>1</sub>-space, singletons are closed. Hence  $f^{-1}(A)$  is sg-clopen in  $(X, \tau)$  for every subset A of Y.

**Remark 3.1** It is clear from the Theorem 3.1 that the classes of strongly sgcontinuous functions and totally sg-continuous functions coincide when the range is a  $T_1$ -space.

Recall that a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be sg-connected [3] if X cannot be expressed as the union of two non-empty disjoint sg-open sets.

**Theorem 3.2** If f is a totally sg-continuous function from a sg-connected space X onto any space Y, then Y is an indiscrete space.

**Proof.** Suppose that Y is not indiscrete. Let A be a proper non-empty open subset of Y. Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a proper non-empty sg-clopen subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that X is sg-connected.

**Definition 3.3** A space X is said to be  $sg-T_2$  [21] if for any pair of distinct points x, y of X, there exist disjoint sg-open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

Lemma 3.1 The sg-closure of every sg-open set is sg-open.

**Proof.** Every regular open set is open and every open set is sg-open. Thus, every regular closed set is sg-closed. Now let A be any sg-open set. There exists an open set U such that  $U \subset A \subset cl(U)$ . Hence, we have  $U \subset sg-cl(U) \subset sg-cl(A) \subset sg-cl(cl(U)) = cl(U)$  since cl(U) is regular closed. Therefore, sg-cl(A) is sg-open.

**Theorem 3.3** A space X is  $sg-T_2$  if and only if for any pair of distinct points x, y of X there exist sg-open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$ , and  $y \in V$  and  $sgcl(U) \cap sgcl(V) = \phi$ .

**Proof.** Necessity. Suppose that X is sg-  $T_2$ . Let x and y be distinct points of x. There exist sg-open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \phi$ . Hence  $sgcl(U) \cap sgcl(V) = \phi$  and by Lemma 3.1, sgcl(U) is sg-open. Therefore, we obtain  $sgcl(U) \cap sgcl(V) = \phi$ .

Sufficiency. This is obvious.

**Theorem 3.4** If  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is a totally sg-continuous injection and Y is  $T_0$  then X is sg-T<sub>2</sub>.

**Proof.** Let x and y be any pair of distinct points of X. Then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Since Y is T<sub>0</sub>, there exists an open set U containing say, f(x) but not f(y). Then  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $y \notin f^{-1}(U)$ . Since f is totally sg-continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a sg-clopen subset of X. Also,  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$  and  $y \in X - f^{-1}(U)$ . By Theorem 3.3, it follows that X is sg-T<sub>2</sub>.

**Theorem 3.5** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is sg-connected if and only if every totally sg-continuous function from a space  $(X, \tau)$  into any  $T_0$ -space  $(Y, \sigma)$  is constant.

**Proof.** Suppose that X is not sg-connected and every totally sg-continuous function from  $(X, \tau)$  to  $(Y, \sigma)$  is constant. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is not sg-connected, there exists a proper non-empty sg-clopen subset A of X. Let  $Y = \{a, b\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, Y\}$  be a topology for Y. Let  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a function such that  $f(A) = \{a\}$  and  $f(Y - A) = \{b\}$ . Then f is non-constant and totally sg-continuous such that Y is  $T_0$  which is a contradiction. Hence X must be sg-connected.

Converse is similar.

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a totally sg-continuous function and Y is a  $T_1$ -space. If A is a non-empty sg-connected subset of X, then f(A) is a single point.

**Definition 3.4** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the set of all points y in X such that x and y cannot be separated by a sg-separation of X is said to be the quasi sg-component of X.

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a totally sg-continuous function from a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  into a  $T_1$ -space Y. Then f is constant on each quasi sg-component of X.

**Proof.** Let x and y be two points of X that lie in the same quasi-sg-component of X. Assume that  $f(x) = \alpha \neq \beta = f(y)$ . Since Y is  $T_1$ , { $\alpha$ } is closed in Y and so Y – { $\alpha$ } is an open set. Since f is totally sg-continuous, therefore  $f^1(\{\alpha\})$  and  $f^1(Y-\{\alpha\})$  are disjoint sg-clopen subsets of X. Further,  $x \in f^1(\{\alpha\})$  and  $y \in f^1(Y-\{\alpha\})$ , which is a contradiction in view of the fact that y belongs to the quasi sg-component of x and hence y must belong to every sg-open set containing x.

## 4 Contra-sg-Continuous Functions

**Definition 4.1[17]** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called contra-sg-continuous (briefly csg-continuous) if  $f^{1}(V)$  is sg-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

It is clear that every strongly sg-continuous function is csg-continuous. But the reverse implication is not always true as shown in the following example.

**Example 4.1** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \quad \tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is csg-continuous but it is not strongly sg-continuous. **Definition 4.2** Let A be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . The set  $\cap \{U \in \tau \mid A \subset U\}$  is called the Kernal of A [13] and is denoted by ker(A).

Lemma 4.1 [8] The following properties hold for subsets A, B of a space X:

- (i)  $x \in ker(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap F \neq \phi$  for any  $F \in C(X, x)$ ;
- (*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 4.1** Assume that arbitrary union of sg-open sets is sg-open. The following are equivalent for a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ :

- (*i*) *f* is csg-continuous;
- (ii) for every closed subset F of Y,  $f^{1}(F) \in SG(X, \tau)$ ;
- (iii) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $F \in C(Y, f(x))$ , there exists  $U \in SG(X, \tau)$  such that  $f(U) \subset F$ ;
- (iv)  $f(sgcl(A)) \subset ker(f(A))$  for every subset A of X;
- (v)  $sgcl(f^{1}(B)) \subset f^{1}(ker(B))$  for every subset B of Y.

**Proof.** The implications (i)  $\rightarrow$  (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  $U_x \in SG(X, x)$  such that  $f(U_x) \subset F$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f^1(F) = \bigcup \{U_x \mid x \in f^1(F)\} \in SG(X, \tau)$ .

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iv). Let A be any subset of X. Suppose that  $y \notin \ker(f(A))$ . Then by Lemma 4.1 there exists  $F \in C(X, y)$  such that  $f(A) \cap F = \phi$ . Thus, we have  $A \cap f^{-1}(F) = \phi$  and  $\operatorname{sgcl}(A) \cap f^{-1}(F) = \phi$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(\operatorname{sgcl}(A)) \cap F = \phi$  and  $y \notin f(\operatorname{sgcl}(A))$ . This implies that  $f(\operatorname{sgcl}(A)) \subset \ker(f(A))$ .

(iv)  $\rightarrow$  (v). Let B be any subset of Y. By (iv) and Lemma 4.1, we have f(sgcl(f<sup>1</sup>(B)))  $\subset$  ker(f(f<sup>1</sup>(B)))  $\subset$  ker(B) and sgcl(f<sup>1</sup>(B))  $\subset$  f<sup>1</sup>(ker(B)).

(v) → (i). Let V be any open set of Y. Then by Lemma 4.1 we have  $sgcl(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(ker(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$  and  $sgcl(f^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$ . This show that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is sg-closed in (X,  $\tau$ ).

**Theorem 4.2** Every contra semi-continuous function is csg-continuous.

**Proof.** The proof follows from the definitions.

**Remark 4.1** Contra sg-continuous need not be contra semi-continuous in general as shown in the following example.

**Example 4.2** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is csg-continuous. However, f is not contra-semi-continuous, since for the closed set  $F = \{a\}, f^{-1}(F)$  is sg-open but not semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Corollary 4.1** Every contra  $\alpha$ -continuous (resp. contra-continuous) function is csg-continuous.

**Theorem 4.3** Assume that arbitrary union of sg-open sets is sg-open. Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. Then the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is sg-continuous.
- (ii) for each x in X and each open set V in Y with  $f(x) \in V$ , there is a sg-open set U in X such that  $x \in U$ ,  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $f(x) \in V$ . Since f is sg-continuous we have  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \in$  SG(X,  $\tau$ ). Let  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $x \in V$  and  $f(U) \subset V$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let V be an open set in (Y,  $\sigma$ ) and let  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(x) \in V$  and thus there exists a sg-open set  $U_x$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $f(U_x) \subset V$ . Now  $x \in U_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} U_x$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(V)$  is sg-open in (X,  $\tau$ ) and consequently, f is sg-continuous.

**Theorem 4.4** Assume that arbitrary union of sg-open sets is sg-open. If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is csg-continuous and Y is regular, then f is sg-continuous.

**Proof.** Let x be an arbitrary point of X and V an open set of Y containing f(x). Since Y is regular, there exists an open set W in Y containing f(x) such that  $cl(W) \subset V$ . Since f is csg-continuous, so by Theorem 4.1 there exists  $U \in SG(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset cl(W)$ . Then  $f(U) \subset cl(W) \subset V$ . Hence, by Theorem 4.3 f is sg-continuous.

**Theorem 4.5** Assume that arbitrary union of sg-open sets is sg-open. Let  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a function and  $g : X \to X \times Y$  the graph function, given by g(x) = (x, f(x)) for every  $x \in X$ . Then f is csg-continuous if and only if g is csg-continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and let W be a closed subset of  $X \times Y$  containing g(x). Then  $W \cap (\{x\} \times Y)$  is closed in  $\{x\} \times Y$  containing g(x). Also  $\{x\} \times Y$  is homeomorphic to Y. Hence  $\{y \in Y \mid (x, y) \in W\}$  is a closed subset of Y. Since f is csg-continuous,  $\bigcup \{f^{-1}(y) \mid (x, y) \in W\}$  is a sg-open subset of X. Further,  $x \in \bigcup \{f^{-1}(y) \mid (x, y) \in W\} \subset g^{-1}(W)$ . Hence  $g^{-1}(W)$  is sg-open. Then g is csg-continuous. Conversely, let F be a closed subset of Y. Then  $X \times F$  is a closed subset of  $X \times Y$ . Since g is csg-continuous,  $g^{-1}(X \times F)$  is a sg-open subset of X. Also,  $g^{-1}(X \times F) = f^{-1}(F)$ . Hence f is csg-continuous.

**Theorem 4.6** Assume that arbitrary union of sg-open sets is sg-open. If X is a topological space and for each pair of distinct points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in X there exists a map f into a Urysohn topological space Y such that  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  and f is csg-continuous at  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , then X is sg-T<sub>2</sub>.

**Proof.** Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any distinct points in X. Then by hypothesis there is a Urysohn space Y and a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , which satisfies the conditions of the theorem. Let  $y_i = f(x_i)$  for i = 1, 2. Then  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since Y is Urysohn, there exist open neighbourhoods  $U_{y_1}$  and  $U_{y_2}$  of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  respectively in Y such that  $cl(U_{y_1}) \cap cl(U_{y_2}) = \phi$ . Since f is csg-continuous at  $x_i$ , there exists a sg-open neighbourhoods  $W_{x_i}$  of  $x_i$  in X such that  $f(W_{x_i}) \subset cl(U_{y_i})$  for i = 1, 2. Hence we get  $W_{x_1} \cap W_{x_2} = \phi$  because  $cl(Uy_1) \cap cl(Uy_2) = \phi$ . Then X is sg-T<sub>2</sub>.

**Corollary 4.2** Assume that arbitrary union of sg-open sets is sg-open. If f is a csgcontinuous injection of a topological space X into a Urysohn space Y, then X is sg-T<sub>2</sub>.

**Proof.** For each pair of distinct points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in X, f is csg-continuous function of X into Urysohn space Y such that  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  because f is injective. Hence by Theorem 4.6, X is sg-T<sub>2</sub>.

**Corollary 4.3** If f is a csg-continuous injection of a topological space X into Ultra Hausdorff space Y, then X is sg- $T_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any distinct points in X. Then since f is injective and Y is Ultra Hausdorff  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  and there exist  $V_1$ ,  $V_2 \in CO(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $f(x_1) \in$  $V_1$ ,  $f(x_2) \in V_2$  and  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \phi$ . Then  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(V) \in SG(X, \tau)$  for i = 1, 2 and  $f^{-1}(V_1) \cap f^{-1}(V_2) = \phi$ . Thus, X is sg-T<sub>2</sub>.

**Theorem 4.7** If  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is a contra sg-continuous function and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$  is a continuous function, then  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$  is csg-continuous.

**Theorem 4.8** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be surjective sg-irresolute and sg-open and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \to (Z, \eta)$  be any function. Then  $(g \circ f): (X, \tau) \to (Z, \eta)$  is csg-continuous if and only if g is csg-continuous.

**Proof.** The "If" part is easy to prove. To prove the "only if" part, let (g o f): (X,  $\tau$ )  $\rightarrow$  (Z,  $\eta$ ) be csg-continuous. Let F be a closed subset of Z. Then (g o f)<sup>-1</sup>(F) is a sg-open subset of X. That is  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is sg-open. Since f is sg-open.  $f(f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F)))$  is a sg-open subset of Y. So  $g^{-1}(F)$  is sg-open in Y. Hence g is csg-continuous.

**Theorem 4.9** Let  $\{X_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$  be any family of topological spaces. If  $f: X \to \Pi X_i$ is a csg-continuous function. Then  $\pi_i$  of  $f: X \to X_i$  is csg-continuous for each  $i \in \Lambda$ , where  $\pi_i$  is the projection of  $\Pi X_i$  onto  $X_i$ . **Definition 4.3** The graph G(f) of a function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be csgclosed in  $X \times Y$  if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist  $U \in SG(X, x)$  and  $V \in C(Y, y)$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \phi$ .

**Lemma 4.2** The graph  $f: (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is contra sg-closed (briefly csg-closed) in  $X \times Y$  if and only if for each  $(x, y) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ , there exist  $U \in SG(X, x)$ and  $V \in C(Y, y)$  such that  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows from the definition.

**Theorem 4.10** Assume that arbitrary union of sg-open sets is sg-open. If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is csg-continuous and Y is Urysohn, then G(f) is contra-sg-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  $cl(U) \cap cl(W) = \phi$ . Since f is csg-continuous, there exists  $U \in SG(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset cl(V)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(U) \cap cl(W) = \phi$ . This shows that G(f) is contra-sg-closed.

**Theorem 4.11** A csg-continuous image of a sg-connected space is connected.

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

**Theorem 4.12** Let X be sg-connected and Y be a  $T_1$  space. If f is csg-continuous, then f is constant.

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

**Definition 4.4** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be sg-normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint sg-open sets.

**Definition 4.5 [19]** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be ultra normal if each pair of non-empty disjoint closed sets can be separated by disjoint clopen sets. **Theorem 4.13** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a csg-continuous, closed injection and Y is ultra normal, then X is sg-normal. **Proof.** Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be a disjoint closed subsets of X. Since f is closed and injective,  $f(F_1)$  and  $f(F_2)$  are disjoint closed subsets of Y. Since Y is ultra normal  $f(F_1)$  and  $f(F_2)$  are separated by disjoint clopen sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  respectively. Hence  $F_i \subset f^1(V_i), f^1(V_i) \in SG(X, \tau)$  for i = 1, 2 and  $f^1(V_1) \cap f^1(V_2) = \phi$ . Thus, X is sg-normal.

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