

## CHAPTER III

### REGULAR GENERALIZED CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

In this chapter, we study relations among continuous, g-continuous, gc-irresolute, r-g-continuous and r-g-irresolute functions.

#### 3.1 Continuous Functions and Generalized Continuous Functions

**Definition 3.1.1** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$  is called *g-continuous* if the inverse image of closed set in  $Y$  is g-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.1.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *g-continuous* if and only if the inverse image of every open in  $Y$  is g-open in  $X$ .

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $G$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - G$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is g-continuous,  $f^{-1}(Y - G)$  is g-closed in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is g-open in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - F$  is open in  $Y$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(Y - F)$  is g-open in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is g-continuous.

**Theorem 3.1.3** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then  $f$  is g-continuous but not conversely.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$  which implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is g-continuous. The converse need not be true as seen by the following example.

**Example 3.1.4** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}' = \{\emptyset, \{q\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be defined by  $f(a) = f(c) = q$  and  $f(b) = p$ . It is easy to see that  $f$  is g-continuous but it is not continuous. Since  $\{q\}$  is open in  $Y$  but  $f^{-1}(\{q\}) = \{a, c\}$  is not open in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.1.5** A topological space  $X$  is called  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space if every g-closed set in  $X$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.1.6** A topological space  $X$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space if and only if each singleton subset of  $X$  is closed or open.

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $x \in X$ . Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not closed. Therefore  $X - \{x\}$  is not open. Since  $X - \{x\} \subseteq X$ ,  $\overline{X - \{x\}} \subseteq X$ , it implies that  $X - \{x\}$  is g-closed. But  $X$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, so  $X - \{x\}$  is closed,  $\{x\}$  is open.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $A$  be a g-closed in  $X$  and let  $x \in \overline{A}$ . If  $\{x\}$  is open, we have that  $\{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , so  $x \in A$ . If  $\{x\}$  is closed. We shall show that  $\overline{\{x\}} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $\overline{\{x\}} \cap A = \emptyset$ , we have that  $A \subseteq X - \overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $A$  is g-closed, therefore  $\overline{A} \subseteq X - \overline{\{x\}}$ . But  $X - \overline{\{x\}} \subseteq X - \{x\}$ . Hence  $\{x\} \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$ , so  $x \notin \overline{A}$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\overline{\{x\}} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $x \in A$ . Hence  $\overline{A} \subseteq A$ . But  $A \subseteq \overline{A}$ ,  $A = \overline{A}$ , it implies that  $A$  is closed. Therefore  $X$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space.

**Theorem 3.1.7** Let  $X$  be a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space and  $Y$  be a topological space. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if  $f$  is g-continuous.

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) By Theorem 3.1.3.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, we have  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is continuous.

**Theorem 3.1.8** Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g$ -continuous and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is continuous, then the composition  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $g$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -continuous.

In general, the composition of  $g$ -continuous need not be  $g$ -continuous as we will see in the next example.

**Example 3.1.9** Let  $X=Y=Z=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T}=\{\emptyset, \{a,b\}, X\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T}'=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b,c\}, Y\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}''=\{\emptyset, \{a,c\}, Z\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be defined by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=b$  and  $f(c)=c$ . Let  $g: (Y, \mathfrak{T}') \rightarrow (Z, \mathfrak{T}'')$  be the identity map. It is easy to see that both  $f$  and  $g$  are  $g$ -continuous but  $g \circ f$  is not  $g$ -continuous because  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $g$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.1.10** Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces and  $Y$  be a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space.

If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  are  $g$ -continuous, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $g$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $g$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Y$ . But  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, so  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous, it implies that  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $g$ -continuous.

### 3.2 Generalized Continuous Functions and gc-irresolute Functions

**Definition 3.2.1** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$  is called *gc-irresolute* if the inverse image of g-closed set in  $Y$  is g-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *gc-irresolute* if and only if the inverse image of every g-open in  $Y$  is g-open in  $X$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $G$  be any g-open set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - G$  is g-closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is gc-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(Y - G)$  is g-closed in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is g-open in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $F$  be any g-closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - F$  is g-open in  $Y$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(Y - F)$  is g-open in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is gc-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.2.3** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is gc-irresolute, then  $f$  is g-continuous but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $F$  is g-closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is gc-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is g-continuous. The converse need not be true as seen by the following example.

**Example 3.2.4** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}' = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be defined by  $f(a) = f(c) = a$  and  $f(b) = b$ . Then  $f$  is g-continuous. However,  $\{a, c\}$  is g-closed in  $Y$  but  $f^{-1}(\{a, c\})$  is not g-closed in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is not gc-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.2.5** *Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is gc-irresolute and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is g-continuous, then the composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is g-continuous.*

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is g-continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is g-closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is gc-irresolute, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is g-continuous.

**Theorem 3.2.6** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is closed and g-continuous, then  $f$  is gc-irresolute.*

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a g-open set in  $Y$ . Let  $F$  be closed set in  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(G)$ . Then  $f(F) \subseteq G$ . Since  $f$  is closed,  $f(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . By Theorem 2.6.4, we have  $f(F) \subseteq \text{Int}(G)$ . Hence  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Int}(G))$ . Since  $f$  is g-continuous and  $\text{Int}(G)$  is open in  $Y$ , we have  $f^{-1}(\text{Int}(G))$  is g-open in  $X$ . It follows by Theorem 2.6.4 that  $F \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\text{Int}(G))) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(G))$ . Therefore by Theorem 2.6.4,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is g-open in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is gc-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.2.7** *Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are gc-irresolute, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is gc-irresolute.*

**Proof.** It follows directly from the definition.

### 3.3 Continuous Functions and Regular Generalized Continuous Functions

**Definition 3.3.1** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$  is called *r-g-continuous* if the inverse image of closed set in  $Y$  is r-g-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.3.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $r$ -g-continuous if and only if the inverse image of every open in  $Y$  is  $r$ -g-open in  $X$ .

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $G$  be any open set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - G$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous,  $f^{-1}(Y - G)$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $r$ -g-open in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - F$  is open in  $Y$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(Y - F)$  is  $r$ -g-open in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

**Theorem 3.3.3** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous but not conversely.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$  which implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

The converse is not true as seen by the following example.

**Example 3.3.4** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}' = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be defined by  $f(a) = q$  and  $f(b) = f(c) = p$ . It is easy to see that  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous but it is not continuous. Since  $\{p\}$  is open in  $Y$  but  $f^{-1}(\{p\}) = \{b, c\}$  is not open in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.3.5** A topological space  $X$  is called  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -space if every  $r$ -g-closed set in  $X$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.3.6** Let  $X$  be a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -space and  $Y$  be a topological space. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

*Proof.*  $(\Rightarrow)$  By Theorem 3.3.3.

$(\Leftarrow)$  Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -space, we have  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is continuous.

**Theorem 3.3.7** Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $r$ -g-continuous and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is continuous, then the composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

In general the composition of  $r$ -g-continuous need not be  $r$ -g-continuous as seen in the next example.

**Example 3.3.8** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T}' = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}'' = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, Z\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be defined by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Let  $g : (Y, \mathfrak{T}') \rightarrow (Z, \mathfrak{T}'')$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $r$ -g-continuous but  $g \circ f$  is not  $r$ -g-continuous because  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.3.9** Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces and  $Y$  be a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -space. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are  $r$ -g-continuous, then the composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $Y$ . But  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ -space, so  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous, it implies that  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.3.10** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. Let  $A, B \subseteq X$  be  $g$ -closed and open in  $X$  such that  $X = A \cup B$  and let  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: B \rightarrow Y$  be  $r$ - $g$ -continuous maps such that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for every  $x \in A \cap B$ . Let  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  be defined by  $h(x) = f(x)$  if  $x \in A$  and  $h(x) = g(x)$  if  $x \in B$ . Then  $h$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Clearly  $h^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(F) \cup g^{-1}(F)$ . Since  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: B \rightarrow Y$  are  $r$ - $g$ -continuous, we have  $f^{-1}(F)$  and  $g^{-1}(F)$  are  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Since  $A$  is  $g$ -closed and open in  $X$ , we have by Theorem 2.6.7 that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Similarly,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . By Theorem 2.6.6,  $f^{-1}(F) \cup g^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Therefore,  $h^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ .

### 3.4 Generalized Continuous and Regular Generalized Continuous Functions

**Theorem 3.4.1** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g$ -continuous, then  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous but not conversely.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$  which implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous.

The converse is not true as seen by the following example.



**Example 3.4.2** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}' = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be the identity map. It is easy to see that  $f$  is r-g-continuous but  $f$  is not g-continuous because  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not g-closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.4.3** A topological space  $X$  is called  $T_{rg}$ -space if every r-g-closed set in  $X$  is g-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.4.4** Let  $X$  be a  $T_{rg}$ -space and  $Y$  be a topological space. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is g-continuous if and only if  $f$  is r-g-continuous.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) By Theorem 3.4.1.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is r-g-continuous,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is r-g-closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a  $T_{rg}$ -space, we have  $f^{-1}(F)$  is g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is g-continuous.

**Theorem 3.4.5** Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces and  $Y$  be a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is r-g-continuous and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is g-continuous, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is r-g-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is g-continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is g-closed in  $Y$ . But  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, so  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is r-g-continuous, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is r-g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is r-g-continuous.

### 3.5 Regular Generalized Continuous Functions and r-g-irresolute Functions

**Definition 3.5.1** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$  is called *r-g-irresolute* if the inverse image of r-g-closed set in  $Y$  is r-g-closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *r-g-irresolute* if and only if the inverse image of every r-g-open in  $Y$  is r-g-open in  $X$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $G$  be any r-g-open set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - G$  is r-g-closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is r-g-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(Y - G)$  is r-g-closed in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is r-g-open in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $F$  be any r-g-closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $Y - F$  is r-g-open in  $Y$ . By assumption,  $f^{-1}(Y - F)$  is r-g-open in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y - F) = X - f^{-1}(F)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is r-g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is r-g-irresolute.

**Theorem 3.5.3** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is r-g-irresolute, then  $f$  is r-g-continuous but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $F$  is r-g-closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is r-g-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is r-g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is r-g-continuous.

The converse need not be true as seen by the following example.

**Example 3.5.4** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}' = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be defined by  $f(a) = f(c) = c$  and  $f(b) = b$ . Then  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous. However,  $\{b\}$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $Y$  but  $f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $r$ - $g$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.5.5** Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $r$ - $g$ -irresolute and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous, then the composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -irresolute, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous.

**Definition 3.5.6** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$  is called *regular closed* if  $f(F)$  is regular closed in  $Y$  for every closed set  $F$  in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.7** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is regular closed and  $r$ - $g$ -continuous, then  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -irresolute.

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a  $r$ - $g$ -open set in  $Y$ . Let  $F$  be regular closed set in  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(G)$ . Then  $f(F) \subseteq G$ . Since  $f$  is regular closed,  $f(F)$  is regular closed in  $Y$ . By Theorem 2.6.8, we have  $f(F) \subseteq \text{Int}(G)$ . Hence  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Int}(G))$ . Since  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous and  $\text{Int}(G)$  is open in  $Y$ , we have  $f^{-1}(\text{Int}(G))$  is  $r$ - $g$ -open in  $X$ . It follows by Theorem 2.6.8 that  $F \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(\text{Int}(G))) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(G))$ . Therefore by Theorem 2.6.8,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -open in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.5.8** Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are  $r$ - $g$ -irresolute, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ - $g$ -irresolute.

*Proof.* It follows directly from the definition.

### 3.6 Regular Generalized Continuous Functions and $gc$ -irresolute Functions

**Theorem 3.6.1** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $gc$ -irresolute, then  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Then  $F$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $gc$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$  which implies that  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous.

The converse need not be true as seen by the following example.

**Example 3.6.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}' = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}')$  be defined by  $f(a) = q$  and  $f(b) = f(c) = p$ . Then  $f$  is  $r$ - $g$ -continuous but  $f$  is not  $gc$ -irresolute because  $f^{-1}(\{q\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $g$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.6.3** Let  $X$  be a  $T_{ng}$ -space and  $Y$  be topological spaces.

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is bijective, open and  $r$ - $g$ -continuous, then  $f$  is  $gc$ -irresolute.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be any  $g$ -closed set in  $Y$ . Let  $U$  be open set in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(F) \subseteq U$ . Then  $F \subseteq f(U)$  (because  $f$  is onto). Since  $f(U)$  is open and  $F$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Y$ , we have  $\overline{F} \subseteq f(U)$  which implies that  $f^{-1}(\overline{F}) \subseteq U$

(because  $f$  is injective). Since  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous,  $f^{-1}(\overline{F})$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . But  $X$  is  $T_{rg}$ -space, so  $f^{-1}(\overline{F})$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$ , it implies that  $\overline{f^{-1}(\overline{F})} \subseteq U$ , hence  $\overline{f^{-1}(F)} \subseteq U$ . This shows that  $f$  is  $gc$ -irresolute.

**Example 3.6.4** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{T}_X = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}_Y = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \mathfrak{T}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{T}_Y)$  be identity map. It is easy to see that  $X$  is  $T_{rg}$ -space and  $f$  is bijective, open and  $r$ -g-continuous. It is obvious that  $f$  is  $gc$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 3.6.5** Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces and  $Y$  be a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $r$ -g-continuous and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $gc$ -irresolute, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Then  $F$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $gc$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Y$ . But  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space, so  $g^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

**Theorem 3.6.6** Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces and  $Y$  be a  $T_{rg}$ -space. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $gc$ -irresolute and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ -g-continuous, then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be any closed set in  $Z$ . Since  $g$  is  $r$ -g-continuous,  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $Y$ . But  $Y$  is  $T_{rg}$ -space, so  $g^{-1}(F)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $gc$ -irresolute, we have  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $g$ -closed in  $X$  which implies that  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(F))$  is  $r$ -g-closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $r$ -g-continuous.