



## $\beta^*$ -CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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### ABSTRACT

New classes of sets called  $\beta^*$ -closed sets are introduced and studied some of their properties.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of generalized closed sets in topological space was initiated by Levin [4]. In 1986 Andrijevic [2] defined semi pre open sets and it is also known under the name  $\beta$ -closed sets. In 1996, Julian Dontchev [3] introduced the notion of generalized semi-pre closed (briefly *gsp-closed sets*) via the concept of semi pre open sets. Generalised closed sets namely g-closed sets, gs closed sets, r-g closed sets, s-g closed sets,  $\alpha$ -closed sets,  $\alpha$ -g closed sets were introduced and studied by various authors. The class of gsp- closed sets contains properly the classes of all the above mentioned generalised closed sets except r-g closed sets. The class of  $\omega$ -closed set was introduced by M. Shiek John [11] in 2002. In this paper we introduce a new classes of sets called  $\beta^*$  Closed sets. This class lies between the class of open and semi pre closed sets and the class of  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -closed sets [9].

### 2. 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  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{Cl}(A)$ ,  $\text{Int}(A)$  and  $D[A]$  denote the closure, the interior and the derived set of  $A$ , respectively.

We recall some known definitions needed.

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

1. Preopen [7] if  $A \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{cl}(A))$  and preclosed if  $\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
2. Semi open [6] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$  and semi closed if  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
3. Semi pre open [1] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$  and semi pre closed if  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))) \subseteq A$ .

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

1. generalised closed (briefly g-closed) [5] if  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
2. generalized pre closed (briefly gp-closed) [8] if  $\text{Pcl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
3. generalized semi pre closed (briefly gsp closed) [3] if  $\text{Spcl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
4.  $\omega$ -closed if [11] if  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi open in  $X$ .
5. \*g-closed if [12] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$ -open in  $X$ .
6. #gs-closed [13] if  $\text{Scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is \*g-open in  $X$ .
7.  $\tilde{g}$ -closed [4] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is #gs-open.
8.  $\rho$ -closed [10] if  $\text{Pcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\tilde{g}$  open in  $X$ .
9.  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -closed [9] if  $\text{Spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{cl}(U))$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$ -open in  $X$ .

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The compliments of above mentioned sets are called their respective closed sets.

### **Basic Properties Of $\beta^*$ Closed Sets**

We introduce the following **Definition**

**Definition 3.1:** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\beta^*$ - closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 3.2:** Every open and semi preclosed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an open and semi preclosed subset of  $(X, \tau)$

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be  $\omega$ -open in  $X$

Then  $\text{spcl}(A) = A = \text{Int}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$

Hence  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ closed

The converse of the above **Theorem** need not be true as seen from the following example

**Example 3.3:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $\beta^*$  closed but neither open nor preclosed

**Theorem 3.4:** Every  $\beta^*$ - closed set is gsp – closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any  $\beta^*$  - closed set in  $X$

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be open in  $X$

Since every open set is  $\omega$ -open and  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed  $\text{Spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U) = U$

Hence  $A$  is gsp – closed

Converse of the above **Theorem** need not be true as seen from the following

**Example 3.5:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a, b\}$  is gsp closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed in  $X$

**Theorem 3.7:** Every open and preclosed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an open and preclosed subset of  $(X, \tau)$

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be  $\omega$ -open in  $X$

Then  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{pcl}(A) = A = \text{Int}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$

Hence  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed

The converse of the above **Theorem** need not be true. It is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.8:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$

Then the set  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed but neither open are preclosed.

**Remark 3.9:**  $\beta^*$ - closedness and preclosedness are independent. It is shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.10:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed but not preclosed.

**Example 3.11:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a, b\}$  is preclosed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Remark 3.12:**  $\beta^*$ - closedness and  $\alpha$ -closedness are independent. It is shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.13:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Example 3.14:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$

Then the set  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed but not  $\alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 3.15:**  $\beta^*$ - closed sets are independent of semi closed sets and semi preclosed sets. It is shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.16:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a, b\}$  is both semi preclosed and semi closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed.

**Example 3.17:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a, b\}$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed but neither semi preclosed nor semi closed.

**Remark 3.18:**  $\beta^*$ - closedness and pre semi closedness are independent. It is shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.19:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a\}$  is pre semi closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed.

**Example 3.20:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a, b\}$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed but not pre semi closed.

**Remark 3.21:**  $\beta^*$ - closedness and  $g$  closedness are independent. It is shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.22:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $g$  closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed.

**Example 3.23:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{b\}$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed but not  $g$  closed.

**Theorem 3.24:**  $\beta^*$ - closed set is  $\widehat{\eta^*}$  closed set but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any  $\beta^*$ - closed set in  $X$ .

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be  $\omega$ -open in  $X$ .

Then  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U) \subseteq U$

Hence  $A$  is  $\widehat{\eta^*}$  closed

Converse of the above **Theorem** need not be true. It is seen from the following example

**Example 3.25:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d, e\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\widehat{\eta^*}$  closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Example 3.26:**  $\beta^*$ - closedness and  $\rho$  closedness are independent. It is shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.27:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d, e\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{c\}$  is  $\beta^*$  closed but not  $\rho$  - closed

Then the set  $B = \{b, d\}$  is  $\rho$  closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed.

**Definition 3.28:** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\beta^*$ s- closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{cl}(U))$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$  -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.29:** Every  $\beta^*$ - closed set is  $\beta^*$ s- closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any  $\beta^*$ - closed set.

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be  $\omega$  -open

$A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed,  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{cl}(U))$

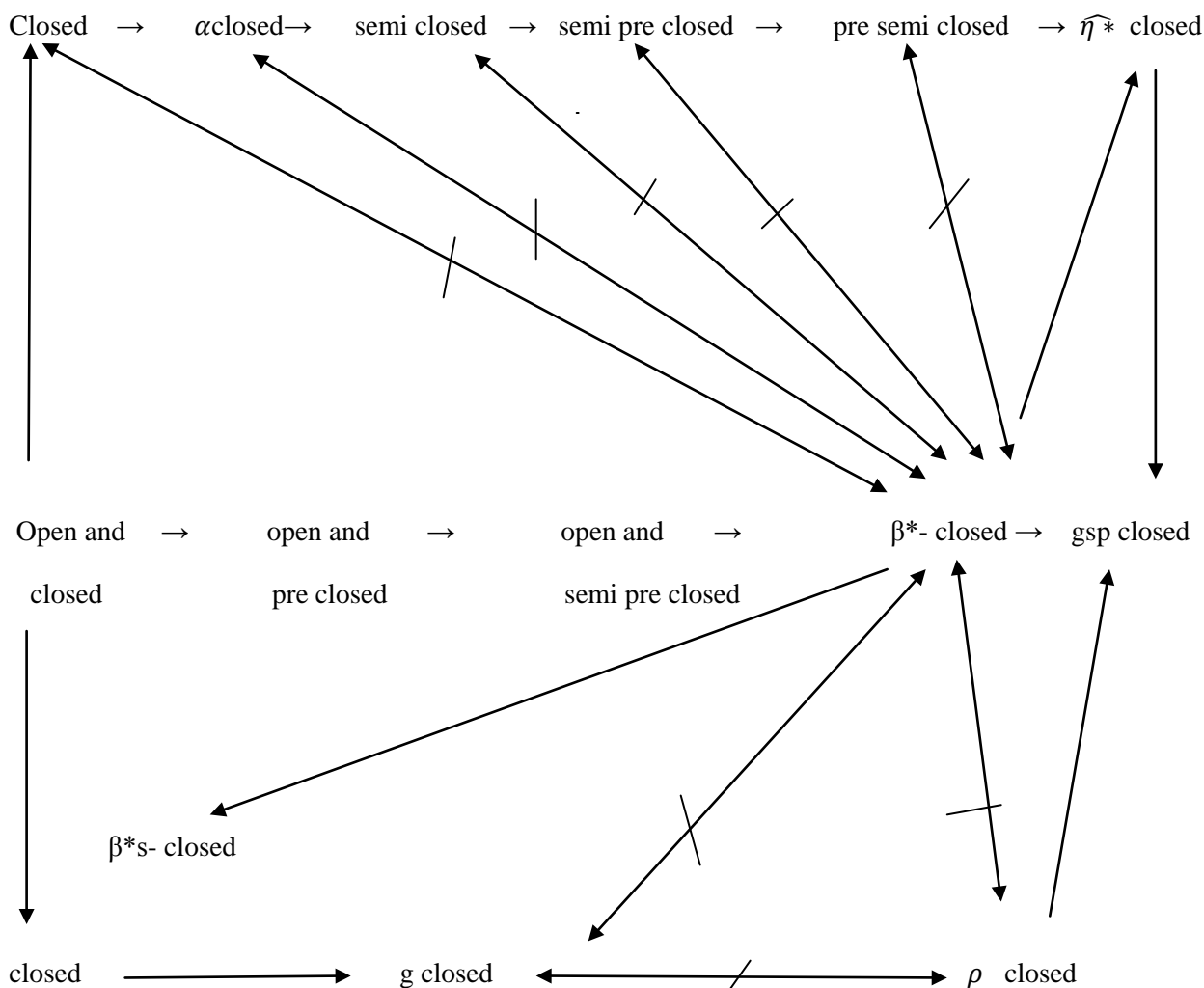
Hence  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ s- closed.

The converse of the above **Theorem** need not be true. It is seen from the following example.

**Example 3.30:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d, e\}, X\}$

Then the set  $A = \{b, d\}$  is  $\beta^*$ s- closed but not  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Remark 3.31:** From the above discussion and known results we have the following implications.  $A \rightarrow B$  represents  $A$  implies  $B$  but not conversely and  $A \leftrightarrow B$  represents  $A$  and  $B$  are independent of each other



## Properties Of $\beta^*$ Closed Sets

**Remark 3.32:** The union and intersection of two  $\beta^*$ - closed sets need not be  $\beta^*$ - closed. It is shown in the following examples.

**Example 3.33:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$

Then set  $A = \{a, b\}$  and  $B = \{a, c\}$  are  $\beta^*$ - closed but  $A \cap B = \{a\}$  is not  $\beta^*$ - closed

2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$

Then set  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$  are  $\beta^*$ - closed but  $A \cup B = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Theorem 3.34:** A set  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed Then  $\text{spcl}(A) - A$  contains no non empty closed set.

**Proof:** Suppose  $H \subseteq \text{spcl}(A) - A$  is a non empty closed set

Then  $H \subseteq \text{spcl}(A)$  and  $A \subseteq X - H$ . Since  $X - H$  is  $\omega$  - open and  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed, we have  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(X - H) = X - \text{cl}(A)$ .

Hence  $\text{cl}(H) \subseteq X - \text{spcl}(A)$ . which is a contradiction.

Hence  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A)$  contains no non empty closed set. Converse of the above

**Theorem** need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.35:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$

Let  $A = \{a, c\}$  Then  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A) = \{a, c\} - \{a, c\} = \emptyset$  contains no non empty closed set but  $A$  is not  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Theorem 3.36:** A set  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed Then  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A)$  contains no non empty  $\omega$  -closed sets.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a non empty  $\omega$  -closed set of  $F \subseteq \text{spcl}(A) - (A)$ . Then  $F \subseteq \text{spcl}(A)$  and  $A \subseteq X - F$ . Since  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed and  $X - F$  is  $\omega$  -open. We have  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(X - F) = X - \text{cl}(F)$ . Hence  $\text{cl}(F) \subseteq X - \text{spcl}(A)$  and so  $F \subseteq X - \text{spcl}(A)$ .

Already  $F \subseteq \text{spcl}(A)$  hence we get a contradiction. Hence  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A)$  contains no non empty  $\omega$  - closed set.

**Theorem 3.37:** If  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \text{spcl}(A)$  Then  $B$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be a  $\omega$  - open set of  $X$  such that  $B \subseteq U$ . Since  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$  - open we have  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ . We have  $B \subseteq \text{spcl}(A)$  and so  $\text{spcl}(B) \subseteq \text{spcl}(\text{spcl}(A)) = \text{spcl}(A)$ . Hence  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$  and so  $B$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed

**Theorem 3.38:** If a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$  - open and  $\beta^*$ - closed Then  $A$  is semipreclosed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof:** If  $A$  is  $\omega$  - open and  $\beta^*$ - closed, since  $A \subseteq A$ , we have  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(A) \subseteq A$ . but  $A \subseteq \text{spcl}(A)$ . Hence  $A = \text{spcl}(A)$ . So  $A$  is semipreclosed.

**Lemma 3.39:** If  $A$  is open and gsp closed .Then  $A$  is semi pre closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be open in  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $A$  is open and  $A \subseteq A$ , we have  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq U$ , hence  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq U$  and so  $A$  is semi pre closed.

**Theorem 3.40:** A open set of  $(X, \tau)$  is gsp closed if and only if  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a open set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A$  is gsp closed.

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be  $\omega$  - open in  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $A$  is open and gsp closed by the lemma 3.39;  $A$  is semi pre closed. Hence  $\text{spcl}(A) = A = \text{Int}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ , therefore  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$  and so  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed. Conversely let  $A$  be a  $\beta^*$ - closed set. Then by Theorem 3.4,  $A$  is gsp closed.

**Theorem 3.41:** Let  $A$  be  $\beta^*$ - closed in  $(X, \tau)$  Then  $A$  is semi pre closed if and only if  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A)$  is  $\omega$  closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be semi pre closed. Then  $\text{spcl}(A) = (A)$  and so  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A) = \emptyset$  which is  $\omega$  closed. Conversely Let  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A)$  is  $\omega$  closed, Since  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed by **Theorem 3.36**  $\text{spcl}(A) - A$  contains no non empty  $\omega$  - closed set.

Hence  $\text{spcl}(A) - (A) = \emptyset$  which implies  $\text{spcl}(A) = (A)$  and so  $A$  is semi pre closed

**Definition 3.42:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$  and  $x \in X$ , Then  $x$  is said to be a semi pre limit point of  $A$  if every semi pre open set containing  $x$  contains a point of  $A$  different from  $x$ .

**Definition 3.43:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , the set of all semi pre limit point of  $A$  is said to be semi pre derived set of  $A$  and is denoted by  $D_{\text{sp}}[A]$

**Theorem 3.44:** If  $D[A] \subseteq D_{\text{sp}}[A]$  for each subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , Then the union of two  $\beta^*$ - closed set is  $\beta^*$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $\beta^*$ - closed subsets of  $X$  and  $U$  be  $\omega$  - open set with  $A \cup B \subseteq U$ , Then  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$  and  $\text{spcl}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ . Since for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ , we have  $D_{\text{sp}}[A] \subseteq D[A]$ , we get  $\text{cl}(A) = \text{spcl}(A)$  and  $\text{cl}(B) = \text{spcl}(B)$ , therefore  $\text{cl}(A \cup B) = \text{cl}(A) \cup \text{cl}(B) = \text{spcl}(A) \cup \text{spcl}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ , but  $\text{spcl}(A \cup B) \subseteq \text{cl}(A \cup B)$ . So  $\text{spcl}(A \cup B) \subseteq \text{cl}(A \cup B) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ , hence  $A \cup B$  is  $\beta^*$ - closed

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