

On  $p\alpha$ - closed sets in topological spaces

K. Binoy Balan\* & C. Janaki \*\*

\*Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Sree Narayana Guru College, Coimbatore- 105, India

\*\*Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, L. R. G. Govt. Arts College for Women, Tirupur-4, India

(Received on: 08-05-12; Accepted on: 31-05-12)

ABSTRACT

In this paper a new class of sets called  $p\alpha$ - closed sets is introduced and its properties are studied. Further the notion of  $p\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  space and  $p\alpha$ -continuity are introduced.

Mathematics subject classification: 54C05.

Key words:  $p\alpha$ - closed set,  $p\alpha$ - open set,  $p\alpha$ - continuous function,  $p\alpha$ -  $T_{1/2}$  spaces.

1. Introduction

N. Levine [12] introduced generalized closed sets in general topology as a generalization of closed sets and a class of topological spaces called  $T_{1/2}$  spaces. This concept was found to be useful and many results in general topology were improved. Since the advent of these notions, several research papers with interesting results in different respects came to existence ([2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 18, 22, 23, 26]). In this paper, we define and study the properties of  $p\alpha$ - closed sets which is the weaker form of the above mentioned generalization. Moreover in this paper we define  $p\alpha$ -  $T_{1/2}$  spaces and  $p\alpha$ - continuity and study their properties.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  represent nonempty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  denote the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  respectively.  $(X, \tau)$  will be replaced by  $X$  if there is no chance of confusion.

Let us recall the following definition which we shall require later.

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

- (1) a pre open set [17] if  $A \subset int(cl(A))$  and a pre closed set if  $cl(int(A)) \subset A$
- (2) a semi- open set [11] if  $A \subset cl(int(A))$  and semi – closed set if  $int(cl(A)) \subset A$
- (3) a  $\alpha$ - open set [20] if  $A \subset int(cl(int(A)))$  and a  $\alpha$ - closed set if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subset A$
- (4) a semi- pre open set [1] if  $A \subset cl(int(cl(A)))$  and a semi- pre closed set if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subset A$
- (5) a regular open set if  $A = int(cl(A))$  and a regular closed set if  $A = cl(int(A))$
- (6) a regular  $\alpha$ - open set (briefly  $\alpha$ - open) [25] if there is a regular open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset A \subset \alpha cl(A)$

The union of all pre open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called pre-interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $pint(A)$ . Also the intersection of all pre closed subsets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called pre- closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $pcl(A)$ . Note that  $pcl(A) = A \cup cl(int(A))$  and  $pint(A) = A \cap int(cl(A))$ . The family of all  $\alpha$ - open (resp. semi open, pre open,  $\alpha$ - closed, pre closed, regular open, regular  $\alpha$ -open) subsets of a space  $X$  is denoted by  $\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $SO(X)$ ,  $PO(X)$ ,  $\alpha C(X)$ ,  $PC(X)$ ,  $RO(X)$ ,  $R\alpha O(X)$ ).

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

- (1) a generalized closed set (briefly  $g$ - closed) [11] if  $cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open.
- (2) a semi – generalized closed set ( briefly  $sg$ - closed) [6] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi open in  $X$ .
- (3) a generalized  $\alpha$  – closed set (briefly  $g\alpha$ - closed) [13] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .
- (4) a  $\alpha$ - generalized closed set (briefly  $\alpha g$ - closed) [14] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
- (5) a regular generalized closed set (briefly  $rg$ -closed) [22] if  $cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is regular open.
- (6) a generalized pre closed set (briefly  $gp$ - closed) [15] if  $pcl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open.

Corresponding author: K. Binoy Balan\*

\*Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Sree Narayana Guru College, Coimbatore- 105, India

- (7) a generalized pre regular closed set (briefly gpr- closed) [9] if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$ .
- (8) a weakly closed set (briefly w-closed) [24] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi open in  $X$ .
- (9) a weakly generalized closed set (briefly wg- closed) [19] if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
- (10) a regular weakly closed set (briefly rw- closed)[5] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$ .
- (11) a regular weakly generalized closed set (briefly rwg- closed)[19] if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$ .
- (12) a regular generalized  $\alpha$ - closed set (briefly rga- closed) [24] if  $acl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular  $\alpha$ - open in  $X$ .

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

### 3. pgra-closed set

**Definition: 3.1** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called pgra – closed set if  $pcl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is regular  $\alpha$ - open. By  $PGR\alpha C(\tau)$ , we mean the family of all pgra- closed subsets of the space  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem: 3.2**

- (1) Every rga- closed set in  $X$  is pgra- closed set in  $X$ .
- (2) Every pgra- closed set in  $X$  is gpr closed set in  $X$ .
- (3) Every w- closed set in  $X$  is pgra- closed set in  $X$ .
- (4) Every rw- closed set in  $X$  is pgra- closed set in  $X$ .
- (5) Every closed set in  $X$  is pgra- closed set in  $X$ .
- (6) Every regular closed set in  $X$  is pgra-closed in  $X$ .
- (7) Every pre closed set in  $X$  is pgra- closed in  $X$ .
- (8) Every pgra- closed set in  $X$  is rwg closed set in  $X$ .

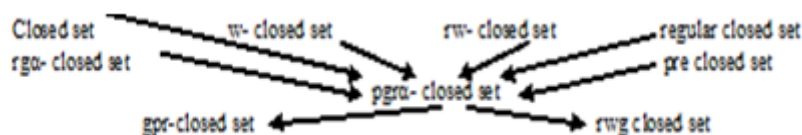
**Proof:** Straight forward. Converse of the above need not be true as in the following examples.

**Example: 3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$  then  $A$  is pgra- closed set. But  $A$  is not rga- closed set, w-closed set, rw-closed set, closed set, regular closed set, pre closed set.

**Example: 3.4** Every rwg closed and gpr closed set in  $X$  need not be pgra- closed set.

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, e\}, \{d, e\}, \{a, d, e\}\}$ . The only regular open set containing  $\{a, b\}$  is set  $X$ . Now  $cl(int(\{a, b\})) = \{a, b, c\} \subset X$ . This implies  $\{a, b\}$  is rwg closed and gpr closed set in  $X$ . But  $\{a, b, e\}$  is regular  $\alpha$ - open set and  $\{a, b\} \subset \{a, b, e\}$ . Then  $pcl\{a, b\} = \{a, b, c\} \not\subseteq \{a, b, e\}$ . Therefore  $\{a, b\}$  is not pgra –closed set.

**Remark: 3.5** The above discussions are summarized in the following diagram.



**Remark: 3.6** rg- closed and pgra- closed sets are independent concept.

**Example: 3.7**

(i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, e\}, \{d, e\}, \{a, d, e\}\}$ . Consider  $A = \{a, b\}$ , the only regular set which contain  $A$  is  $X$ . Then  $cl(A) = \{a, b, c\} \subset X$ , which implies that  $A$  is rg- closed set. Since  $\{a, b, e\}$  is a regular  $\alpha$ - open set containing  $\{a, b\}$ . But  $pcl(A) = \{a, b, c\}$ . Therefore  $A$  is not pgra- closed set.

(ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, e\}, \{d, e\}, \{a, d, e\}\}$ . Consider  $\{d\} \subset \{b, c, d\}$ , then  $pcl\{d\} = \{b, c, d\} \subseteq \{b, c, d\}$ . Therefore  $\{d\}$  is pgra- closed set.

But only  $\{d\} \subset \{a, d\}$ ,  $cl\{d\} = \{b, c, d\} \not\subseteq \{a, d\}$ . this implies  $\{d\}$  is not rg- closed set.

**Remark: 3.8** Intersection of two pgra- closed sets need not be pgra- closed set.

**Example: 3.9** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, e\}, \{d, e\}, \{a, d, e\}\}$ .

If  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $B = \{a, d, e\}$ . Consider  $A \subset \{a, b, c, d\}$  then  $\text{pcl}(A) = \{a, b, c, d\} \subseteq \{a, b, c, d\}$ . This implies that  $\{a, b, c\}$  is pgra-closed set. The only regular  $\alpha$ - open set containing  $B$  is  $X$  then  $\text{pcl}(B) = X$ . This implies that  $\{a, d, e\}$  is pgra-closed set. But  $A \cap B = \{a\}$ . Consider  $\{a\} \subset \{a, b\}$ , then  $\text{pcl}\{a\} = \{a, b, c\} \not\subseteq \{a, b\}$ . Therefore  $A \cap B$  is not pgra- closed set.

**Remark: 3.10** Union of two pgra- closed sets need not be pgra- closed.

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

Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ ,  $B = \{b, e\}$  are pgra-closed set. But  $A \cup B = \{a, b, e\}$ . Consider  $\{a, b, e\} \subseteq \{a, b, e\}$  then  $\text{pcl}(\{a, b, e\}) = \{a, b, c, e\} \not\subseteq \{a, b, e\}$ . This implies that  $A \cup B$  is not pgra- closed.

**Definition: 3.12** [9] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space,  $A \subset X$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $x$  is said to be a pre limit point of  $A$  if and only if every pre open set containing  $x$  contains a point of  $A$  different from  $x$ .

**Definition: 3.13** [9] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subset X$ . The set of all pre limit points of  $A$  is said to be the pre- derived set of  $A$  and is denoted by  $D_p[A]$ .

**Theorem: 3.14** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be pgra- closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $D[A] \subset D_p[A]$  and  $D[B] \subset D_p[B]$ , then  $A \cup B$  is pgra- closed set.

**Proof:** For any set  $E \subset (X, \tau)$ ,  $D_p[E] \subset D[E]$ . Therefore  $D_p[A] = D[A]$  and  $D_p[B] = D[B]$ . That is  $\text{cl}(A) = \text{pcl}(A)$  and  $\text{cl}(B) = \text{pcl}(B)$ . Let  $A \cup B \subset U$ , where  $U$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open then  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset U$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are pgra-closed then  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset U$  and  $\text{pcl}(B) \subset U$ . Now  $\text{cl}(A \cup B) = \text{cl}(A) \cup \text{cl}(B) = \text{pcl}(A) \cup \text{pcl}(B) \subset U$ .

But  $\text{pcl}(A \cup B) \subset \text{cl}(A \cup B)$ . Therefore  $\text{pcl}(A \cup B) \subset \text{cl}(A \cup B) \subset U$ . Hence  $A \cup B$  is pgra- closed set.

**Theorem 3.15** Let  $A$  be pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $\text{pcl}(A) - A$  does not contain any nonempty regular  $\alpha$ - open set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A$  is pgra- closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a nonempty regular  $\alpha$ -open set such that  $U \subset \text{pcl}(A) - A$ . Then  $U \subset X - A$  implies  $A \subset X - U$ . Since  $A$  is pgra- closed and  $X - U$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open then  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset X - U$ . That is  $U \subset X - \text{pcl}(A)$ . Hence  $U \subset \text{pcl}(A) \cap (X - \text{pcl}(A)) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\text{pcl}(A) - A$  does not contain any nonempty regular  $\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ .

**Corollary 3.16** If a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is pgra- closed in  $X$  then  $\text{pcl}(A) - A$  does not contain any non empty regular closed set in  $X$ , but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a regular closed set such that  $F \subset \text{pcl}(A) - A$  then  $F \subset X - A$ . Therefore  $A \subset X - F$ . Since  $A$  is pgra-closed and  $X - F$  is regular open then  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset X - F$ . That is  $F \subset X - \text{pcl}(A)$ . Hence  $F \subset \text{pcl}(A) \cap (X - \text{pcl}(A)) = \emptyset$ .

This shows that  $F = \emptyset$ .

Converse implication does not hold.

**Example: 3.17** If  $\text{pcl}(A) - A$  contains no nonempty regular closed set in  $X$ , then  $A$  need not be pgra- closed set in  $X$ .

Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $\text{pcl}(A) = \{a, b, c\}$ .  $\text{pcl}(A) - A = \{c\}$  which does not contain any nonempty regular closed set.

Also  $A$  is not pgra- closed.

**Theorem: 3.18** For an element  $x \in X$ , the set  $X - \{x\}$  is pgra- closed or regular  $\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $X - \{x\}$  is not regular  $\alpha$ - open set then  $X$  is the only regular  $\alpha$ - open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . This implies  $\text{pcl}(X - \{x\}) \subset X$ . Hence  $X - \{x\}$  is pgra- closed.

**Theorem: 3.19** If  $A$  is regular open and pgra- closed then  $A$  is pre closed and hence pre- clopen.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is regular open and pgra- closed. As every regular open is regular  $\alpha$ -open and  $A \subseteq \text{pcl}(A)$ .

We have  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset A$ . Also  $A \subset \text{pcl}(A)$ . Therefore  $\text{pcl}(A) = A$ , then  $A$  is pre closed. Since every pre closed (regular) open set is (regular) closed. Hence  $A$  is pre- clopen

**Theorem: 3.20** If  $A$  is pgra- closed subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subset B \subset \text{pcl}(A)$ , then  $B$  is pgra- closed.

**Proof:** Let  $B \subset U$ , where  $U$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open. Since  $A \subset B \subset U$  and  $A$  is pgr $\alpha$ - closed,  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset U$ . Now  $B \subset \text{pcl}(A)$ , this implies  $\text{pcl}(B) \subset \text{pcl}(\text{pcl}(A)) = \text{pcl}(A) \subset U$ . That is  $\text{pcl}(B) \subset U$ . Hence  $B$  is pgr $\alpha$ - closed set in  $X$ .

**Theorem: 3.21** Let  $A$  be pgr $\alpha$ - closed in  $X$  then  $A$  is pre closed if and only if  $\text{pcl}(A) - A$  is a regular  $\alpha$ - open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  is pre closed in  $X$  then  $\text{pcl}(A) = A$  and so  $\text{pcl}(A) - A = \emptyset$ , which is regular  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\text{pcl}(A) - A$  is a regular  $\alpha$ - open in  $X$ . Since  $A$  is pgr $\alpha$ -closed and by Theorem 3.15,  $\text{pcl}(A) - A$  does not contain any nonempty regular  $\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . Then  $\text{pcl}(A) - A = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $\text{pcl}(A) = A$ . Hence  $A$  is pre closed.

**Theorem: 3.22** If  $A$  is regular open and rg- closed, then  $A$  is pgr $\alpha$ - closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be any regular  $\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  such that  $A \subset U$ . Since  $A$  is regular open and rg-closed then  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open. Therefore  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset \text{cl}(A) \subset U$ . Hence  $A$  is pgr $\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Theorem: 3.23** If a subset  $A$  of topological space  $X$  is both regular  $\alpha$ -open and pgr $\alpha$ - closed, then it is pre closed.

**Proof:** Suppose a subset  $A$  of topological space  $X$  is both regular  $\alpha$ - open and pgr $\alpha$ - closed. Now  $A \subseteq A$  then  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset A$ . Hence  $A$  is pre closed.

**Theorem: 3.24** If  $A$  is both open and g-closed set in  $X$  then it is pgr $\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an open and g-closed set in  $X$ . Let  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  be regular  $\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . By hypothesis  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset \text{cl}(A) \subset A \subset U$ , then  $A$  is pgr $\alpha$ - closed in  $X$ .

**Remark: 3.25** If  $A$  is both open and pgr $\alpha$ - closed in  $X$  then  $A$  need not be g-closed.

**Example: 3.26** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, e\}, \{d, e\}, \{a, d, e\}\}$ . Consider  $\{a, d, e\}$  which is both open and pgr $\alpha$ -closed in  $X$ . But  $\{a, d, e\} \subseteq \{a, d, e\}$  then  $\text{cl}(\{a, d, e\}) = X \not\subseteq \{a, d, e\}$ . Therefore  $\{a, d, e\}$  is not g-closed.

**Theorem: 3.27** In a topological space  $X$ , if  $\text{R}\alpha\text{O}(X) = \{X, \emptyset\}$ , then every subset of  $X$  is a pgr $\alpha$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\text{R}\alpha\text{O}(X) = \{X, \emptyset\}$ . Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $A = \emptyset$ , then  $\emptyset$  is pgr $\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ . Suppose  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then  $X$  is the only regular  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $A$  and so  $\text{pcl}(A) \subset X$ . Hence  $A$  is pgr $\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$ .

Converse of the theorem need not be true.

**Example: 3.28** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}\}$ . Every subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is pgr $\alpha$ - closed set in  $X$ . But  $\text{R}\alpha\text{O}(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}\}$

#### 4. pgr $\alpha$ - open set

We introduce and study pgr $\alpha$ -open sets in topological space and obtain some of their properties.

**Definition: 4.1** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called pgr $\alpha$ - open in  $X$  if  $A^c$  is pgr $\alpha$ - closed in  $X$ .

We denote the family of pgr $\alpha$ - open sets in  $X$  by  $\text{PGR}\alpha\text{O}(X)$ .

**Theorem: 4.2** If a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is w- open then it is pgr $\alpha$ - open but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a w-open set in a space  $X$  then  $A^c$  is w-closed set. By theorem 3.2  $A^c$  is pgr $\alpha$ - closed set. That is  $A$  is pgr $\alpha$ - open set in  $X$ .

The converse of the above theorem need not be true.

**Corollary: 4.3** Every open set is pgr $\alpha$ - open set but not conversely.

**Corollary: 4.4** Every regular open set is pgr $\alpha$ -open set but not conversely.

**Theorem: 4.5** Assume if  $\text{PO}(X, \tau)$  is closed under finite intersection,  $A$  and  $B$  are pgr $\alpha$ - open sets in a space  $X$  then  $A \cap B$  is also pgr $\alpha$ - open set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $X-(A \cap B) = (X-A) \cup (X-B) \subset F$ , where  $F$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open. Then  $X-A \subset F$  and  $X-B \subset F$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are pgra-open then  $\text{pcl}(X-A) \subset F$  and  $\text{pcl}(X-B) \subset F$ . By hypothesis  $\text{pcl}((X-A) \cup (X-B)) \subset \text{pcl}(X-A) \cup \text{pcl}(X-B) \subset F$ .

That is  $\text{pcl}(X-(A \cap B)) \subset F$ . This shows that  $A \cap B$  is pgra-open.

**Theorem 4.6** If a set  $A$  is pgra-open in a space  $X$  then  $G=X$ , whenever  $G$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open and  $\text{int}(A) \cup A^c \subset G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A$  is pgra-open in  $X$ . Let  $G$  be regular  $\alpha$ -open and  $\text{int}(A) \cup A^c \subset G$  then  $G^c \subset \text{cl}(A^c) - A^c$ . Now  $G^c$  is also regular  $\alpha$ -open and  $A^c$  is pgra-closed. By theorem 3.15, it follows that  $G^c = \emptyset$ . Hence  $G = X$ .

The converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example: 4.7** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}\}$ . Then  $\text{PGR}\alpha O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b,c\}, \{a,d\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,c,d\}, \{b,c,d\}\}$ . Take  $A = \{a,b,c\}$ , then  $A$  is not pgra-open. However  $\text{int}(A) \cup A^c = \{a, b, c, d\} \subset G$ . This implies  $G = X$ . But  $A$  is not pgra-open.

**Theorem: 4.8** Every singleton point set in a space is either pgra-open or  $\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:** Follows from Theorem 3.18.

**Theorem: 4.9**  $A \subset X$  is pgra-open if and only if  $F \subset \text{pint}(A)$ , whenever  $F$  is regular  $\alpha$ -closed and  $F \subset A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be pgra-open. Let  $F$  be regular  $\alpha$ -closed and  $F \subset A$  then  $X-A \subset X-F$ , where  $X-F$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open. Since  $A$  is pgra-open implies  $\text{pcl}(X-A) \subset X-F$ . This implies  $X-\text{pint}(A) \subset X-F$ . Hence  $F \subset \text{pint}A$ .

Conversely, suppose  $F$  is regular  $\alpha$ -closed and  $F \subset A$ . Let  $X-A \subset U$ , where  $U$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open then  $X-U \subset A$  and  $X-U$  is regular  $\alpha$ -closed. By hypothesis,  $X-U \subset \text{pint}(A)$ , this implies  $\text{pcl}(X-A) \subset U$ . Then  $X-A$  is pgra-closed. Hence  $A$  is pgra-open.

**Theorem: 4.10** If  $\text{pint}(A) \subset B \subset A$  and  $A$  is pgra-open then  $B$  is pgra-open.

**Proof:**  $\text{pint}(A) \subset B \subset A$  implies  $(X-A) \subset (X-B) \subset (X-\text{pint}(A))$ . That is  $(X-A) \subset (X-B) \subset \text{pcl}(X-A)$ . Since  $(X-A)$  is pgra-closed then by Theorem 3.20,  $(X-B)$  is pgra-closed and  $B$  is pgra-open.

**Remark: 4.11** For any  $A \subset X$ ,  $\text{pint}(\text{pcl}(A)-A) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem: 4.12** If  $A \subset X$  is pgra-closed then  $\text{pcl}(A)-A$  is pgra-open.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be pgra-closed. Let  $F$  be a regular  $\alpha$ -closed set such that  $F \subset (\text{pcl}(A)-A)$ . By theorem 3.15,  $F = \emptyset$ . So  $F \subset \text{pint}(\text{pcl}(A)-A)$ . This shows  $(\text{pcl}(A)-A)$  is pgra-open.

The converse implication does not hold.

**Example: 4.13** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ . Then  $\text{PGR}\alpha O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b,c\}, \{a,c\}, \{c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ .

Consider  $A = \{c\}$  then  $\text{pcl}(A) = \{c\}$ ,  $(\text{pcl}(A)-A) = \emptyset$ , which is pgra-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $A = \{c\}$  is not pgra-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition: 4.14** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called pgra-  $T_{1/2}$  space if every pgra-closed set is pre closed.

**Remark: 4.15** Any set with indiscrete topology is an example for a pgra-  $T_{1/2}$  space. The notion pgra-  $T_{1/2}$  and  $T_{1/2}$  are independent of each other.

**Example: 4.16** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_{1/2}$  space but it is not a pgra- $T_{1/2}$  space.

**Example: 4.17** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a pgra-  $T_{1/2}$  space but it is not  $T_{1/2}$  space.

**Theorem: 4.18** For a space  $(X, \tau)$  the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is a pgra-  $T_{1/2}$  space.
- (2) Every singleton is either regular closed or pre-open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $\{x\}$  is not a regular  $\alpha$ -closed subset for some  $x \in X$ . Then  $X-\{x\}$  is not regular  $\alpha$ -open and hence  $X$  is the only regular  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $X-\{x\}$ . Therefore  $X-\{x\}$  is pgra-closed. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is pgra-  $T_{1/2}$ ,  $X-\{x\}$  is pre closed and then  $\{x\}$  is pre-open. Hence (1) implies (2).

Let A be a pgra- closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in \text{pcl}(A)$ . We will show that  $x \in A$ . If  $\{x\}$  is regular  $\alpha$ -closed and  $x \notin A$ , then  $\{x\} \in (\text{pcl}(A) - A)$ . Thus  $(\text{pcl}(A) - A)$  contains a nonempty regular  $\alpha$ - closed set  $\{x\}$ , a contradiction to Theorem 3.15. So  $x \in A$ .

If  $\{x\}$  is pre- open, since  $x \in \text{pcl}(A)$  then for every pre -open set U containing x. We have  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . But  $\{x\}$  is pre open then  $\{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $x \in A$ , so in both cases we have  $x \in A$ . Therefore A is pre- closed set. Hence (2) implies (1).

### 5. pgra- continous and pgra- irresolute functions

**Definition: 5.1** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called pgra- continous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Example: 5.2** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , by  $f(a) = a$ , and  $f(b) = c$ . Since every subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is pgra- closed. Hence f is pgra- continous.

**Remark: 5.3** The composition of two pgra- continous functions need not be pgra- continous.

**Example: 5.4** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\eta = \{\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = c$ ,  $f(c) = a$ , and define  $g: (X, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \eta)$  by  $g(a) = b$ ,  $g(b) = a$ ,  $g(c) = c$  then f and g are pgra- continous.  $\{a\}$  is closed in  $(X, \eta)$ , then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a\}) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\{a\})) = f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{a\}$ , which is not pgra- closed. Hence  $g \circ f$  is not pgra- continous.

**Definition: 5.5** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called pgra- irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every pgra- closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Example: 5.6** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{c\}\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = a$ ,  $f(c) = b$ . The inverse image of every pgra- closed set is pgra- closed under f. Hence f is pgra- irresolute.

**Remark: 5.7** Every pgra- irresolute function is pgra- continous.

**Example: 5.8** Converse of the above need not be true.

Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = c$ ,  $f(c) = a$ . Here inverse image of all pgra- closed sets are not pgra- closed set.

**Definition: 5.9** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called pre- regular  $\alpha$ - open if  $f(U)$  is regular  $\alpha$ - open in Y for every regular  $\alpha$ - open set U in X.

**Definition: 5.10** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called pre- irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre- closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every pre closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$

**Theorem: 5.11** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a pre- irresolute, pre- regular  $\alpha$ - open and bijective then f is pgra- irresolute.

**Proof:** Let F be pgra- closed in Y. Let  $f^{-1}(F) \subset U$  where U is regular  $\alpha$ - open in X.

Since f is pre-regular  $\alpha$ - open and  $F \subset f(U)$ , we have  $\text{pcl}(F) \subset f(U)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(\text{pcl}(F)) \subset U$ .

Since f is pre- irresolute,  $f^{-1}(\text{pcl}(F))$  is pre- closed in X, then  $\text{pcl}(f^{-1}(\text{pcl}(F))) = f^{-1}(\text{pcl}(F)) \subset U$ .

This implies  $f^{-1}(F)$  is pgra- closed in X. Therefore f is pgra- irresolute.

**Theorem: 5.12** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any two functions, then

- (i)  $g \circ f$  is pgra- continous if g is continous and f is pgra- continous.
- (ii)  $g \circ f$  is pgra- irresolute, if g is pgra- irresolute and f is pgra- irresolute.
- (iii)  $g \circ f$  is pgra- continous, if g is pgra- continous and f is pgra- irresolute.

**Proof:** (i) Let V be closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , since g is continous.

Since f is pgra- continous,  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . That is  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is pgra- continous.

(ii) Let  $V$  be pgra- closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is pgra- irresolute,  $g^{-1}(V)$  is pgra-closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is pgra- irresolute, then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . That is  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is pgra- irresolute.

(iii) Let  $V$  be closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is pgra- continuous then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is pgra- closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is pgra- irresolute then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . That is  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is pgra- closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is pgra- continuous.

## REFERENCES

- [1] D. Andrijevic, Semi pre open sets, *Mat.vesnik*.38 (1986), 24-32.
- [2] L. Arockiarani, Studies on generalization of generalized closed sets and maps in topological spaces, Ph. D thesis, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore (1997).
- [3] S.P. Arya and R. Gupta, On strongly continuous mappings, *Kyung Pook Math .J.* 14 (1974), 131-143.
- [4] K. Balachandran, P.Sundaram and H. Maki, On generalized continuous maps in topological spaces, *Mem. Iac sci. kochi. Univ. Math.*12 (1991), 5-13.
- [5] S.S. Benchalli and R.S. Wali, On RW- closed sets in topological spaces, *Malays.Math.sci.Soc.*30 (2007), 99-110.
- [6] P. Bhattacharyya and B.K. Lahiri, Semi generalized closed sets in topology, *Indian J. Math.*29 (1987).376-382.
- [7] R. Devi, K. Balachandran and H. Maki, On generalized  $\alpha$ - continuous maps, *Far. East J. Math. Sci special volume part I* (1997).1-15.
- [8] W. Dunham, A new closure operator for non-  $T_1$  topologies, *Kyung Pook Math. J.*, 22(1982), 55-60.
- [9] Y. Gnanmbal, On generalized pre regular closed sets in topological spaces, *Indian J. Pure Appli. Math.*, 28(1997), 351-360.
- [10] D. Iyyappan, N. Nagaveni, On semi generalized b- continuous maps, semi generalized b-closed maps in topological Space, *Int. Journal of Math. Analysis*, Vol.6, (2012), no.26, 1251-1264.
- [11] N. Levine, Semi- open sets and semi- continuity in topological spaces, *Amer. Math. Monthly* 70(1963), 36-41.
- [12] N. Levine, Generalized closed sets in topology, *Rend. Circ. Mat. Palermo*, 19(1970), 89-96.
- [13] H. Maki, R. Devi and K. Balachandran, Generalized  $\alpha$ - closed sets in topology, *Bull. Fukuoka Univ. Ed part-III*, 42(1993), 13-21.
- [14] H. Maki, R. Devi and K. Balachandran, Associated topologies of generalized  $\alpha$ - closed sets and  $\alpha$ - generalized closed sets, *Mem.Sci.Kochi.Univ.Ser.A.Math.*,17(1966),33-42
- [15] H. Maki, J. Umehara and T. Noiri, Every topological space is pre- $T_{1/2}$ . *Mem. Fac. Sci. Kochi. Univ.Ser.A.Math.* 17 (1966), 33-42.
- [16] S.R. Malghan, Generalized closed maps, *J. Karnatak Univ.Sci.*27 (1982), 82-88.
- [17] A.S. Mashhour, M.E. Abd El- Monsef and S. N. El-Deep, On pre continuous and weak pre- continuous mappings, *Proc. Math. Phys. Soc. Egypt No.*53 (1982), 47-53.
- [18] A.S. Mashhour, I.A. Hasanein and SN El-Deep,  $\alpha$ - continuous and  $\alpha$ -open mapping, *Acta. Math. phys. Soc. Egypt* 51(1981).
- [19] N. Nagaveni, Studies on generalization of homomorphisms in topological spaces, Ph.D. thesis, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore (1999).
- [20] O. Njastad, On some classes of nearly open sets, *Pacific J.Math.*15 (1965), 961-970.
- [21] T. Noiri, On s-normal spaces and pre gs-closed functions, *Acta Math.Hungar*, 80(1998), 105-113.
- [22] N. Palaniappan and K.C. Rao, Regular generalized closed sets, *Kyung Pook, Math.J.*33 (1993), 211-219.

- [23] J.K. Park and J.H. Park, Mildly generalized closed sets, almost normal and mildly normal spaces, chaos solutions and Fractals, 20(2004),1103-1111.
- [24] M. Sheik John, On  $w$ -closed sets in topology, Acta Ciencia Indica, 4(2000), 389-392.
- [25] A. Vadivel and K. Vaira Manickam,  $rg\alpha$ - closed sets and  $rg\alpha$ -open sets in topological spaces, Int. Journal of Math. Analysis, Vol3, (2009), 1803-1819.
- [26] R.S. Wali, Some topics in general and fuzzy topological spaces, Ph. D Thesis, Karnatak Univ., Karnataka(2006).

**Source of support: Nil, Conflict of interest: None Declared**