

**ON (sg)\* CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES**

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**ABSTRACT**

*In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets namely (sg)\*- closed sets and a new class of generalized functions namely (sg)\* - continuous maps, (sg)\*- irresolute maps. Further the separation axioms namely  $T_S^*$ -space and  ${}^*T_S^*$ -space are introduced and its basic properties are discussed.*

**Keywords:** (sg)\*- closed set, (sg)\* - continuous maps, (sg)\*- irresolute map,  $T_S^*$ -space and  ${}^*T_S^*$ -space.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Levine [7] introduced the class of generalized closed sets in 1970. Andrijevic [1] defined semi-pre- open sets in 1986. Balachandran, Sundaram and Maki [2] introduced on generalized continuous maps in topological spaces in 1991. Devi [3], Maki and Balachandran introduced Semi-generalized closed maps and generalized closed maps in 1993. Veerakumar [16] defined  $g^*$  closed sets which lies between closed sets and  $g$ -closed sets in 1996. Levine [8], and Njasted [11] introduced semi-open sets, pre-open sets,  $\alpha$ -closed sets. Pauline Mary Helen, Ponnuthai Selvarani and Veronica Vijayan [13], introduced  $g^{**}$ -closed sets in topological spaces in 2012. M.Pauline Mary Helen, Monika.P [14] introduced  $sg^{**}$  -closed sets in topological spaces in 2013.

In this paper we introduce and study the concept of (sg)\*- closed set, (sg)\* - continuous maps, (sg)\*- irresolute maps,  $T_S^*$ -space and  ${}^*T_S^*$ -space.

**2. PRELIMINARIES**

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $(Z, \emptyset)$  represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  denote the closure and interior of  $A$  respectively.

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

- 1) a semi – open set [8] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  and semi – closed set if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- 2) a semi – pre open [1] set if  $A \subseteq cl(int(cl(A)))$  and semi – pre closed set if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- 3) an  $\alpha$  – open set [10] if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(cl(A))))$  and an  $\alpha$  – closed set if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .

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

- 1) generalized closed set (briefly  $g$ -closed) [7] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 2) generalized\* closed set (briefly  $g^*$ - closed) [16] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$  - open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 3) generalized\*\* closed set (briefly  $g^{**}$ -closed) [13] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^*$  - open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 4) generalized semi-pre closed set (briefly  $gsp$ -closed) [8] if  $spcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 5) generalized# semi- closed set (briefly  $g^{\#}s$  - closed) [12] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha g$  - open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 6) generalized \* semi closed set (briefly  $g^*s$ -closed) [16] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $gs$  - open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 7) semi  $\alpha$  generalized\* closed set (briefly  $sa g^*$ -closed)[9] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^*$ - open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

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- 8)  $\alpha g^{**}$  - closed [15] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^{**}$  - open
- 9)  $sg^{**}$  - closed [14] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^{**}$  - open

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

- 1) *Continuous* [18] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 2) *gsp - continuous* [5] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $gsp$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 3) *sa $g^*$  - continuous* [9] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $sa g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 4) *g $\#s$  - continuous* [12] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\#s$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 5) *g\*s - continuous* [16] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $g^*s$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 6)  *$\alpha g^{**}$  - continuous* [15] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha g^{**}$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 7) *sg $^{**}$  - continuous* [14] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $sg^{**}$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.4:** A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a  $g^*$  - irresolute [13] if the inverse image of every  $g^*$  - closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.5:** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- 1) a  $T_{1/2}^*$  - space [13] if every  $g^*$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 2) a  $T_{\alpha}^{**}$  - space [15] if every  $\alpha g^{**}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- 3) a  $*T_{\alpha}^*$  - space [15] if every  $\alpha g^{**}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3. BASIC PROPERTIES OF $(sg)^*$ - CLOSED SETS

We now introduce the following definition

**Definition 3.1:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $(sg)^*$ - closed set if  $scl(A) \subseteq A$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^*$ - open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** Every closed set is  $(sg)^*$  closed set.

Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.3:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$   $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$  then  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$  but it is not closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** Every  $(sg)^*$  - closed set is  $gsp$  - closed set.

Let  $A$  be a  $(sg)^*$  - closed set. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open. Then  $U$  is  $g^*$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed, then  $scl(A) \subseteq scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $gsp$  closed.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.5:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$   $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$ , then  $A$  is  $gsp$  but it is not  $(sg)^*$  - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** Every  $g\#s$  closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed set.

Let  $A$  be  $g\#s$  - closed set. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^*$  - open. Then  $U$  is  $\alpha g$  - open. Since  $A$  is  $g\#s$  - closed,  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  Hence  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$  - closed.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$   $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, c\}$ , then  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ , but it is not  $g\#s$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.8:** Every  $g^*s$  closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed set.

Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.9:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$   $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ , then  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$  - closed, but it is not  $g^*s$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** Every  $g^*$ -closed set is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set.

Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.1:** Let  $X=\{a, b, c\}$   $\tau=\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $A=\{b\}$ , then  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed, but it is not  $g^*$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.12:** Every  $sa g^*$  closed set is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set.

Let  $A$  be  $sa g^*$ -closed set. Let  $A \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is  $g^*$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $sa g^*$ -closed,  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^*$ -open. Therefore,  $scl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.13:** Let  $X=\{a, b, c\}$   $\tau=\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $A=\{a\}$ , then  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed, but it is not  $sa g^*$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.14:** Every  $\alpha g^{**}$  closed set is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set.

Let  $A$  be  $\alpha g^{**}$ -closed set. Let  $A \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is  $g^*$ -open, then  $U$  is  $g^{**}$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $\alpha g^{**}$ -closed,  $scl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.15:** Let  $X=\{a, b, c\}$   $\tau=\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Let  $A=\{a\}$ , then  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed, but it is not  $\alpha g^{**}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.16:** Every  $sg^{**}$  closed set is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set.

Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above proposition need not be true in general as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.17:** Let  $X=\{a, b, c\}$   $\tau=\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ , Let  $A=\{a, b\}$ , then  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed, but not  $sg^{**}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.18:** If  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq scl(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof:** It is given that  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be  $g^*$ -open set of  $X$ , such that  $B \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed and  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ . But  $B \subseteq scl(A)$ , now  $scl(B) \subseteq scl(scl(A)) \subseteq scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $scl(B) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $B$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed in  $X$ .

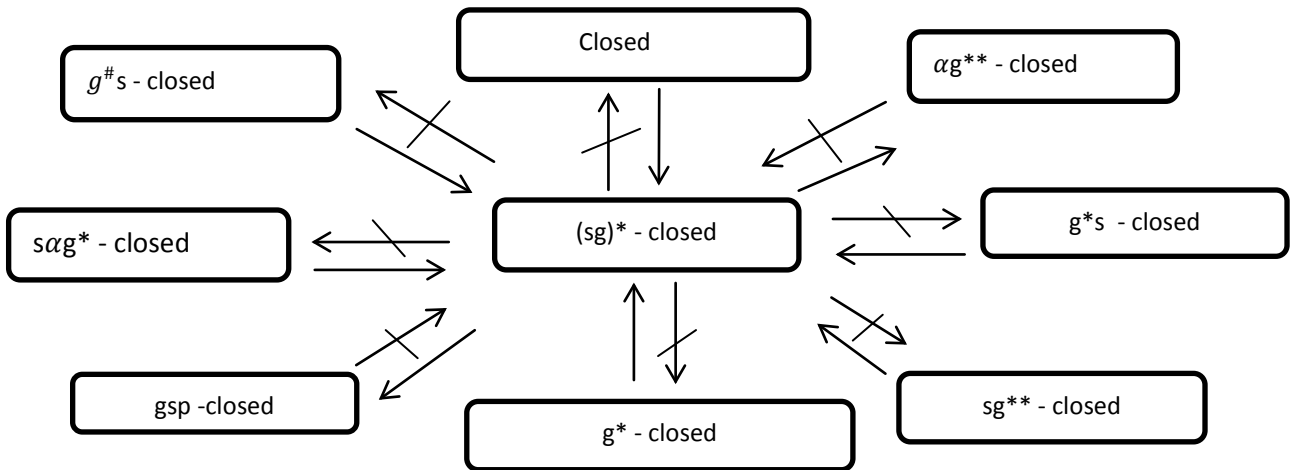
**Theorem 3.19:** If  $A$  is both  $g^*$ -open and  $(sg)^*$ -closed, then  $A$  is semi closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be both  $g^*$ -open and  $(sg)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $g^*$ -open. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  as  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $A \subseteq scl(A)$  is always true. Therefore  $A = scl(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is semi closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.20:**  $A$  is an  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  then  $scl(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non – empty  $g^*$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a  $g^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $F \subseteq scl(A) \setminus A$ , then  $A \subseteq X \setminus F$ . Since  $A$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed and  $X \setminus F$  is  $g^*$ -open,  $scl(A) \subseteq X \setminus F$ . This implies  $F \subseteq X \setminus scl(A)$  so  $F \subseteq (X \setminus scl(A))$

The above results can be represented in the following diagram.



Where  $A \longrightarrow B$  represents  $A$  implies  $B$  and  $A \longleftrightarrow B$  represents  $A$  does not imply  $B$ .

#### 4. $(sg)^*$ - CONTINUOUS and $(sg)^*$ -IRRESOLUTE MAPS

We now introduce the following definitions

**Definition 4.1:** A function  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  is called  $(sg)^*$ - continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$ - closed set of  $(X,\tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y,\sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.2:** Every continuous map is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f:(X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$  be continuous. Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y,\sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $(X,\tau)$ . Since every closed set is  $(sg)^*$ - closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$ - closed in  $(X,\tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.3:** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X,\emptyset,\{a\},\{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\sigma=\{Y,\emptyset,\{b\}\}$

Let  $f: (X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=b$ ,  $f(c)=c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous but not continuous. Since  $f^{-1}\{a, c\}=\{a, c\}$  is  $(sg)^*$ - closed set of  $(X,\tau)$ . But not closed set of  $(X,\tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.4:** Every  $(sg)^*$  continuous map is  $gsp$  continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  be  $(sg)^*$ - continuous map. Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y,\sigma)$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$ - closed in  $(X,\tau)$ . Since every  $(sg)^*$ -closed set is  $gsp$ - closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gsp$ - closed in  $(X,\tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $gsp$ - continuous in  $(X,\tau)$ .

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.5:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X,\emptyset,\{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\sigma=\{Y,\emptyset,\{a, c\}\}$

Let  $f: (X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=b$ ,  $f(c)=c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ -continuous but not  $gsp$  continuous. Since  $f^{-1}\{b\}=\{b\}$  is  $gsp$ - closed set of  $(X,\tau)$  but not  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X,\tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.6:** Every  $g^{\#}s$ - continuous map is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  be  $g^{\#}s$ - continuous map. Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y,\sigma)$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^{\#}s$ - closed in  $(X,\tau)$ . Since every  $g^{\#}s$ - closed set is  $(sg)^*$ - closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$ - closed in  $(X,\tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.7:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X,\emptyset,\{a\},\{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\sigma=\{Y,\emptyset,\{b\}\}$

Let  $f: (X,\tau)\rightarrow(Y,\sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=b$ ,  $f(c)=c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous but not  $g^{\#}s$ - continuous. Since  $f^{-1}\{a, c\}=\{a, c\}$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X,\tau)$  but not  $g^{\#}s$ - continuous.

**Theorem 4.8:** Every  $g^*s$  - continuous map is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ . Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*s$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since, every  $g^*s$  - closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.9 :** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{c\}\}$

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=b$ ,  $f(c)=c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  -continuous but not  $g^*s$  - continuous. Since  $f^{-1}\{a, b\} = \{a, b\}$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  but not  $g^*s$  - continuous.

**Theorem 4.10:** Every  $g^*$  - continuous map is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f$  be a map from  $(X, \tau)$  to  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every  $g^*$  - closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.11:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a, c\}\}$

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=b$ ,  $f(c)=c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  -continuous but not  $g^*$  - continuous. Since  $\{b\}$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  but not  $g^*$  - continuous.

**Theorem 4.12:** Every  $s\alpha g^*$  - continuous map is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f$  be a map from  $(X, \tau)$  to  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $s\alpha g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every  $s\alpha g^*$  - closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$  -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.13:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ -continuous but not  $s\alpha g^*$  - continuous. Since  $f^{-1}\{a\} = \{a\}$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  but not  $s\alpha g^*$  - continuous.

**Theorem 4.14:** Every  $\alpha g^{**}$  - continuous map is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f$  be a map from  $(X, \tau)$  to  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha g^{**}$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every  $\alpha g^{**}$  - closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$  -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.15:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ -continuous but not  $\alpha g^{**}$  - continuous. Since  $f^{-1}\{a\} = \{a\}$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  but not  $\alpha g^{**}$  - continuous.

**Theorem 4.16:** Every  $sg^{**}$  - continuous map is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

Let  $f$  be a map from  $(X, \tau)$  to  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $sg^{**}$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every  $sg^{**}$  - closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed, which implies  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$  -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.17:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by identity mapping  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ .  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$  -continuous but not  $sg^{**}$  - continuous. Since  $\{a\}$  is  $(sg)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  but not  $sg^{**}$  - continuous.

**Definition 4.18:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $(sg)^*$ - irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(sg)^*$ - closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $(sg)^*$ - closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.19:** Every  $g^*$ - irresolute map is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous

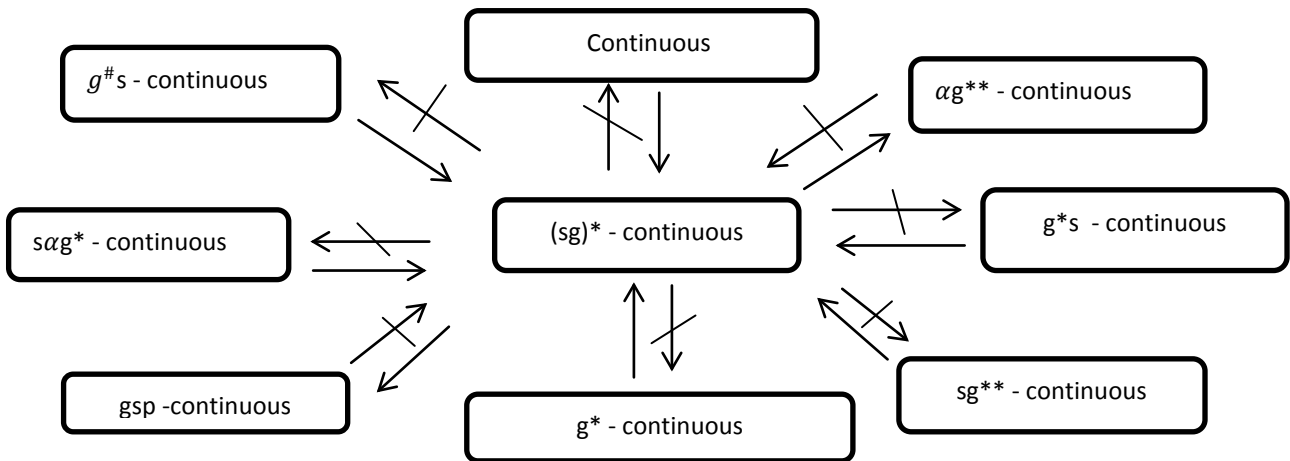
Proof follows from the definition.

**Theorem 4.20:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be any two functions then,

- (i)  $\text{gof}: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous if  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ -irresolute and  $g$  is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous.
- (ii)  $\text{gof}: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $(sg)^*$  - irresolute if  $f$  and  $g$  are  $(sg)^*$ - irresolute.
- (iii)  $\text{gof}: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $(sg)^*$  - continuous if  $f$  is  $(sg)^*$ - continuous and  $g$  is continuous.

Proof follows from the definition

The above theorems can be represented in the following diagram



Where  $A \longrightarrow B$  represents  $A$  implies  $B$  and  $A \dashrightarrow B$  represents  $A$  does not imply  $B$ .

### 5. APPLICATIONS OF $(sg)^*$ - CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

**Definition 5.1:** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $T_S^*$  - space if every  $(sg)^*$  - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 5.2:** Every  $T_S^*$  - space is  $T_{1/2}^*$  - space but not conversely.

Proof follows from the definition

**Example 5.3:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ .  $g^*$ - closed sets are  $\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{1/2}^*$  - space.  $(sg)^*$  - closed sets are  $\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  and closed sets are  $\emptyset, X, \{b, c\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$  then  $A$  is not closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $(sg)^*$ -closed set is not closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $T_S^*$  - space.

**Theorem 5.4:** Every  $T_S^*$  - space is  $T_{\alpha}^{**}$  - space but not conversely.

Proof follows from the definition.

**Definition 5.5:** A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  ${}^*T_S^*$  - space if every  $(sg)^*$  - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*$ - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 5.6:** Every  ${}^*T_S^*$  - space is  ${}^*T_{\alpha}^*$  - space but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  ${}^*T_S^*$  - space. Let  $A$  be  $\alpha g^{**}$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . But by proposition, Every  $\alpha g^{**}$  - closed set is  $(sg)^*$  - closed. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  ${}^*T_S^*$  - space,  $A$  is  $g^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . It implies  $\alpha g^{**}$ - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is  ${}^*T_{\alpha}^*$  - space.

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