

$g^*\alpha$ -CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to introduce and study new class of sets called $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets. This new class of sets lies between closed sets and ag -closed sets. Applying these sets, we introduce new spaces namely, ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^*$ -Space, ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -Spaces are also introduced.

Key words: $g^*\alpha$ -closed set, $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map, $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute map, ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^*$ -Space, ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space.

1. INTRODUCTION

Every topological Space can be defined either with the help of axioms for the closed sets or the Kuratowski closure axioms. So one can imagine that, how the important the concept of closed sets in the topological Spaces. In 1970, Levine [11] initiated the study of g -closed sets. Maki. *et.al* [14] defined ag -closed sets and $\alpha^{**}g$ -closed sets in 1994. S.P. Arya and T.Nour [3] defined gs -closed sets in 1990. Dontchev [9], Gnanambal[10] and Palaniappan and Rao[19] introduced gsp -closed sets, gpr -closed sets and rg -closed sets respectively. M.K.R.S. Veerakumar [20] introduced g^* -closed sets in 1991. P.M.Helen[21] introduced g^{**} -closed sets. We introduce a new class of sets called $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets, which is properly placed in between the class of closed sets and the class of ag -closed sets. Levine [11] Devi. *et.al* [6, 8] introduced $T_{1/2}$ spaces, T_b spaces and ${}_{\alpha}T_b$ spaces respectively. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concepts of $g^*\alpha$ -closed set, $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map, $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute maps, ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^*$ -Space, ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space and ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space are introduced and investigated.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, ρ) represent non-empty topological spaces of which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , $cl(A)$ and $int(A)$ denote the closure and the interior of A respectively. The class of all closed subsets of a space (X, τ) is denoted by $C(X, \tau)$. The smallest semi closed (resp. pre-closed and α -closed) set containing a subset A of (X, τ) is called the semi-closure (resp. pre-closure and α -closure) of A is denoted by $scl(A)$ (resp. $pcl(A)$ and $\alpha cl(A)$).

Definition 2.1: A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called

- (1) a pre-open set [16] if $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$ and a preclosed set if $cl(int(A)) \subseteq A$.
- (2) a semi-open set [12] if $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$ and a semi-closed set if $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$.
- (3) a semi-preopen set [1] if $A \subseteq cl(int(cl(A)))$ and a semi preclosed set [1] if $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$.
- (4) an α -open set [18] if $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$ and an α -closed set [18] if $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$.
- (5) a regular-open set [16] if $int(cl(A))=A$ and regular-closed set [16] if $A=int(cl(A))$.

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Definition 2.2: A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called

- (1) a generalised closed set (briefly g -closed) [11] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ)
- (2) g^* -closed if [20] $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g^* -open in (X, τ)
- (3) a generalised semi-closed set (briefly gs -closed) [3] if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ)
- (4) an generalised semi pre-closed set (briefly gsp -closed) [9] if $spcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ)
- (5) regular generalised closed set (briefly rg -closed) [19] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and regular open in (X, τ)
- (6) α - generalised closed set (briefly αg -closed) [14] if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g^* -Open in (X, τ)
- (7) g^{**} -closed [21] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ)
- (8) generalised pre regular-closed set (briefly gpr -closed)[10] if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is regular open in (X, τ)
- (9) weakly generalised closed set [18] (briefly wg -closed) if $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ)
- (10) generalised pre-closed set (briefly gp -closed) [13] if $pcl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ)
- (11) Generalised α -closed (briefly $g\alpha$ -closed)[14] if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is α -open in (X, τ)
- (12) Semi-generalized closed (briefly sg -closed) [5] if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is semiopen in X .

Definition 2.2: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

- (1) g -continuous [4] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a g -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (2) αg -continuous [10] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is an αg -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (3) gs -continuous [7] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a gs -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (4) gsp -continuous [9] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a gsp -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ)
- (5) rg -continuous [19] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a rg -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (6) gp -continuous [2] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a gp -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (7) gpr -continuous [10] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a gpr -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (8) g^* -continuous [20] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a g^* -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (9) g^* -irresolute[20] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a g^* -closed set of (X, τ) for every g^* -closed set of (Y, σ) .
- (10) wg -continuous [18] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a wg -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set V of (Y, σ) .
- (11) g^{**} -continuous[21] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a g^{**} -closed set of (X, τ) for every closed set of (Y, σ) .
- (12) g^{**} -irresolute[21] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is a g^{**} -closed set of (X, τ) for every g^* closed set V of (Y, σ) .

Definition 2.4: A topological space (X, τ) is said to be

- (1) a $T_{1/2}$ space [11] if every g -closed set in it is closed.
- (2) a T_b space [6] if every gs -closed set in it is closed.
- (3) a T_d space [6] if every gs -closed set in it is g -closed.
- (4) a ${}_a T_d$ space [4] if every αg -closed set in it is g -closed.
- (5) a ${}_a T_b$ space [8] if every αg -closed set in it is closed.
- (6) a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ [20] space if every g -closed set in it is g^* -closed set.
- (7) a $T_{1/2}^*$ [20] space if every g^* -closed set in it is closed.

3. Basic Properties of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets

We introduce the following definition

Definition 3.1: A subset A of (X, τ) is said to be $g^*\alpha$ closed set if $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is g^* open in X . The family of all $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets are denoted by $G^*\alpha-C(X)$.

Proposition 3.2: Every closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

Proposition 3.3: Every α -closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

Proposition 3.4: Every g^{**} -closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set.

Proof follows from the definition.

Proposition 3.5: Every g^* -closed set is $g^*\alpha$ - closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

Proposition 3.6: Every g -closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above propositions need not be true in general.

Example 3.7: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$.

Let $A = \{3\}$ is a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set but not a closed set and a g^{**} -closed set. So the class of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets properly contains the class of closed sets and the class of g^{**} -closed sets. Also $A = \{3\}$ is not a g -closed set.

Example 3.8: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}\}$. Let $A = \{1, 2\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set but not a α -closed set and a g^* -closed set of (X, τ) . So the class of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets properly contains the class of α -closed sets and the class of g^* -closed sets.

Proposition 3.9: Every $g^*\alpha$ closed set is (1) rg -closed (2) gp -closed (3) gpr -closed (4) gsp -closed (5) wg -closed. Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above propositions need not be true in general as seen in the following examples.

Example 3.10: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{1, 3\}\}$. Let $A = \{1\}$ is gpr -closed set and a rg -closed set but not $g^*\alpha$ -closed set.

Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1, 3\}\}$. Let $A = \{3\}$ is a gsp -closed, wg -closed and a gp -closed set but not a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) . Therefore the class of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets is properly contained in the class of gpr -closed, rg -closed, gsp -closed, gp -closed, and gsp -closed sets.

Remark 3.11: $g^*\alpha$ -closedness is independent of pre-closedness, Semi pre-closedness, semiclosedness, $g\alpha$ -closedness, α -closedness and sg -closedness. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{1, 3\}\}$. Let $A = \{1, 2\}$ then A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. A is neither α -closed nor semi-closed, infact it is not even a semipreclosed. Also it is not sg -closed and $g\alpha$ -closed.

Proposition 3.12: If A and B are $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets, then $A \cup B$ is also a $g^*\alpha$ -closed. Proof follows from the fact that $\alpha cl(A \cup B) = \alpha cl(A) \cup \alpha cl(B)$

Proposition 3.13: If A is both g^* -open and $g^*\alpha$ closed then A is α -closed. Proof follows from the definition of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets.

Proposition 3.14: A is $g^*\alpha$ closed of (X, τ) if $\alpha cl(A) \setminus A$ does not contain any non-empty g^* -closed set.

Proof: Let F be a g^* -closed set of (X, τ) such that $F \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \setminus A$. Then $A \subseteq X \setminus F$. Since A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed and $X \setminus F$ is g^* -open, $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq X \setminus F$. This implies $F \subseteq X \setminus \alpha cl(A)$. So $F \subseteq (X \setminus \alpha cl(A)) \cap (\alpha cl(A) \setminus A) \subseteq (X \setminus \alpha cl(A)) \cap (\alpha cl(A)) = \varphi$. Therefore $F = \varphi$

Proposition 3.15: If A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) such that $A \subseteq B \subseteq \alpha cl(A)$ then B is also a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) .

Proof: Let U be a g^* -open set of (X, τ) such that $B \subseteq U$. Then $A \subseteq U$. Since A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed, then $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$. Now $\alpha cl(B) \subseteq \alpha cl(\alpha cl(A)) = \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$. Therefore B is also a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) .

Proposition 3.16: If A and B are two $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets in a topological space X such that either $A \subset B$ or $B \subset A$ then both intersection and union of two $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set.

Proof: If A is contained in B or B is contained in A then $A \cup B = B$ or $A \cup B = A$ respectively. This shows that $A \cup B$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed as A and B are $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets.

Similarly $A \cap B$ is also a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set.

Remark 3.17: Difference of two $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets is not a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set.

Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$. Here $A = \{1, 2, 4\}$ and $B = \{2, 4\}$ are $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets but $A - B = \{1\}$ is not.

Proposition 3.18: Let (X, τ) be a topological space then for each $x \in X$, the set $X \setminus \{x\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed or g^* -open.

Proof: If $X \setminus \{x\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed or g^* -open then we are done. Now suppose $X \setminus \{x\}$ is not g^* -open then X is the only g^* -open set containing $X \setminus \{x\}$ and also $\alpha cl(X \setminus \{x\})$ is contained in X , as it is the biggest set containing all its subsets. Hence $X \setminus \{x\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in X .

4. $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute maps

We introduce the following definitions

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

Theorem 4.2: Every continuous map is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be continuous and let F be any closed set of Y , then $f^{-1}(F)$ is closed in X . Since every closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Therefore f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem need not be true in general.

Example 4.3: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{1,3\}\}$, $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is defined as the identity map. The inverse image of all the closed sets of (Y, σ) is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) but not closed. Therefore f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not continuous.

Theorem 4.4: Every $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map is (1) rg-continuous (2) gp-continuous (3) gpr-continuous (4) gsp-continuous (5) wg-continuous.

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map. let V be a closed set of (Y, σ) . Since f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous by prop (3.9) $f^{-1}(V)$ is (1) rg-closed (2) gp-closed (3) gpr-closed (4) gsp-closed (5) wg-closed of (X, τ) . Therefore f is rg-continuous, gp-continuous, gpr-continuous, gsp-continuous and wg-continuous.

Example 4.5: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{2,3\}\}$, $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is defined as the identity map. Then $f^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{1\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) . But $\{1\}$ is rg-closed and gpr-closed. Therefore f is rg-continuous and gpr-continuous.

Example 4.6: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{2,3\}\}$, $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is defined as the identity map. Then $f^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{1\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) . But $\{1\}$ is gsp-closed. Therefore f is gsp-continuous.

Example 4.7: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1,3\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{2,3\}\}$, $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is defined as the identity map. Then $f^{-1}(\{1\}) = \{1\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) . But $\{1\}$ is wg-closed and gp-closed. Therefore f is wg-continuous and gp-continuous. Thus the class of $g^*\alpha$ -continuous maps is properly contained in the class of rg-continuous, gp-continuous gsp-continuous and wg-continuous.

Theorem 4.8: Every g^* -continuous map is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be g^* -continuous map. Let V be a closed set of (Y, σ) . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^* -closed and hence by prop (3.5) it is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Hence f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem need not be true in general.

Example 4.9: Let $X=Y= \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{2\}\}$, $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be the identity map. Here $A=\{1,3\}$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Then $f^{-1}(\{1,3\}) = \{1,3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) but not g^* -closed in (X, τ) . Therefore f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not g^* -continuous.

Theorem 4.10: Every g-continuous map is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be g-continuous map. Let V be a closed set of (Y, σ) . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is g-closed and hence by prop (3.6) it is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Hence f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map.

The following example shows that the converse of the above theorem need not be true in general.

Example 4.11: Let $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}\}$, $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{1,3\}\}$, $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be the identity map. Here $A=\{2\}$ is closed in (Y, σ) . Then $f^{-1}(\{2\}) = \{2\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X, τ) but not g-closed in (X, τ) . Therefore f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not g-continuous.

Theorem 4.12: Every g^{**} -continuous map is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous

Proof: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be g^{**} -continuous map. Let V be a closed set of (Y, σ) . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is g^{**} -closed and hence by prop (3.4) it is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Hence f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map.

The following example helps that the converse of the above theorem need not be true in general.

Example 4.13: $X=Y=\{1,2,3\}$, $\tau=\{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}\}$, $\sigma=\{\varphi, Y, \{1,3\}\}$, $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ be the identity map. Here $A=\{2\}$ is closed in (Y,σ) . Then $f^{-1}(\{2\}) = \{2\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X,τ) but not g^{**} -closed in (x,τ) . Therefore f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not g^{**} -continuous.

Definition 4.14: A function $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ is called $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X,τ) for every $g^*\alpha$ - closed set of (Y,σ) .

Definition 4.15: A function $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ is called $g^*\alpha$ -resolute if $f(U)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open in Y whenever U is $g^*\alpha$ -open in X .

Definition 4.16: A function $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ is called $g^*\alpha$ -homeomorphism if

- (i) f is one-one and onto
- (ii) f is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and $g^*\alpha$ -resolute.

Theorem 4.17: Every $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute function is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.
Proof follows from the definition.

Theorem 4.18: Every g -irresolute function is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.
Proof follows from the definition.

Theorem 4.19: Every g^* -irresolute function is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.
Proof follows from the definition.

Theorem 4.20: Every g^{**} -irresolute function is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.
Proof follows from the definition.

Example 4.21: Let $X = \{1,2,3,4\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}\}$. $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{1,2,4\}\}$. Let $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ be defined by $f(1) = 2$, $f(2) = 1$ and $f(3) = 3$. $\{3\}$ is the only closed set of Y . $f^{-1}(\{3\}) = \{3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X,τ) . Hence f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map. But $f^{-1}(\{3\}) = \{3\}$ is not g -closed, g^* -closed and g^{**} -closed in x . Therefore f is not g -irresolute, g^* -irresolute, g^{**} -irresolute. Therefore f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not g -irresolute g^* -irresolute and g^{**} -irresolute.

Example 4.22: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1, 3\}\}$. $\sigma = \{\varphi, Y, \{2\}\}$,

Let $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ be defined by $f(1) = 2$, $f(2) = 1$ and $f(3) = 3$. $\{1,3\}$ is the only closed set of Y . $f^{-1}(\{1, 3\}) = \{2, 3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X,τ) . Hence f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map. But $\{3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed in Y , $f^{-1}(\{3\}) = \{3\}$ is not $g^*\alpha$ -closed set in (X,τ) . Hence $g^*\alpha$ -continuous but not $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute.

Theorem 4.23: Let $f: (X,\tau) \rightarrow (Y,\sigma)$ and Let $g: (Y,\sigma) \rightarrow (Z,\sigma)$ be any two functions. Then

- (i) $g \circ f$ is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous if g is continuous and f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.
- (ii) $g \circ f$ is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute if both f and g are $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute.
- (iii) $g \circ f$ is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous if g is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous and f is $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute.

Applications of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets

As applications of $g^*\alpha$ -closed sets, new spaces namely ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{*}$ -Space, ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space, ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space, are introduced.

Definition 5.1: A space (X,τ) is called ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ space if every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set is closed.

Theorem 5.2: Every ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space is a $T_{1/2}$ Space.
Proof follows from the definition.

Theorem 5.3: Every ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space is a $T_{1/2}^*$ Space.
Proof follows from the definition.

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

Example 5.4: Let $X = \{1,2,3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}\}$. $G^*\alpha C(x,\tau) = \{\{\emptyset, X, \{2,3\}\} = C(X,\tau)$. Therefore (X,τ) is a $T_{1/2}^*$ -Space but not a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space. Since $\{1,3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set but not closed in (X,τ) .

Theorem 5.5: Every T_b -Space is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space.

Proof follows from the definition.

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

Example 5.6: Let $X = \{1,2,3\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ Space but not a T_b -space. Since $A = \{2\}$ is g_s -closed set but not closed in (X, τ) .

Remark 5.7: T_d -ness is independent of ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -ness as it can be seen from the following examples.

Example 5.8: Let $X = \{1,2,3\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ Space but not a T_d -space. Since $A = \{1\}$ is g_s -closed set but not g -closed in (X, τ) .

Example 5.9: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2, 3\}\}$. (X, τ) is a T_d -space but not a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ Space .Since $A = \{3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set but not closed.

Theorem 5.10: The following conditions are equivalent in topological space (X, τ) .

- (i) (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space.
- (ii) Every singleton set of X is either g^* -closed or open.

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let (X, τ) be a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space. Let $x \in X$ and suppose $\{x\}$ is not g^* -closed. Then $X \setminus \{x\}$ is not g^* -open. This implies that X is the only g^* -open set containing $X \setminus \{x\}$. Therefore $X \setminus \{x\}$ is closed since (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$. Therefore $\{x\}$ is open in (X, τ) .

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Let A be a $g^*\alpha$ -closed of (X, τ) . $A \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq cl(A)$ and let $x \in \alpha cl(A)$ this implies $x \in cl(A)$. By (ii) $\{x\}$ is g^* -closed or open.

Case-(i): Let $\{x\}$ be g^* -closed. If x does not belong to A then $\alpha cl(A) \setminus A$ contains a nonempty g^* -closed set $\{x\}$. But it is not possible by proposition (3.14). Therefore $x \in A$.

Case-(ii): Let $\{x\}$ be open. Now $x \in cl(A)$, then $\{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ Therefore $x \in A$ and so $cl(A) \subseteq A$ and hence $A = cl(A)$ or A is closed. Therefore (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space.

We introduce the following definition.

Definition 5.11: A space (X, τ) is called ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space if every αg -closed set is $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 5.12: Every ${}_{\alpha}T_b$ -Space is an ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space but not conversely.

Example 5.13: Let $X = \{1,2,3\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}\}$ is ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space but not a ${}_{\alpha}T_b$ -Space since $\{1, 3\}$ is αg -closed but not closed.

Definition 5.14: A subset A of (X, τ) is called $g^*\alpha$ -open set if its complement is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) .

Theorem 5.15: If (X, τ) is an ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -space for each $x \in X$, $\{x\}$ is either αg -closed or $g^*\alpha$ -open.

Proof: Let $x \in X$ suppose that $\{x\}$ is not αg -closed set of (X, τ) . Then $\{x\}$ is not closed set since every closed set is an αg -closed set. Therefore $X \setminus \{x\}$ is not open. Therefore $X \setminus \{x\}$ is an αg -closed set since X is the only open set which contains $X \setminus \{x\}$. Since (X, τ) is ${}_{\alpha\alpha}T_c^*$ -space, $X \setminus \{x\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed or $\{x\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open.

We introduce the following definition.

Definition 5.18: A space (X, τ) is called ${}^{**}\alpha T_{1/2}$ -space, space if every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set is g^* -closed.

Theorem 5.19: Every ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space is a ${}^{**}\alpha T_{1/2}$ -space.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space. Let A be a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space, A is closed. Since every closed set is g^* -closed, (X, τ) is ${}^{**}\alpha T_{1/2}$ -space.

Theorem 5.20: Every T_b -Space is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a T_b -Space. Then by theorem 5.5, it is ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space. Therefore by theorem 5.19, it is ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space.

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

Example 5.21: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ Space but not a T_b -space. Since $A = \{1\}$ is g_s -closed set but not closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem 5.22: Every ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -Space

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ Space. Let A be a g -closed set of (X, τ) . Then by prop (3.6) A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed. Since, (X, τ) is an ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space, A is g^* -closed. Therefore it is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -Space.

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

Example 5.23: Let $X = Y = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{1, 3\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -Space but not a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space. Since $A = \{3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed but not g^* -closed.

Theorem 5.24: Every ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ Space. Let A be a g^{**} -closed set of (X, τ) . Then by prop (3.4) A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed. Since (X, τ) is an ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space, A is g^* -closed. Therefore it is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space.

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen in the following example

Example 5.25: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$. Here (X, τ) is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space but not a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space, Since $A = \{3\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed but not g^* -closed.

Theorem 5.24: If (X, τ) is an ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space for each $x \in X$, $\{x\}$ is either closed or g^* -open.

Proof: Suppose (X, τ) be a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ Space. Let $x \in X$ and let $\{x\}$ not be closed set. Then $X \setminus \{x\}$ is not open set. Therefore $X \setminus \{x\}$ is a g -closed set since X is the only open set which contains $X \setminus \{x\}$. By theorem (3.6) $X \setminus \{x\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Since (X, τ) is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space, $X \setminus \{x\}$ is g^* -closed set. Therefore $\{x\}$ is g^* -open.

Definition 5.27: A space (X, τ) is called ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -Space if every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set is g -closed.

Theorem 5.28: Every ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -Space.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -Space. Let A be a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) . Then A is Closed. Since, (X, τ) is an ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space. But every closed set is a g -closed set, therefore A is g -closed. Therefore (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space. The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen in the following example.

Example 5.29: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ Space but not a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space. Since $A = \{1, 2\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set but not closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem 5.30: The space (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space iff it is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space and a $T_{1/2}$ -space.

Proof: Necessity: Let (X, τ) be a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space. Let A be g -closed set of (X, τ) . Then by prop (3.6) A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed. Also since (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space, A is closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a $T_{1/2}$ -space. By theorem (5.28) (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space.

Sufficiency: Let (X, τ) be a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space and a $T_{1/2}$ -space. Let A be a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Then A is g -closed. since (X, τ) is a $T_{1/2}$ -space, A is a closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space.

Theorem 5.31: Every ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -Space is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -Space.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space. Let A be a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Then A is g^* -closed since (X, τ) is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space. But every g^* -closed is g -closed and hence A is a g -closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space.

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

Example 5.32: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}, \tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space but not a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space. Since $A = \{2\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed but not g^* -closed.

We introduce the following definition

Definition 5.33: A space (X, τ) is called ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space if every gs -closed set of (X, τ) is a $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 5.34: Every T_c -space is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space .

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a T_c -Space. Let A be a gs -closed set of (X, τ) . Then A is g^* -closed.

Since (X, τ) is a T_c -space, by proposition (3.5) A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space.

Example 5.35: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}, \tau = \{\varphi, X, \{3\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -space but not a T_c -space. Since $A = \{2\}$ is gs -closed but not g^* -closed.

Theorem 5.36: Every T_b -space is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a T_b -Space. Let A be a gs -closed set of (X, τ) . Then A is closed.

Since (X, τ) is a T_b -space, by proposition (3.2) A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space.

Example 5.37: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}, \tau = \{\varphi, X, \{3\}\}$. (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -space but not a T_b -space. Since $A = \{2\}$ is gs -closed but not a closed set.

Theorem 5.38: If (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -space and ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space then it is a *T_d -space.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space and a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space. Let A be a αg -closed set of (X, τ) . Then A is also gs -closed. Since (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space, A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Also since (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space, A is a g -closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a *T_d -space.

The following example helps that the converse of the above theorem need not be true in general.

Example 5.39: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}, \tau = \{\varphi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$. (X, τ) is a *T_d -space but not ${}^*T_c^*$ -space. Since $A = \{2\}$ is gs -closed set but not $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 5.40: If (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space and ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space then it is a T_b -space.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space and a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space. Let A be a αg -closed set of (X, τ) .

Then A is also gs -closed. Since (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space, A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. But every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set is closed. Also (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space, A is a closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a T_b -space.

Example 5.41: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}, \tau = \{X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$. (X, τ) is a T_b -space but not ${}^*T_c^*$ -space. Since $A = \{2\}$ is gs -closed set but not $g^*\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 5.42: If (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space and ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space then it is a T_d -space.

Proof: Let (X, τ) be a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space and a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space. Let A be a gs -closed set of (X, τ) .

Since (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_c^*$ -Space, A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set. Also since (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}$ -space, A is a g -closed set. Therefore (X, τ) is a T_d -space.

Theorem 5.43: If (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space, then for each $x \in X$, $\{x\}$ is either semi-closed or $g^*\alpha$ -open.

Proof: Suppose (X, τ) be a ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space. Let $x \in X$ and let $\{x\}$ not be semiclosed. Then $X \setminus \{x\}$ is g -closed. Also $X \setminus \{x\}$ is g s-closed. Since (x, τ) is a $g^*\alpha$ -closed, $\{x\}$ is $g^*\alpha$ -open.

Theorem 5.44: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map. If (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space, then f is continuous.

Theorem 5.45: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map. If (X, τ) is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space, then f is g^* -continuous.

Theorem 5.46: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map. If (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space, then f is g -continuous.

Theorem 5.47: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g^*\alpha$ -continuous map. If (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space, then f is g -continuous.

Theorem 5.48: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be g s-continuous map. If (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -Space, then f is $g^*\alpha$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.49: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a g^* -irresolute map and a α -closed map. Then $f(A)$ is a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (Y, σ) for every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set A of (X, τ)

Proof: Let A be a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (X, τ) . Let U be a g^* -open set of (Y, σ) such that $f(A) \subseteq U$. since f is g^* -irresolute, $f^{-1}(U)$ is g^* -open in (x, τ) . Now $f^{-1}(U)$ is g^* -open and A is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (x, τ) , then $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$. Then $f(\alpha cl(A)) = \alpha cl [f(\alpha cl(A))]$. Therefore $\alpha cl[f(A)] \subseteq \alpha cl[f(\alpha cl(A))] = f(\alpha cl(A)) \subseteq U$. Therefore $f(A)$ is a $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (Y, σ) for every $g^*\alpha$ -closed set A of (X, τ) .

Theorem 5.50: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be onto, $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and closed. If (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space, then (Y, σ) is also a ${}_{\alpha}T_{1/2}^{**}$ -space.

Definition 5.51: A function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (y, \sigma)$ is called a $g^*\alpha$ -closed map if $f(A)$ is $g^*\alpha$ -closed set of (Y, σ) for every $g^*\alpha$ -closed of (x, τ) .

Theorem 5.52: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be onto, $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and pre- g^* -closed. If (X, τ) is a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space, then (Y, σ) is also a ${}^{**}T_{1/2}$ -space.

Proof follows from the definition of $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and pre- g^* -closed map.

Theorem 5.53: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be onto, g s-irresolute and $g^*\alpha$ closed map. If (X, τ) is a ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -space, then (Y, σ) is also a ${}_{\alpha}T_c^*$ -space.

Proof follows from the definition of g s-irresolute and $g^*\alpha$ closed map.

Theorem 5.54: Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be onto, $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and g -closed map. If (X, τ) is a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space, then (Y, σ) is also a ${}^*T_{1/2}^*$ -space.

Proof follows from the definition of $g^*\alpha$ -irresolute and g closed map.

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